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AGENDA ITEM: 2(a)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report: Recognized Campus Groups, University of Toronto Mississauga

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

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The report is presented annually to the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS:

An organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the UTM Centre for Student Engagement along with a copy of the group's constitution. The Constitution outlines the group's purposes, 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 the 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 includes 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: 128
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: 12,850
Average number of U of T members per recognized UTM group: 113
Number of recognized UTM groups with fewer than 20 U of T members: 37
Number of recognized UTM groups with 20 to 100 U of T members: 40
Number of recognized UTM groups with greater than 100 members: 38

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.

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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 ulife.utoronto.ca and at www.utm.utoronto.ca/groups.

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
30. Entrepreneur's Club

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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

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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

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This group was denied recognition in accordance with the UofT Statement on Fraternities and the Policy on the Recognition of Campus Groups.

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)
30. UTM SOCIETY - UTM Student Union (UTMSU)

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