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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 (May 2, 2019) [For Information]
2. **University Affairs Board (May 23, 2019) [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 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 124 student groups that have been granted recognition by the University, through the Centre for Student Engagement, as of April 1, 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. No group was denied recognition.

In addition to the listed groups whose membership is voluntary, the documentation also includes a list of 29 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 (2018-19): Recognized Campus Groups, UTM

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee

From: Mark Overton

Date: May 2, 2019

Subject: UTM Recognized Campus Groups, 2018/19

The size and diversity of the student community at the University of Toronto Mississauga 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 that 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.

The UTM Centre for Student Engagement (CSE) leads the campus recognition process and offers services and support to student organizations throughout the year. With recognition support, table and room bookings assistance, and special funding initiatives, the CSE has seen the number of students taking advantage of the services grow. This has created a dynamic, lively, and thriving community of students learning and building community inside and outside the classroom.

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 University of Toronto Mississauga campus in this academic year. The campus groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2019.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2018/19 academic year are listed in this memorandum.

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

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

An organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the Centre for Student Engagement using the Ulife platform 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.

Please note that pursuant to the *Policy*, the recognition of groups which draw their membership from only one academic division is delegated to the governance body of that division.

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 1, 2019, recognition has been granted by the 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 the Centre for Student Engagement website:

Activate!Kids	Erindale Hong Kong Students' Association
Ad Summit	Erindale Punjabi Association
Afghan Students' Association	eSports
African Students' Association	Euphoria
Against Dragons	Everyday Is Homeless Day Campaign
Ahlulbayt Students' Association	Free the Children, at UTM
American Culture Club	Gordon Investment Research Conference
Amnesty International University of Toronto Mississauga	Gospel Choir
Asian Culture Association	Harmonix Music Club
Asian Gaming Association	Hindu Student Council
Association of Palestinian Students	Innovation Association
Because I am a Girl	International Cantonese Union
Biotech Investment Club	International Law and Human Rights Club
Boss Women UTM	Intersectionality
Canadian Asian Student Society	Jack.org UTM
Cancer Awareness Network at UTM	Japanese Network
Caribbean Connections UTM	K-BANG
CHANNEL 6ix	Kiva UTM
Chinese Music Club	Korean Christian Fellowship
Chinese Stock Analysis	Language Exchange at UTM
Chinese Students and Scholars Association	Latin American Student's Association
Chinese Undergraduate Association	Lifeline UTM
Christian Students at U of T	MEDLIFE UTM
Cinema Studies Association	MESA - Middle Eastern Student Association
Creatives For a Change	Muslim Students' Association
DECA UTM	NuMonic Dance Team
Digital Enterprise Management Association	Orphan Run
East African Students Association	OUT@UTM
Edhi Foundation Awareness Club	Pakistan Hospital Support
Enactus University of Toronto Mississauga	Pakistan Student Association (PSA)
End The Hunger	Perpetual Positivity
ENLIGHTED	Ping Pong Club
Entrepreneur's Club	Pre-Medical Club

Project Include UTM	UTM Archery
Quidditch Club	UTM Art Club
Regenesis	UTM Boxing Club
Rhythm	UTM Campus Conservatives
ROCSAUT	UTM Catholic Students Club
Scientific Literacy Club	UTM Chinese Christian Fellowship
Students for a Free Tibet -UTM	UTM CPA ONTARIO
Students in Support of Covenant House	UTM Debating Union
Students Offering Support	UTM Filipino Student Association
Style & Profyle	UTM Italian Students Association
Syrian Students' Association	UTM K-POP (UTMK)
Tamil Students' Association	UTM Leukemia and Lymphoma Association
Tennis Players Association	UTM Liberals
The Citizens Foundation	UTM Model United Nations
The Teaching and Education Studies Association	UTM Music Club
Ukrainian Students' Club	UTM Photography Club
UNICEF UTM	UTM Pre-Dental Club
United World Club at University of Toronto (UWCUT)	UTM Rotaract Club
University of Toronto at Mississauga Mandarin International-student Chinese Fellowship	UTM Scribble
University of Toronto Mississauga Black Students Association	UTM Squash Club
University of Toronto Mississauga Global Brigades	UTM Students for life
University of Toronto Mississauga Golf Association	UTM Vietnamese Student Association
University of Toronto Mississauga Sikh Student Association	UTM's Try New Things Club
University of Toronto Mississauga Television	Women and Gender Studies Student Alliance
University of Toronto Students for Geriatric Health	Women in STEM Mentorship
University of Toronto-Mississauga Mooting & Mock-Trial Assoc.	Women in Tech
ut&fun	Zero Waste UTM
UTM Anime Club	

Recognition Denied

As of April 1, 2019, there have not been any groups that have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of April 1, 2019, **18**¹ groups had withdrawn their recognition application.

Recognition Statistics for the Centre for Student Engagement (as of April 1, 2019)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total number of applications: **140**

Recognition granted: **122**

Recognition denied: **0**

Recognition withdrawn: **18**

Applications terminated: **0**

Applications withdrawn by group: **18**

Applications under review: **0**

Applications from new groups: **68**²

Applications from groups seeking renewal of recognition: **56**

Membership Data³:

Cumulative total of U of T members in all UTM recognized campus groups: **11,388**

Average number of U of T members per UTM group: **90**

Number of UTM groups with fewer than 20 U of T members: **53**

Number of UTM groups with 20 to 100 U of T members: **42**

Number of UTM groups with greater than 100 Members: **32**

¹ Includes groups who submitted an application but did not move forward with requested changes (constitution review regarding election policy, restricted membership concern, membership fees, etc.)

² Some groups created new group profiles because they changed the group name, or changed the purpose of their group

³ Membership figures are supplied by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. U of T membership numbers include all U of T community members (i.e., student, staff, faculty, and alumni). Student membership numbers are not reportedly separately.

Other Campus Student Organizations

UTM has additional student organizations that are not required to renew each year. The organizations are academic in nature, uniting students within a specific program or field of study. Though these groups do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on Recognition of Campus Groups*, they are student run with collaboration between the academic department and the elected student leaders.

All students are represented by each of the academic societies, depending on their program of study. The list of all academic societies are listed below:

- Concurrent Teacher Education Society (CTES)
- Department of Visual Studies Student Society
- English & Drama Students Society
- Erindale Biology Society
- Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
- Forensics Society
- Historical Studies Society at UTM
- ICCIT Council
- Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
- MMPA Course Union
- Philosophy Academic Society
- Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
- Psychology Association of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
- Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
- Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)
- Student Management Association (SMA)
- Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS)
- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- UTM Anthropology Society

Total number of Academic Societies: 19

Recognized UTM Affiliates

UTM affiliates are groups, subsidized by students, which offer a campus service. Many students participate actively or passively with many of the services during their studies at UTM. Though these groups do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on Recognition of Groups*, they do offer a vital service to students and the broader UTM community. Members, staff, and volunteers of these organizations are students (though some professional staff are hired within the organizations as well).

The list of UTM affiliates are listed below:

- Sexual Education & Peer Support Centre
- Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
- Women's Centre
- CFRE Radio 91.9FM
- Medical Society
- UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
- The Medium
- UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)
- UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)

Total number of Recognized UTM affiliates: 10