



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the University Affairs Board

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**SUBJECT:** Statement of Intent from the Administration Concerning  
Realignment of Representation of University of Toronto at  
Scarborough Students

In anticipation of a resolution proposed by a member of the University Affairs Board to recognize the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) as the Representative Student Committee for full-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Scarborough students and to withdraw the recognition of the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) as the Representative Student Committee for the same population of students, I am writing to convey the understanding and expectations of the administration with respect to this matter. As you know, a report on this issue was presented for information at the meeting of the University Affairs Board held on March 23, 2004.

The *University of Toronto Act* (1947) provides that the Governing Council "may make provision for enabling the students of the University, University College and the federated universities and federated colleges to appoint a representative committee of themselves to be chosen in such manner as shall be approved by the [Governing Council], which shall be the recognized official student medium of communication on behalf of such students between them and the [Governing Council]." The University Affairs Board is responsible for policy concerning representative student committees, student societies and campus organizations.

At present, there are three "Representative Student Committees:" the Students' Administrative Council (SAC; representing all full-time undergraduate students on all campuses), the Graduate Students' Union (GSU; representing all graduate students on all campuses) and the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS; representing all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses). APUS became a representative student committee in the early 1970s. Prior to this, SAC represented all undergraduate students.

The administration will support the approval of a resolution to realign the representation of UTSC students provided that the following conditions and expectations are met:

- 1) that for the purposes of the *Memorandum of Agreement between The University of Toronto, The Students' Administrative Council, The Graduate Students' Union and The Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students for a Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-tuition Related Fees* (the "Protocol"), the Students' Administrative Council shall continue to represent full-time undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto at Scarborough until such time as a new or revised Protocol is approved;<sup>1</sup>
- 2) that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union will undertake, in consultation with the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS), to address the representation of part-time undergraduate UTSC students;
- 3) that the Students' Administrative Council will undertake, in consultation with the appropriate student societies, to address the representation of University of Toronto at Mississauga students; and
- 4) that the Students' Administrative Council and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union will undertake to advise the administration of their progress in addressing these matters in the spring of 2005.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Jim Delaney, Assistant Director, Student Affairs, received a letter on April 27, 2004, from Preet Viridi, Acting-President and Vice-President Academics of SCSU, confirming that SCSU and SAC are negotiating how this representation will be managed.

<sup>2</sup> The administration will, in turn, advise the University Affairs Board when this information is received.