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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report: Recognized Campus Groups, University of Toronto Scarborough

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.6 of the University Affairs Board Terms of Reference states:

The Board receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including but not limited to multi-campus services and offices, Campus Police, Human Resources and Equity, crisis response, and campus organizations.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Campus Affairs Committee (April 30, 2014) [For Information]
2. **University Affairs Board (May 27, 2014) [For Information]**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The report is presented annually to the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The size and diversity of the student community at the University of Toronto Scarborough provides an extraordinary number of opportunities for students to participate in a vast array of activities undertaken by campus organizations. Participation in these groups forms an integral part of the student experience. Campus groups contribute in a variety of ways to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social and cultural life of the University community. For many students, involvement in voluntary campus organizations is not only a traditional part of campus life, but it also forms a significant component of their learning while at UTSC.

Many recognized campus organizations engage in co-curricular activities, which enrich the participation of their members in their own academic programs. Involvement in a campus organization can also provide significant learning opportunities for students with respect to leadership, civic and community engagement, and organizational capacity.

Since many campus organizations address the complex issues of the world around us, engagement in a campus group can often provide important opportunities to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives. This helps the University provide meaningful opportunities for debate and dissent, and fosters the development of students' understanding of differences. Finally, participation in campus groups provides a means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University.

Further information on the number and status of Campus Groups at UTSC is contained in the attached memorandum from Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs, University of Toronto Scarborough.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The report is presented for information only.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Annual Report 2013: Recognized Campus Groups - University of Toronto Scarborough

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Campus Affairs Committee

From: Desmond Pouyat

Date: April 11, 2014

Subject: UTSC Recognized Campus Groups, 2013-14

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In accordance with the University's *Policy on Recognition of Campus Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny or withdraw recognition for groups based on the UTSC campus in this academic year. The campus groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2014.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2013-14 academic year are listed in this memorandum.

Recognition of campus groups by the University provides a number of basic benefits and opportunities:

- 1) the right to use the name of the University in the name of the group and in conjunction with group activities;
- 2) eligibility to University facilities and meeting spaces at no cost or at a lower cost compared to external organizations;
- 3) eligibility to apply for temporary office space;
- 4) access to web site hosting services for the organization and other Internet services;
- 5) listings in directories provided to the University community and to the public as an official University of Toronto campus group;
- 6) verification letters confirming recognition status (sometimes required by banks and other external organizations); and
- 7) access to other services and resources.

An organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the Department of Student Life and a copy of group's constitution. The constitution should outline the group's purpose, objectives and procedures. It should address organizational structure, membership, meetings, the election or appointment of members in leadership positions, amendments to the constitution, and rules of conduct. A commitment to democracy and accountability to members should also be reflected.

Full membership in a recognized campus group (including eligibility to vote and serve in a leadership position) must be open to any member of the University community (including all students, staff, faculty and alumni) from any division. While discriminatory membership practices are not allowed, it is acknowledged that certain groups could well be homogeneous in nature without being discriminatory. Status as non-voting members may be extended to interested persons from outside the University.

Groups seeking recognition by the University must be genuine campus organizations and generally non-profit in nature. A recognized campus group cannot be controlled by any external body. However, many organizations are affiliated with provincial, national or international bodies and other external groups.

Under the terms of the *Policy*, the University will not attempt to censor, control or interfere with any group on the basis of its philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions expressed unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal or which infringe the rights and freedoms of others within the community. By the same token, recognition as a campus group implies neither endorsement of a group's beliefs or philosophy, nor the assumption of legal liability for the group's activities.

Please note that pursuant to the *Policy*, the recognition of groups which draw their membership from only one academic division is delegated to the governance body of that division.

It is important to note that there are hundreds of additional clubs, many athletics and recreation activities, Hart House clubs and committees, as well as recognized campus groups based on other campuses which, while not listed here, add significantly to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social and cultural life of the U of T community. In addition, many students are

involved in student governments, college and faculty student societies, course unions, and departmental student associations.

Recognition Granted

As of April 11, 2014, recognition has been granted by the Department of Student Life to the following organizations for this academic year. More information about these organizations is available on-line at <http://utsc-campusgroups.ca/>

Advent Light
Afghan Student Union
African Student Association
Agape Impact
AIESEC Toronto
Amnesty International
Anthropology and Health Studies Association of University of Toronto Scarborough
Arab Students' Foundation
Armenian Students' Association
Arts, Culture and Media Student Association
Asian Christian Fellowship
Aspire Youth @ UTSC
Association for Multiculturalism and Philanthropy
Association of Mathematical and Computer Sciences Students
Association of Philosophy Students
Badminton Club
Bangladeshi Students Association Scarborough
Because I Am A Girl at University of Toronto Scarborough
Best Buddies Canada
Big Brothers Big Sisters Toronto at University of Toronto Scarborough
Biology Students' Association
Bloomberg Aptitude Test at UTSC
Brainwave Board Game and Trivia Society
Breast Cancer Charity Events
Campus Association for Baha'i Studies
Canadian Asian Student Society (C.A.S.S)
Canadian Entrepreneur's Organization (CEO)
Career Path Association
Caribbean Connections UTSC
Casual Activists for the Less Fortunate
Catholic Student Association
Change The World for All
Cheer Team
Chemistry Society UTSC
Chinese Magazine at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Chinese Music Club
Chinese Students and Scholars Association at UTSC

Chinese Undergraduate Association
Choose Humanity
Christian Unity Project
Christians on Campus at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Club Arts and Design
Concurrent Teacher Education Program Student Association
Connex
Co-op Students' Association
Coptic Christian Student Association
Culturally Diverse Student Association
Creative Organization of Writers
Dare to Dream Dance Crew
Debating Union at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
DECA UTSC
East African Society
Emergency Medical Response Group
Entrepreneurial Action Us
Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association
Equilibrium Entrepreneurs
FIGHTING FOR HOPE
Filipino Students' Association
Free the Children at UTSC
Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders
Frontier College @ U of T Scarborough
Fusion Radio
Geography and City Studies Student Association
Graduate Association for Professional Skills
Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough
Greek Students' Association
Han Chinese Culture Association
Healing Sounds of Music Scarborough Chapter
Heart and Stroke Foundation University of Toronto Scarborough Chapter
Hindu Students' Council
Historical and Cultural Studies Student Association
Humanists
IMANI: The Black Students' Alliance
Improv at University of Toronto Scarborough
Indigenous Student Association
International Development Studies Students' Association
International Friendship Club
Investment Society
Ismaili Muslim Students' Association
Just A Cause
Knowledge is Power
Korean Organization at University of Toronto Scarborough
Latin American Students' Association

Logos Fellowship (Scarborough Campus)
Love Your Neighbour Club
Management and Economics Students' Association
Mandarin Christian Fellowship
Mature Student Association at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Medical School Mentors
Medicine, Education and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere
Meditation and Consciousness Club
Medius
Melange UTSC
Mental Health Student Association
Mixed Martial Arts Club
Multicultural Philanthropy Association
Muslim Students' Association
Novelty: The Chinese Students' Association
Nspire Innovation Network
OneProsper International
Operation Smile Student Club - UTSC
Other Half :UTSC
Oxfam Canada at UTSC
Pakistani Students Association
Poker Academy
Political Science Student Association
Power to Change
Project A The Anime Club
Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Association
Relay for Life at UTSC
Republic of China Student Association (ROCSAUT)
Rotaract Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Save the Children at University of Toronto Scarborough
Scarborough Campus Archery Club
Scarborough Campus Artist Network
Scarborough Campus Basketball Club
Scarborough Campus Hockey Players Association
Scarborough Campus OUT
Scarborough Campus Punjabi Association
Scarborough Campus Students' Union
Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship
Scarborough College Athletics Association
Scarborough Swagg
Scarborough Toastmasters
Scarborough's Volunteers for Intercultural and Definitive Adventures
Shutterbugs Photography Club
Singapore Student Association
South Asian Alliance
Students For Make A Wish

Students for Partners in Health: Toronto UTSC Chapter
Students of English Literature and Film at UTSC
Students of Sociology at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
Students' Residence Council
Table Tennis Association at the University of Toronto Scarborough
TEDxUTSC
Thaqalayn Muslim Association
The Art of Communication
The Best Damn Sports Club Period
The Breast Cancer Awareness Club
The Bull & Bear Society
The Comic Book Club
The French Department Student Association
The Marketing Group
The Underground
The Young Liberal Association at UTSC
Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine
Tribe
Ummah United
UNICEF
United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
University Bible Fellowship
University Learning Advantage
University of Toronto at Scarborough Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario
Association
University of Toronto Easy-Book Book Exchange Association
University of Toronto International Health Program @ UTSC
University of Toronto Model United Nations at Scarborough
University of Toronto Sanguosha Organization
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Chinese Club
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Conservative Association
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Drama Society
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Quidditch
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Tamil Students' Association
University of Toronto Scarborough Debate Club
University of Toronto Scarborough Pre-Law Society
University of Toronto Scarborough: Jamaican Canadian Student Affiliation
University of Toronto Student Association of Malayalees
University of Toronto's Networking Association
UpStart Innovation Society
Urban Non-Violent Initiatives Through Youth
uSeekers
UTSC ASSASSINZ
UTSC Breakers
UTSC Climbing Club
UTSC Jewish Student Life

UTSC Juxtaposition
UTSC Music Society
UTSC Scartan Dragonboat Team
UTSC Students For Liberty
Valhalla
Varsity Christian Fellowship
Volunteers Around the World
Wing Chun Association
Wish-A-Million
Women in Business
Women's and Gender Studies Student Association
Women's Centre
World Fit For Children at the University of Toronto
World Is Moe
World University Service of Canada
World Vision-University of Toronto Scarborough
Youths for Christ

Recognition Denied

As of April 11, 2014, no groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of April 11, 2014, recognition has not been withdrawn from any group.

Recognition Statistics for the Department of Student Life as of April 9, 2014

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: **212**

Recognition Granted: **192**

Recognition Denied: **0**

Recognition Withdrawn: **0**

Application Closed: **10** Application

Withdrawn by Group: **2**¹

Applications under Review: **8**

Applications from New Groups: **48**²

Applications from Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: **152**

¹ Two groups (Fou de Français and Club Francophone) withdrew applications in order to unite and submit one new application to create The French Department Student Association

² Figure includes applications under review

Membership Data:³

Cumulative Total Number of U of T Members of all Recognized Campus Groups: **19,433**

Average Number of U of T Members per Group: **101**

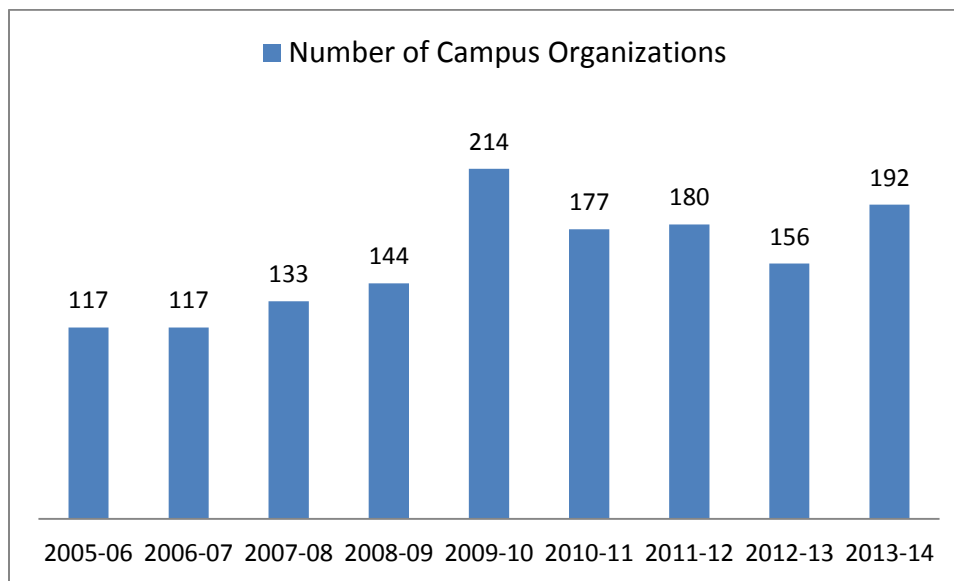
Number of Groups with Fewer than 20 U of T Members: **74**

Number of Groups with 20 to 100 U of T Members: **66**

Number of Groups with Greater than 100 Members: **41**

Number of Groups that did not report the number of U of T Members: **11**

Numbers of Campus Groups Recognized in Previous Years:⁴



³ Membership figures are supplied by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. U of T membership numbers include all University of Toronto community members (i.e., student, staff, faculty and alumni). Student membership numbers are not reportedly separately.

⁴ Given the change in governance structure, the reporting year for 2013-14 is a month shorter than in previous years. The 2013-14 numbers reflect Club Recognition status as of April 11, 2014 whereas in previous years, the Club Recognition numbers were generated for the University Affairs Board meeting in May.