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**CLOSED SESSION**

**TO:** Executive Committee

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**DATE:** June 7, 2016 for June 14, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6 (b.)

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

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

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Sections 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 provide that compulsory non-academic incidental fees for representative student committees and divisional student societies “are approved by the UTM Council on the recommendation of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee.”

Student society fees are subject to the terms and conditions of the *Policy on Ancillary Fees* (Category 2.0, “Student organizations and services provided by such organizations,” and Category 3.0, “Student levies for specific, limited projects”), and the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* (Preamble, Section A., and in particular, Section B). More information on these sections is appended in the attached memo from Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs.

Increases which are greater than the cost of living must be supported by referendum. Other increases must be supported by a previous referendum approving the concept of annual increases by the cost of living or an explicit inflation factor.

The administrative procedures are outlined in the *Handbook for Student Societies*, which is published by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students (OVPS).

Requests for increases are brought forward to the Committee by the administration on the assurances of the student societies that due constitutional and fair procedures have been followed within the societies concerned. If a complaint is received about the process related to a fee request from a student society, the OVPS makes inquiries about the issue and, if necessary investigates the matter further as part of the assessment of the request.

## **GOVERNANCE PATH:**

1. UTM Campus Affairs Committee [For Recommendation] (April 25, 2016)
2. UTM Campus Council [For Approval] (May 24, 2016)
3. University Affairs Board [For Information] (May 25, 2016)
4. **Executive Committee [For Confirmation] (June 14, 2016)**

## **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees – Student Society Fees: UTM Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases was approved at the May 24, 2016 meeting of the UTM Campus Council.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

At the February 11, 2016 meeting of the Campus Affairs Committee, the administration withdrew a portion of a motion concerning the U-Pass fee for UTM-affiliated graduate students when considering the item *Operating Plans and Fees: UTM Student Services*.

Following the Campus Affairs Committee meeting, and in consultation with the Dean of Student Affairs, the University of Toronto Mississauga Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS) proposed to establish itself as a student society at the University, and to assume responsibility for the administration of the U-Pass fee (similar to the undergraduate model for the U-Pass with UTMSU).

A referendum was held from March 28, 2016 to April 4, 2016, in which UTM affiliated graduate students were asked to establish the University of Toronto Mississauga Association of Graduate Students as a formal student society. A separate referendum question asked UTM affiliated graduate students to support the collection of a designated portion of a student society fee for the purposes of administering the U-Pass. Both referenda were successful.

At present, there is no fee for the University of Toronto Mississauga Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS). Most UTM-affiliated graduate students currently pay a fall/winter 2015/16 Campus Services Fee of \$92.81 for a Mississauga Transit U-Pass, and a fall/winter 2015/16 Campus Services Fee of \$57.65 for a Summer Mississauga Transit U-Pass.

The portion of the withdrawn February 11, 2016 Campus Affairs Committee motion concerning the U-Pass fee for UTM-affiliated graduate students contained proposals to increase two fees: (1) an increase to \$101.17 for the Mississauga Transit Fall-Winter U-Pass; and (2) an increase to \$62.84 for the Mississauga Transit Summer U-Pass (2017). The University of Toronto Mississauga Association of Graduate Students has included these amounts as part of their request for a fee increase.

The requests have 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 are found to be in compliance. Therefore, the requests are recommended for approval.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Be it Confirmed

THAT beginning in the Summer 2016 session, a new **University of Toronto Mississauga Association of Graduate Students** fee be established as follows: (a) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Summer 2017 U-Pass Program at \$62.84 per fall and winter session; and (b) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Fall and Winter U-Pass Program at \$101.17 per fall and winter session.<sup>1</sup>

If approved, the total Fall/Winter UTMAGS fee will be \$164.01 per fall and winter session, charged to all UTM-affiliated graduate students.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees – UTM Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases

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<sup>1</sup> Further to UTMAGS' request, U-Pass Program fees will not be charged to Master of Management and Professional Accounting or Diploma in Investigative and Forensic Accounting students.