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**CONTACT INFO:****DATE:** May 18, 2016 for May 25, 2016**AGENDA ITEM:** 5(b)**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. UTSC Campus Affairs Committee (April 27, 2016) [For Information]
2. **University Affairs Board (May 25, 2016) [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 2015-16 academic year.

- There are 234 groups listed in this memorandum that have been granted recognition.
- 79 new groups sought recognition status and 176 groups sought to renew their recognition status.
- 11 groups have applications under review, 3 groups had terminated applications, and 7 groups withdrew their applications.

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.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

Campus Affairs Committee Memorandum from Desmond Pouyat re.  
UTSC Recognized Campus Groups, 2015-16

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

From: Desmond Pouyat

Date: May 17, 2016

Subject: UTSC Recognized Campus Groups, 2015-16

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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, 2016.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2015-16 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 the 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, 2016 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/>

8 Ball Club  
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Advent Light  
Advertising and Design Alliance  
Afghan Student Union  
African Students' Association  
Agape Impact  
AIESEC Toronto  
ALGORITHM TRADING MANAGERS  
All-Nighter Klub  
Alternative Priorities X  
Alzheimer's Awareness Group  
American Sign Language Club  
Anthropology and Health Studies Association of University of Toronto Scarborough  
Armenian Students' Association  
Arts, Culture and Media Student Association  
Asian Christian Fellowship  
Aspire to Inspire at the University of Toronto Scarborough  
Association of Accountancy  
Association of Macedonian Students at U of T  
Association of Mathematical and Computer Sciences Students  
Association of Philosophy Students  
Bangladeshi Students Association Scarborough  
Because I am a Girl- UTSC Chapter  
Best Buddies UTSC Chapter  
Better Than Mirrors  
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  
Canadian Asian Student Society (C.A.S.S)

Career Path Association  
Caribbean Connections UTSC  
Changing Impressions  
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  
Co-op Students' Association  
Coalesce at the University of Toronto Scarborough  
Comedy Club at University of Toronto Scarborough  
Connected  
Coptic Christian Student Association  
CounterPose UTSC  
Craftsation  
Culture Puzzle Club  
Debate Club  
DECA UTSC  
Developments In Literacy - UTSC  
Doctors for Doctors/Nurses for Nurses  
Economics Students' Organization  
Emergency Medical Response Group  
Engage University of Toronto Scarborough  
English Chinese Translation Studies Association  
Entrepreneurial Action Us  
Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association  
Filipino Students' Association of Scarborough  
Free the Children at UTSC  
Free to Be Committee  
Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders  
Frontier College @ U of T Scarborough  
Fusion Radio  
Generation Campus  
Geography and City Studies Student Association  
GLOBAL YOUTH IMPACT - UTSC Chapter  
Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough  
Greek Students' Association  
Green Path Association  
Han Chinese Culture Association

Harry Potter Alliance UTSC - ScarBurrow  
Healing Sounds of Music Scarborough  
Health Research Outreach Team  
Heart 4 Heart Charity  
Heart and Stroke Club at UTSC  
HEARTFULNESS INITIATIVE  
Hindu Students' Council  
Historical and Cultural Studies Student Association  
HTML Group  
Humans Embracing Animal Life  
IMANI: The Black Students' Alliance  
Impact Running  
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  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
Investment Society  
Islamic Arts  
Islamic Relief  
Japanese Career-path Society  
Knowledge is Power  
Korea Fever UTSC  
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)  
Lots of Love @ UTSC  
Love Your Neighbour Club  
Management and Economics Students' Association  
Management and International Business Association  
Management Consulting Club  
Mandarin Christian Fellowship  
Medical Education Initiative Organization  
Medicine, Education and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere  
Meditation and Consciousness Club  
Melange UTSC  
Mercy Ships Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough  
Minds Matter Magazine  
Mixed Martial Arts Club

Muslim Students' Association  
Novelty: The Chinese Students' Association  
Organized Sound @ UTSC  
Oxfam Canada at UTSC  
Pakistani Students Association  
Political Science Student Association  
Power to Change-UTSC  
Pre-Management Club  
Present to Peers  
Project A The Anime Club  
Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Association  
Red Cross University group at UTSC  
Republic of China Student Association (ROCSAUT)  
Revolutionary Student Movement  
Scarborough Campus Archery Club  
Scarborough Campus Bhangra Team  
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 Athletics Association  
Scarborough Ismaili Students' Association  
Scarborough Pre-Med Society  
Scarborough Urban Dance Collective  
Scarborough's Volunteers for Intercultural and Definitive Adventures  
Scinapse at University of Toronto Scarborough  
Shutterbugs Photography Club  
South Asian Alliance  
Spoken Word Collective  
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  
Teaming With Nature  
TEDxUTSC  
Thaqalayn Muslim Association  
The Entertainment Tech Daily  
The Forum  
The French Department Student Association/ L'Association des étudiants du département



français  
The Marketing Group  
The Sustained Project Initiative  
The Underground  
The University of Toronto Scarborough Dragon Boat Team  
The University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Greens  
The UTSC Chess Club  
Three Minute Thesis  
Together We Stand: UTSC Chapter  
Toronto Students for Justice in Palestine  
TRIBE: Together Resisting Identity Barriers Everywhere  
Twelve65  
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 Children's Right to Education and Health Services Initiative  
University of Toronto Chinese Debate Society - at Scarborough  
University of Toronto Counter Strike Club  
University of Toronto International Health Program @ UTSC  
University of Toronto Korean Canadian Students  
University of Toronto Model United Nations at Scarborough  
University of Toronto Parks and Outdoor Recreation Club  
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 Tamil Students' Association  
University of Toronto Scarborough Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Healthcare  
University of Toronto Scarborough New Democrats  
University of Toronto Scarborough Pharmacy Association  
University of Toronto Scarborough Pre-Law Society  
University Of Toronto Scarborough: Jamaican Canadian Student Affiliation  
University of Toronto Underwater Club  
UNIXTrade  
UofT Business Review  
Urban Movement Club  
Urban Non-Violent Initiatives Through Youth  
UTSC ASSASSINZ  
UTSC Breakers  
UTSC Catholic Chaplaincy

UTSC Climbing Club  
UTSC Cosplay Community  
UTSC Dungeons and Dragons  
UTSC Entrepreneurship & Networking Association  
UTSC Film Club  
UTSC Glee Club  
UTSC Good2Talk  
UTSC Jewish Student Life  
UTSC Music Society  
UTSC Social Club  
UTSC Street Support  
UTSC Swim Club  
UTSC Toastmasters  
UTSC Veg Club  
UTSC Young Liberals  
Video Games Society Squared  
Volunteers Around the World  
Women's Centre  
World Fit For Children at the University of Toronto  
World Is Moe  
World Parkinson's Program at University of Toronto  
World University Service of Canada

### **Recognition Statistics for the Department of Student Life as of April 1, 2016**

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: **255**

Recognition Granted: **234**

Recognition Denied: **0**

Recognition Withdrawn: **0**

Application Terminated: **3**

Application Withdrawn by Group: **7**

Applications under Review: **11**

Applications from New Groups: **79**<sup>1</sup>

Applications from Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: **176**

### **Membership Data:**<sup>2</sup>

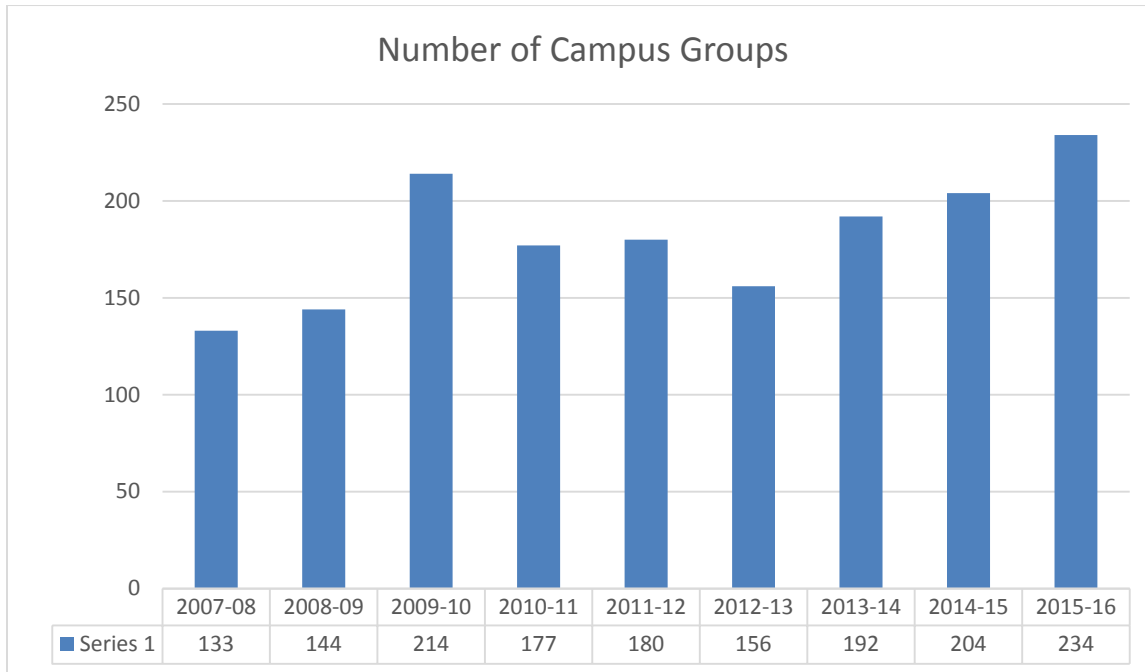
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<sup>1</sup> Figure includes applications under review

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Cumulative Total Number of UTSC Members of all Recognized Campus Groups: **9508**  
 Average Number of UTSC Members per Group: **41**  
 Number of Groups with Fewer than 20 UTSC Members: **127**  
 Number of Groups with 20 to 100 UTSC Members: **64**  
 Number of Groups with Greater than 100 Members: **20**  
 Number of Groups that did not report the number of UTSC Members: **23**

Numbers of Campus Groups Recognized in Previous Years:<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Given the change in governance structure, the reporting year for 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 is a month shorter than in previous years. The 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 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.