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TO:	Campus Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 7

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report (2016-17): Recognized Campus Groups

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.9 of the Campus Affairs Committee Terms of Reference states:

The Committee receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including but not limited to campus police and campus organizations. These reports are submitted to the University Affairs Board for information.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

- 1. Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (April 24, 2017)
- 2. University Affairs Board [For information] (June 1, 2017)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The annual report was provided for information to the Campus Affairs Committee and the University Affairs Board on April 25, 2016 and May 25, 2017 respectively.

HIGHLIGHTS:

An organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the UTM Centre for Student Engagement along with a copy of group's constitution. The constitution outlines the group's purpose, objectives and procedures. It addresses 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. The documentation for this item lists 116 groups that have been granted recognition by the UTM Centre for Student Engagement as of April 10, 2017 for the 2016-17 academic year. One group was denied recognition.

In addition to the listed groups, whose membership is voluntary, the documentation also included a list of 30 recognized campus organizations whose student membership is automatic by virtue of students' registration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

The report is presented for information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Annual Report (2016-17): Recognized Campus Groups - UTM



To:	Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee	
From:	Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs, on behalf of the UTM Centre for Student Engagement	
Date:	April 17, 2017	
Subject:	UTM Recognized Campus Groups, 2016-17	

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 UTM campus in this academic year. As of April 10, 2017, the UTM Centre for Student Engagement reported the following (noting that student societies, whose student membership is automatic by virtue of students' registration are, are excluded from these statistics).

Total applications for campus group recognition: 129 Recognition granted: 116 (42 new; 74 renewal/returning) Recognition denied: 1 Recognition withdrawn: 0 Applications incomplete / under review: 11 Applications terminated: 0 Applications withdrawn by groups: 0

Cumulative number of U of T members of recognized UTM campus groups: xx* Average number of U of T members per recognized UTM group: xx Number of recognized UTM groups with fewer than 20 U of T members: xx Number of recognized UTM groups with 20 to 100 U of T members: xx Number of recognized UTM groups with greater than 100 members: xx

*This information will be updated on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

The size and diversity of the student community at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) 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.

Recognition of campus groups by the University provides a number of basic benefits and opportunities:

- the right to use the name of the University in the name of the group and in conjunction with group activities;
- eligibility to use University facilities and meeting spaces at no cost or at a lower cost compared to external organizations;
- eligibility to apply for temporary office space;
- access to University web site and other internet services;
- listings in select University directories as a University recognized campus group;
- verification letters confirming recognition status (sometimes required by banks and other external organizations); and
- access to other University services and resources made available from time to time.

An organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the UTM Department of Student Life along with a copy of group's constitution. The constitution outlines the group's purpose, objectives and procedures. It addresses 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*, 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.

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 10, 2017, recognition has been granted by the UTM Centre for Student Engagement to the following organizations for this academic year. More information about these organizations is available on-line at <u>ulife.utoronto.ca</u> and at <u>www.utm.utoronto.ca/groups</u>.

- 1. Afghan Students' Association
- 2. Asian Gaming Association
- 3. Association of Palestinian Students
- 4. Baptist Student Ministries UTM
- 5. Because I am a Girl
- 6. Biology Graduate Student Society
- 7. Biotech Investment Club
- 8. BuildOn: UTM Chapter
- 9. Business Consulting Association
- 10. Canadian Asian Student Society
- 11. Caribbean Connections at UTM
- 12. Chaldean Canadian Student Association
- 13. CHANNEL 6ix
- 14. Chess Club
- 15. Chinese Computer Science Club
- 16. Chinese Stock Analysis
- 17. Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- 18. Chinese Undergraduate Association at University of Toronto Mississauga
- 19. Choose Humanity
- 20. Christian Students at U of T
- 21. Christian Unity Association
- 22. Club of Newcomers & Explorers of Canada & Toronto
- 23. Dance Club
- 24. Debating Club at UTM
- 25. DECA UTM
- 26. DEM Society
- 27. Drama Club-UTM
- 28. East African Student Association
- 29. Egyptian Student Association
- 1 30. Entrepreneur's Club

- 31. Erindale Campus African Students Association
- 32. Erindale Gaming Organization (EGO)
- 33. Erindale Hong Kong Students' Association
- 34. Erindale Korean Students Association
- 35. Erindale Punjabi Association
- 36. Euphoria
- 37. Foodies at UTM
- 38. Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children UTM Chapter
- 39. Free the Children, at UTM
- 40. Game Development Club
- 41. Gospel Choir
- 42. Graduate Management Consulting Association: University of Toronto Mississauga
- 43. Habitat for Humanity UTM
- 44. Health Out Loud at UTM
- 45. Helping Hands
- 46. Hindu Student Council (UTM)
- 47. Historical Studies Society
- 48. Islamic Relief
- 49. Italian Club of Erindale
- 50. Japanese Social For Erindale Students
- 51. Korean Christian Fellowship
- 52. Language Exchange at UTM
- 53. Lifeline UTM Blood and Stem Cell Society
- 54. Logos Fellowship
- 55. Magnus Rugby Football Club
- 56. MEDLIFE UTM
- 57. MESA Middle Eastern Student Association
- 58. MiCF
- 59. Minecraft Club
- 60. Multicultural Club
- 61. Music Production Club
- 62. Musical Theatre Club
- 63. Muslim Students' Association
- 64. One Family University of Toronto Mississauga
- 65. OUT@UTM
- 66. Pakistan Development Fund
- 67. Ping Pong Club
- 68. Polish Students' Association at UTM
- 69. Power to Change
- 70. Pre-Medical Club
- 71. Quidditch Club
- 72. Rhythm
- 73. Robotics Club
- 74. ROCSAUT
- 75. Rotaract Club at UTM
- 76. Ruya UTM

- 77. Sri Lankan Students Association
- 78. Students for Visions of Science UTM
- 79. Students for Wishes at UTM
- 80. Students Offering Support: University of Toronto Mississauga Chapter
- 81. Style and Profyle
- 82. The J. Tuzo Wilson Club
- 83. The University of Toronto Mississauga Pre-Pharmacy Committee
- 84. Ukrainian Students Club
- 85. Undergraduate Finance Association
- 86. University Of Toronto Intellectual Games Club
- 87. University of Toronto Mississauga Badminton Club
- 88. University of Toronto Mississauga Baseball Association
- 89. University of Toronto Mississauga Current Event Club
- 90. University of Toronto Mississauga Francophone Students' Association
- 91. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Brigades
- 92. University of Toronto Mississauga League Association
- 93. University of Toronto Mississauga Right-wing Association
- 94. University of Toronto Mississauga Television
- 95. University of Toronto-Mississauga Mooting & Mock-Trial Association
- 96. ut&fun
- 97. UTM Agape Impact
- 98. UTM Anime
- 99. UTM Archery
- 100. UTM Art Club
- 101. UTM Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Healthcare Chapter
- 102. UTM Catholic Students Club
- 103. UTM Chinese Christian Fellowship
- 104. UTM Drama Club
- 105. UTM Liberals
- 106. UTM Pre-Dental Club
- 107. UTM Running Club
- 108. UTM Scribes
- 109. UTM Squash Club
- 110. UTM Students for life
- 111. UTM Students for Partners in Health
- 112. UTM Vietnamese Student Association
- 113. WATSI UTM
- 114. Whovians of University of Toronto Mississauga
- 115. Women in Tech
- 116. World Wildlife Foundation at UTM

Recognition Denied

As of April 10, 2017, recognition has been denied by the UTM Centre for Student Engagement to the following organization(s) for this academic year.

1. Phi Alpha Delta

This group was denied recognition in accordance with the UofT Statement on Fraternities.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of April 10, 2017, no groups have had recognition withdrawn by the UTM Centre for Student Engagement for this academic year.

Student Societies, Student Academic Societies and Student Society Affiliates

In addition to the above groups, whose membership is voluntary, the following campus organizations whose student membership is automatic by virtue of students' registration are, for all intents and purposes, recognized as well.

- 1. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Concurrent Teacher Education Society (CTES)
- 2. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Department of Visual Studies Student Society
- 3. UTM ACADEMIC SOC English & Drama Students Society
- 4. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Erindale Biology Society
- 5. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
- 6. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Forensics Society
- 7. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Historical Studies Society at UTM
- 8. UTM ACADEMIC SOC ICCIT Council
- 9. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
- 10. UTM ACADEMIC SOC MMPA Course Union
- 11. UTM ACADEMIC SOC MMPA Course Union
- 12. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Philosophy Academic Society
- 13. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
- 14. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Psychology Assoc of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
- 15. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
- 16. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)
- 17. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Student Management Association (SMA)
- 18. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS)
- 19. UTM ACADEMIC SOC Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- 20. UTM ACADEMIC SOC UTM Anthropology Society
- 21. UTM AFFILIATE Sexual Education & Peer Counselling Centre
- 22. UTM AFFILIATE Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
- 23. UTM AFFILIATE Women's Centre
- 24. UTM SOCIETY CFRE Radio 91.9FM
- 25. UTM SOCIETY Medical Society
- 26. UTM SOCIETY UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
- 27. UTM SOCIETY- The Medium
- 28. UTM SOCIETY- UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)
- 29. UTM SOCIETY- UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
- 1 30. UTM SOCIETY- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)