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Annual Report: Recognized Campus Groups, University of Toronto Mississauga

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 28, 2014) [For Information]
2. **University Affairs Board (May 27, 2014) [For Information]**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The report is presented annually to the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS:

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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.

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Further information on the number and status of Campus Groups at UTM is contained in the attached memorandum from Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs, University of Toronto Mississauga.

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 Mississauga

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee

From: Mark Overton

Date: May 21, 2014

Subject: UTM 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 UTM 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 UTM Student Life Office 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 14, 2014, recognition has been granted by the UTM Student Life Office to the following organizations for this academic year. More information about these organizations is available on-line at ulife.utoronto.ca and at www.utm.utoronto.ca/groups.

- 1 Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Association University of Toronto Mississauga
- 2 Amnesty International UTM
- 3 Baptist Student Ministries UTM
- 4 Believers' Loveworld Christian Fellowship
- 5 Biology Graduate Student Society
- 6 Burst Your Bubble
- 7 Canadian Asian Student Society
- 8 Canadian Jurisprudence Club
- 9 Cancer Awareness Network
- 10 Caribbean Connections at UTM
- 11 Chess Club
- 12 Chinese Magazine at the University of Toronto Mississauga
- 13 Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- 14 Chinese Undergraduate Association at University of Toronto Mississauga
- 15 Christian Unity Association
- 16 DEM Society
- 17 Department of Visual Studies Student Society
- 18 Dizangqi collegiate association
- 19 Education. Discover Your Potential
- 20 Egyptian Student Association
- 21 Erindale Campus African Student Association (ECASA)
- 22 Erindale Christian Fellowship
- 23 Filipino Association Mississauga
- 24 Forensics Society
- 25 Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children UTM Chapter
- 26 Graduate Management Consulting Association: University of Toronto Mississauga
- 27 Health Care Career Club
- 28 Hillel at UTM
- 29 Hindu Student Council (UTM)
- 30 Humber River Hospital Student Alliance
- 31 Indonesian Students Community
- 32 Investment Club
- 33 Japanese Social For Erindale Students
- 34 Language Exchange Club at UTM
- 35 Lifeline - UTM Blood and Stem Cell Society

- 36 Logos Fellowship
- 37 MESA - Middle Eastern Student Association
- 38 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)
- 39 Mississauga Freethought Association
- 40 Multidisciplinary Analytical Kinesthetic Education
- 41 Music Club (UMC)
- 42 Muslim Students' Association
- 43 One Prosper U UTM
- 44 Organization of Latin American Students
- 45 OUT@UTM
- 46 Oxfam at UTM
- 47 Pakistan Development Fund
- 48 Pakistan Youth Alliance at UTM
- 49 Pakistani Students' Association
- 50 Polish Student's Association at UofTM
- 51 Political Party Affiliates at UTM
- 52 Power to Change
- 53 Pre-Medical Club
- 54 Rhythm
- 55 Right To Play
- 56 ROCSAUT
- 57 Rotaract Club at UTM
- 58 Scienc Formal Committee
- 59 Shinerama
- 60 Sol Music
- 61 Somali Student Association Mississauga
- 62 Sri Lankan Students Association
- 63 Student Support
- 64 Students Against Israeli Apartheid
- 65 Students Ending Rape and Sexual Abuse
- 66 TEDxUofTMississauga
- 67 Tetra Devices For Disabilities Club
- 68 The Debating Club at the University of Toronto, Mississauga
- 69 The University of Toronto New Democratic Party Club
- 70 The University of Toronto Consulting Association
- 71 The University of Toronto Mississauga Drama Club
- 72 United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment at University of Toronto Mississauga
- 73 University of Toronto at Mississauga Red Cross Group
- 74 University of Toronto at Mississauga Tamil Students' Association
- 75 University of Toronto Erindale Chinese Student Association
- 76 University of Toronto International Health Program (UTIHP) UTM
- 77 University of Toronto Mississauga Chinese Volunteer Association
- 78 University of Toronto Mississauga Duke of Edinburgh's Club

- 79 University of Toronto Mississauga League Association
- 80 UTM Agape Impact
- 81 UTM Anime
- 82 UTM Archery
- 83 UTM Breakers
- 84 UTM Catholic Students Club
- 85 UTM Chinese Christian Fellowship
- 86 UTM Liberals
- 87 UTM Students for Partners in Health
- 88 Venture
- 89 Vietnamese Student Association
- 90 Women and Gender Studies Action Group
- 91 Writers of Controversial Philosophy

Recognition Denied

As of April 14, 2014, no groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of April 14, 2014, recognition has been withdrawn from the following group:

1. UTM International Friendship Club

Recognition Statistics for the UTM Student Life Office (as of April 14, 2014)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: 92

Recognition Granted: 92

Recognition Denied: 0

Recognition Withdrawn: 1

Application Terminated: 0

Application Withdrawn by Group: 0

Applications under Review: 0

Applications from New Groups: 54

Applications from Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: 38

Membership Data:¹

Cumulative Total Number of U of T Members of all UTM Recognized Campus Groups: 11443

Average Number of U of T Members per UTM Group: 126

Number of UTM Groups with Fewer than 20 U of T Members: 26

Number of UTM Groups with 20 to 100 U of T Members: 24

Number of UTM Groups with Greater than 100 Members: 41

Student Societies, Student Academic Societies and Student Society Affiliates

In addition to the above groups, whose membership is voluntary, the following campus organizations whose student membership is automatic by virtue of students' registration are, for all intents and purposes, recognized as well.

- 1 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Concurrent Teacher Education Society (CTES)
- 2 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - English & Drama Students Society
- 3 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Erindale Biology Society
- 4 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
- 5 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Historical Studies Society at UTM
- 6 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - ICCIT Council
- 7 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
- 8 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - MMPA Course Union
- 9 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Philosophy Academic Society
- 10 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
- 11 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Psychology Assoc of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
- 12 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
- 13 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)
- 14 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Student Management Association (SMA)
- 15 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS)
- 16 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- 17 UTM ACADEMIC SOC - UTM Anthropology Society
- 18 UTM AFFILIATE - Sexual Education & Peer Counselling Centre
- 19 UTM AFFILIATE - Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
- 20 UTM AFFILIATE - Women's Centre
- 21 UTMAFFILIATE UT SOC- Medical Society (MAM)
- 22 UTM SOCIETY - CFRE Radio 91.9FM
- 22 UTM SOCIETY - Erindale Part-Time Undergraduate Students (EPUS)
- 23 UTM SOCIETY - UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
- 24 UTM SOCIETY- The Medium
- 25 UTM SOCIETY- UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)

¹Membership figures are supplied by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. U of T membership numbers include all U of T community members (i.e., student, staff, faculty and alumni). Student membership numbers are not reportedly separately. For UTM, student societies, student society affiliates and academic societies are not reflected in this membership data as society memberships are mandatory based on students' registrations.

- 26 UTM SOCIETY- UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
- 27 UTM SOCIETY- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)