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TO: UTM Campus Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Vice-President & Principal’s Report: Background information

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under section 5.6, (Matters for Information) of its Terms of Reference, the UTM Campus Council “receives, annually from its assessors, reports on matters within its areas of responsibility, including statements of current issues, opportunities and problems, and recommendations for changes in policies, plans or priorities that would address such issues.”

GOVERNANCE PATH:

- 1. UTM Campus Council [For Information] (October 3, 2018)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN: NONE.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The October 3, 2018 report of the Vice-President & Principal will include the following topics. Members wishing prepare for the meeting prior to Professor Krull’s report can consult the information presented here, along with the available links provided below topics for reference.

Fall Undergraduate student enrolment:

- UTM received more acceptances to offers this year than predicted by historical trends. The number of additional first-year students beyond the planned target is now less than 400 and will reduce further by the November 1 count that is reported to the Province. That there was an unexpected additional uptake of offers is an indication that we will be attracting more top scholars to UTM which is reflected by the fact that again this year the average entry grade for the incoming class is higher (~85%) than that of all preceding years.

- In response to the decrease of student space caused by the renovations of the Davis Building in combination with the larger first-year class, UTM has opened general study spaces, and updated a webpage, <http://library2.utm.utoronto.ca/campus-study-space/>, that lists the many study spaces available around campus. Students can study in the TFC in the Davis Building, Instructional Centre, Student Centre, CCT and Deerfield. The new North Building features more than 500 study spaces. There are also extended study hours in the Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre. <https://library.utm.utoronto.ca/hours> All new UTM students who met the criteria for U of T's first-year residence guarantee were accommodated in residence this year.
- Food Services have been considered, with extended hours at Starbucks, the move of some food services including Subway and Quesada to the Instructional Centre, along with opening a new coffee shop. The Booster Juice outlet has moved to a new location in the RAWC, and there will be a new Grab N Go coffee in the "new North".
- Ridership of the Shuttle bus service to and from St. George and Sheridan is being monitored and more buses will be added if there is demand. Similarly, there is monitoring of ridership use of Brampton Transit and they are open to adding more express buses, if needed.
- Effect on Construction
- Effect on Student-faculty ratio

Web site re-design

U of T Mississauga will redesign its website in the coming months. The Office of Communications is working in tandem with a project management team in Information & Instructional Technology Services (I&ITS) on a four-phase process. Information and opportunity to comment is at: <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/communications/website-redesign>

Cannabis issue

The present indoor prohibitions on smoking and vaping will cover many concerns. Consideration is being given to the community impact of some activities that will soon be legal but not allowed in our residence, such as cannabis storage in shared spaces, 'sharing', propagation for personal use, home delivery, and cooking of edibles. Student Services will focus energy on education, harm reduction and the good of the residence community.

The Good Neighbours Guide

A printed "Good Neighbours Guide" has been distributed to the neighbourhoods, and new "Community Don" positions have been created to parallel Residence Dons. <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/sas/mississauga-good-neighbours-guide>

Update on the Science Building and Robotics, and Impact in the Community

The new building is currently progressing through the design process, with substantial completion expected in November 2021. The first three hires to build a cluster in robotics and machine learning are complete.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

See links provided in the *Highlights* section of this document.