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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 29, 2015) [For Information]
2. **University Affairs Board (May 26, 2015) [For Information]**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The report is presented annually to the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Voluntary organizations formed by members of the University community are a traditional part of campus life, and contribute in a significant way to its intellectual, political, social and cultural diversity and richness.

Further to the *Policy on the Recognition of Campus Groups*, recognized campus groups are organizations whose membership is comprised of individuals who have elected to participate.

In accordance with the University's *Policy on the Recognition of Campus Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny or withdraw recognition for groups based on the UTSC campus for the 2014-15 academic year.

- There are 204 groups listed in this memorandum that have been granted recognition including: 56 new groups and 148 groups that successfully renewed campus group status recognition.
- Recognition has not been denied or withdrawn from any groups.

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 difference. Participation in campus groups provides means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University of Toronto.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no net financial implications for the campus' operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The report is presented for information only.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Recognized Campus Groups 2014-15 - UTSC

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Campus Affairs Committee

From: Desmond Pouyat

Date: March 30, 2015

Subject: UTSC Recognized Campus Groups, 2014-15

The size and diversity of the student community at the UTSC campus 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, it forms a significant component of their learning while at the University.

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 difference. Finally, participation in campus groups provides one means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University of Toronto.

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, 2015.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2014-15 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 on Recognition of Campus Groups*, 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 on Recognition of Campus Groups*, 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 1, 2015 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 <https://www.ulife.utoronto.ca/>

(UTSC) Scarborough Toastmasters
Advent Light
Afghan Student Union
African Student Association
Agape Impact
Ahmadiyya Muslim Students' Association
AIESEC Toronto
Alternate Priorities X
Alzheimer's Awareness Group
American Sign Language Club
Amnesty International
Anthropology and Health Studies Association of University of Toronto Scarborough
Armenian Students' Association
Arts, Culture and Media Student Association
Asian Christian Fellowship
Aspire Youth @UTSC
Association of Accountancy
Association of Mathematical and Computer Sciences Students
Association of Philosophy Students
Bangladeshi Students Association Scarborough
Because I am a Girl- UTSC Chapter
Benjamin Graham Value Investing Society
Big Brothers Big Sisters Toronto at University of Toronto Scarborough
Biology Students' Association
Boards, Card, & Dice
Brainwave Board Game and Trivia Society
Breast Cancer Charity Events
Build Blue
C3 Inspire
Canada Entrepreneur Organization (CEO)
Canadian Asian Student Society (C.A.S.S)
Career Path Association
Caribbean Connections UTSC
Catholic Student Association
Cheer Team
Chemistry Society UTSC

Chinese Magazine at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Chinese Music Club
Chinese Students and Scholars Association at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
Chinese Undergraduate Association
Choose Humanity
Christ on Campus
Christian Unity Project
Christians on Campus at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Club Arts and Design
Connected
Co-op Students' Association
Coptic Christian Student Association
Craftsation
Culture Puzzle Club
Dare to Dream Dance Crew
DECA UTSC
Emergency Medical Response Group
English Chinese Translation Studies Association
Entrepreneurial Action Us
Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association
Filipino Students' Association of Scarborough
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
GLOBAL YOUTH IMPACT - UTSC Chapter
Graduate Association for Professional Skills
Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough
Greek Students' Association
Green Path Association
HackHub
Han Chinese Culture Association
Healing Sounds of Music Scarborough
Heart 4 Heart Charity
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
Indian Students Association
Indigenous Student Association
International Development Conference at UTSC
International Development Studies Students' Association
International Friendship Club

International Service Learning: Health, Education and Resource Team - University of Toronto
Scarborough Division.
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Investment Society
Islamic Arts
Islamic Relief
Juxtaposition Global Health Magazine at the University of Toronto at Scarborough
Knowledge is Power
Korean Organization at University of Toronto Scarborough
Language Translation & Social Science Career Path Association
Latin American Students' Association
League of UTSC
Let's Talk Science
Liberal Arts at UTSC
Linguistics Student Association
Logos Fellowship (Scarborough Campus)
Love Your Neighbour Club
Management and Economics Students' Association
Mandarin Christian Fellowship
Medical Education Initiative Organization
Medicine, Education and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere
Meditation and Consciousness Club
Melange UTSC
Middle Eastern Students' Association
Minds Matter Magazine
Mixed Martial Arts Club
MIXER
Muslim Students' Association
Novelty: The Chinese Students' Association
Nspire Innovation Network
OneProsper International
Oxfam Canada at UTSC
Pakistani Students Association
Political Science Student Association
Power to Change-UTSC
Project A The Anime Club
Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Association
Red Cross University group at UTSC
Relay for Life at UTSC
Republic of China Student Association (ROCSAUT)
Rotaract Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Scarborough Campus Archery Club
Scarborough Campus Athletics Association
Scarborough Campus Basketball Club
Scarborough Campus Electronic Dance Music Association
Scarborough Campus Hockey Players Association

Scarborough Campus OUT
Scarborough Campus Punjabi Association
Scarborough Campus Residence Council
Scarborough Campus Smash Club
Scarborough Campus Students' Union
Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship
Scarborough College Athletic Association (SCAA)
Scarborough Ismaili Students' Association
Scarborough's Volunteers for Intercultural and Definitive Adventures
Scinapse at University of Toronto Scarborough
Shutterbugs Photography Club
South Asian Alliance
Students Against Human Trafficking
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 Together for Social Change
Supporting Education, Empowerment, and Development, through Science
TEDxUTSC
Thaqalayn Muslim Association
The Forum
The French Department Student Association/ L'Association des étudiants du département français
The Languaphones
The Marketing Group
The Philology and Literary Scholar Society
The Underground
The Young Liberal Association at UTSC
Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine
TRIBE: Together Resisting Identity Barriers Everywhere
Twelve65
Ummah United
UNICEF
United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
United with CAMH
University Bible Fellowship
University of Toronto at Scarborough Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario Association
University of Toronto Carpe Diem Arts Troupe
University of Toronto Chinese Debate Society - at Scarborough
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 Pre-Optometry Club
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Chinese Club

University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Drama Society
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Powerlifting Club
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Quidditch
University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Sexual Education and Peer Support Group
University Of Toronto Scarborough Campus Tamil Students' Association
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
UNiXTrade
UofT Business Review
Urban Non-Violent Initiatives Through Youth
UTSC ASSASSINZ
UTSC Breakers
UTSC Climbing Club
UTSC Cosplay Community
UTSC Debate Union
UTSC Jewish Student Life
UTSC Music Society
UTSC Scartan Dragonboat Team
UTSC Street Support
UTSC Swim Club
UTSC Women's Interfaith Initiative
Video Games Society Squared
Volunteers Around the World
WaterAid at the University of Toronto Scarborough
Wing Chun Martial Arts Association
Wish-A-Million
Women's Centre
World Fit For Children at the University of Toronto
World Is Moe
World Parkinson's Program at the University of Toronto Scarborough
World University Service of Canada

Recognition Statistics for the Department of Student Life as of April 1, 2015

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: **235**

Recognition Granted: **204**

Recognition Denied: **0**

Recognition Withdrawn: **0**

Application Terminated: **20**

Application Withdrawn by Group: **1**

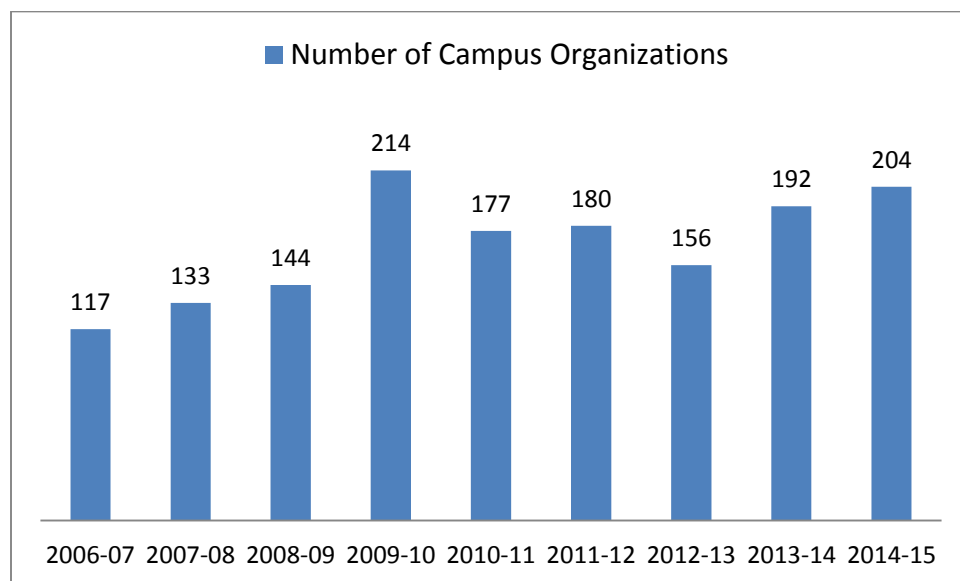
Applications under Review: **10**

Applications from New Groups: **79**¹
Applications from Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: **156**

Membership Data:²

Cumulative Total Number of UTSC Members of all Recognized Campus Groups: **19,392**
Average Number of UTSC Members per Group: **95**
Number of Groups with Fewer than 20 UTSC Members: **84**
Number of Groups with 20 to 100 UTSC Members: **67**
Number of Groups with Greater than 100 Members: **34**
Number of Groups that did not report the number of UTSC Members: **19**

Numbers of Campus Groups Recognized in Previous Years:³



¹ Figure includes applications under review

² Membership figures are supplied by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. UTSC membership numbers include all University of Toronto Scarborough community members (i.e., student, staff, faculty and alumni). Student membership numbers are not reported separately.

³ Given the change in governance structure, the reporting year for 2013-14 and 2014-15 is a month shorter than in previous years. The 2013-14 and 2014-15 numbers reflect Club Recognition status as of April 1, whereas in previous years, the Club Recognition numbers were generated for the University Affairs Board meeting in May.