



University Of Toronto Mississauga  
Students' Union

Local 109 of the Canadian Federation of Students

# What is the UTM Students' Union?

Independently incorporated on August 2nd, 1983

Union for the students by the students

Full time and part time undergraduate students

Hold events, campaigns and services to enhance the student experience

Apart of the Canadian Federation of Students that is made up of over 500 000 students, more than 80 university and college students' unions

# UTMSU Executive Committee



# Campaigns

- Fight the Fees (tuition, parking, food, etc)
- United for Equity
- Student Centre Expansion
- No Means No
- Fairness for International Students
- Water is a Human Right
- Divest NOW!
- Multi-Faith Space
- Challenging Islamophobia

# Events

- Orientation Week
- U-Fest (Welcome Week)
- Academic Advocacy Week
- Club Collaborations
- Exam Destressors
- Multicultural Week
- Montreal Reading Week Trip
- Environment Week

The list goes on...



# Services

Bursaries

UTMSU Convenience Store - The Duck Stop

The Blind Duck

Tax Clinics

Academic Advising

U-pass program

Health & Dental program

Discounted tickets at the InfoBooth

Multi-Faith Space

Food Centre & Free Breakfast Wednesday's

# UTMSU Victories

Successfully lobbied for a Fall Reading Week (October 2016)

Eliminated Access Copyright fees saving students over \$1.5 million per year

Lobbied to split tuition fee payments starting 2014

UTMSU bursaries raised from \$64k to \$82k

Introduced an International Students' Bursary

Increased club's funding to \$101,000

Improved access to the food centre and hosted multiple Farmers' Markets

Lobbied to provide free menstrual products on campus

Successfully opened a Nap Room on campus

Opened the first ever student run convenience store - THE DUCK STOP!

Implemented a free weekly nutritional breakfast program - feeding over 400 students

Lobbied to include the student rights and equity statement on the syllabus

UPass partnership with the City of Mississauga continues

Introduced the Co-Curricular Record for UTMSU Clubs & Society Executives

And many, many more!!!

# **Student Recommendations**



# Student Centre Expansion

Student centre was built in 1999 for 6,000 students

Last referendum failed because students were not content with the funding model (2013)

Increased study space,  
club and academic society  
office space, multi-purpose  
space, multi-faith space,  
locker space, increased food  
options

Commitment from the  
University to provide greater  
monetary support



# Co-Op Opportunities

Co-Op programs at various institutions have become a major focus for students

More students prefer programs with CO-OP placements as part of their degree rather than finding little opportunities after they graduate for what they studied for

UofT Scarborough has had a CO-OP program complementing their Management and various Humanities & Social Science programs to encourage students into experiential learning

Students at UTM have indicated the desire to have Co-Op learning as part of their academic programs as seen through recent governing council elections & UTMSU elections(e.g. Mohammed Amin being elected as tri-campus undergraduate representative)

Students have begun to lead the charge in lobbying our central administration and wish to see this as a priority

# Reduced Fees

Reduction and elimination of  
tuition fees

Removal of interest on  
existing student loans

Conversion of loans into  
non-repayable grants

Tuition fees, parking fees,  
food costs, residence fees

Registrar fees, exit fees



# Divestment

Need to further standards of ethics

Look into divesting from unethical corporations and reinvest into organizations that further our priorities

E.g. Fossil Fuel Divestment:  
Meric Gertler's "Beyond Divestment" announcement

Northrop Grumman, Hewlett Packard

Be the leaders in ethical investment



**Questions?**



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