

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

Structure UTMSI



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



- Orientation Week
- U-Fest (Welcome 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
- Women's Centre
- Sexual Education Center
- ECSpert
- Downtown Legal Services
- UTMSU Free Breakfast Wednesdays
- Farmer's Markets
- Peer to Peer support program

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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