



TO: University Affairs Board

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DATE: April 13, 2012 for April 17, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: 3 (b) i

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees – Student Society Fees: Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases – Additional Request

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

See cover memorandum for item 3 (b).

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

See cover memorandum for item 3 (b).

HIGHLIGHTS:

An additional request has been received from a new student society, the Master of Management & Professional Accounting Student Council (MMPASC).

The request has been reviewed by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students in light of the requirements of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and is found to be in compliance. Therefore, the request is recommended for approval.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no significant implications for the University's operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the University Affairs Board approve the following:

THAT beginning in the fall 2012 session, the Master of Management & Professional Accounting Student Council (MMPASC) be established as a student society pursuant to the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*; and

THAT a student society fee be established as follows: (a) the establishment of a society portion of the fee of \$30.00 per session in the fall and winter sessions, charged to all Master of Management & Professional Accounting students.



MEMORANDUM

To: **Members of the University Affairs Board**

From: Jim Delaney

Date: April 13, 2012

Subject: **ADDENDUM: Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases**

Further to my memorandum dated April 12, 2012, an additional request has been received from a prospective student society.

Master of Management & Professional Accounting Student Council (MMPASC)

Background

In fall/winter 2011-12, MMPA students were charged a \$30.00 fee per session fee for the Graduate Business Council (GBC), the graduate student society for Rotman School of Management. The Master of Management & Professional Accounting Program moved to UTM in the mid-1990s, and connections between the MMPA student council and the GBC began to cease in the fall of 2007. Over the last several years, the GBC forwarded fee revenue from MMPA students to the MMPSSC in order to fund the costs of various activities.

Requests

- 1) Establishment of the MMPA Student Council as a student society of the University of Toronto pursuant to the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Fees*.

A referendum was held February 10-22, 2012, in which MMPA students were asked to support the proposal to establish the student society. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble:

Based on the MMPA program's and its students' past affiliation with the Rotman School of Business' (Rotman) Graduate Business Council (GBC), MMPA students pay a GBC fee as part of tuition and fees. Currently, when MMPA-related events such as the formal or the graduation party are held, the MMPA student council must

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put in a formal funding request to GBC for consideration; if approved, the GBC disburses funds to MMPA for its student council. Since MMPA is no longer part of Rotman, the MMPA student council is seeking separate and distinct recognition, unaffiliated with the GBC. If this is approved, it would not be necessary to seek GBC's action on the MMPA student council's initiatives. As an independent student council, the related student fee would go directly to the MMPA student council for its activities and events.

Question:

Are you in favour of MMPA students discontinuing membership in the Graduate Business Council and establishing its own student council as explained in the preamble? YES / NO

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	85	82.5% Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	158	
NO	18	17.5% Voter Turnout	103	65.2%
TOTAL	<u>103</u>			

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to this request.

2) Establishment of an MMPA Student Council society fee.

A referendum was held February 10-22, 2012, in which MMPA students were asked to support the proposal for a MMPASC fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble:

Currently, all students registered with the MMPA program are charged a mandatory fee of \$60 for affiliation with the Graduate Business Council. The fee supports MMPA student council activities and events such as the graduating class party and graduating class MMPA formal. Given the MMPA program's separation from Rotman, the MMPA student council seeks to replace the GBC fee with an MMPA student council fee.

Question:

Are you in favour of discontinuing the \$60 fee for GBC and simultaneously establishing a \$60 fee for the MMPA SC, as described in the preamble? YES / NO

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	84	81.6% Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	158	
NO	19	18.4% Voter Turnout	103	65.2%
TOTAL	<u>103</u>			

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In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to this request.

An unsuccessful referendum was also held February 10-22, 2012 in order to seek to establish the principle of annual cost of living increases to the MMPASC fee.

The constitution of the MMPASC has been reviewed by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students in light of the requirements of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*, and is found to be in compliance.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

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THAT a student society fee be established as follows: (a) the establishment of a society portion of the fee of \$30.00 per session in the fall and winter sessions, charged to all Master of Management & Professional Accounting students.