



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



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oc65EjHCfVg>

Campaigns

- Fight the Fees (tuition, parking, food, etc)
- GTA UPass
- United for Equity
- Grade forgiveness
- Midterm Relief Policy
- Student Centre Expansion
- No Means No
- Fairness for International Students
- Multi-Faith Space
- Challenging Islamophobia

Events

- Orientation Week
- Sauga Fest (Welcome Week)
- Academic Advocacy Week
- Club Collaborations
- Exam Destressors
- Multicultural Week
- Montreal Reading Week Trip
- Environment Week
- XAO
- Black History Month

The list goes on...



Services

- Bursaries
- UTMSU Convenience Store - The Duck Stop
- The Blind Duck
- Cheap printing
- Free Breakfast Wednesdays
- 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 \$35 exam remark fee
- Lobbied to move the CR/NCR deadline to the last day of classes
- 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
- 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



Grade Forgiveness

- The proposed policy amendments will help remedy the effect caused by outliers in students CGPA
- Students may retake a course if they fail or do not meet program requirements, in order to replace their current mark with a new, improved grade in the respective course
- Mark attained in the 2nd attempt will count towards GPA and CGPA, regardless of whether it is higher or lower than the previous grade
- Both grades will be included in the student's academic transcript
- Can only forgive up to 1.0 credits, including program requirements

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



GTA UPass

- UTM is a commuter campus, much like many schools in GTA.
- UTM is 1 of 2 schools in GTA with a Universal Transit Pass (U-PASS)
- Need expanded to working on achieving a GTA U-PASS similar to 'U-PASS B.C.'
- Survey Collection
 - 4000 Surveys Collected; 2800 (Fall) + 1200 (Summer)
 - Preliminary Data suggests 94% of students survey indicated that they would utilize public transit more if they had a GTA U-PASS

Questions?



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