

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 210 OF
THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD

March 4, 2019

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto

Your Board reports that it met on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber with the following members present:

Andrew Szende, Chair
Harry Orbach-Miller, Vice-Chair
Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students
Isabelle Babici
Eric Bryce
Adam Fox
Susan Froom
Rachel Halpern
Farhana Islam
Ira Jacobs
Joseph Leydon
John F. Monahan
Sandhya Mylabathula
David Newman
Douglas McDougall
Harry Orbach-Miller
Stephanie Rose
Mark Henry Rowswell
Steven Thorpe

Regrets:

Ruqayyah Alibhai
Harvey Botting
Avrum Gotlieb
Litos (Hanze) Li
Aisha Ryan

In Attendance:

Beth Ali, Executive Director of Co-Curricular Athletics & Physical Activity Programs
Cameron Davies, Chair, Council on Student Services
Josh Hass, Coordinator, Student Policy Initiatives
Joshua Grondin VP-University Affairs, University of Toronto Students Union (UTSU)
Sherry Kulman, Chief Administrative Office, Hart House
Jennifer McLean Manager, Student Policy Initiatives

Non-Voting Assessors:

Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs,
University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM)
Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs,
University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC)
Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the Vice-
Provost, Student and Student Policy Advisor

Secretary:

David Walders

ITEM 1 IS REPORTED FOR RECOMMENDATION, ITEM 4 IS REPORTED FOR APPROVAL AND ALL OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He noted that one speaking request had been received, from the University of Toronto Students' Union, to speak to item 4 on the agenda. That request had been granted.

1. Operating Plans: Service Ancillaries

Professor Welsh noted that the Operating Plans had first been reviewed by a number of bodies, including undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty and staff. At the University of Toronto Mississauga, these bodies included the Student Housing Advisory Committee, the Food Service Advisory Committee, the Resident Student Dining Committee and the Transportation & Parking Advisory Committee. At the University of Toronto Scarborough consultation had occurred with the Student Housing Advisory Committee, Food User Committee and the Parking Advisory Review Committee provide advice and input.

(a) University of Toronto Mississauga

The Service Ancillaries Operating Plan from the University of Toronto Mississauga was received for information.

(b) University of Toronto Scarborough

The Service Ancillaries Operating Plan from the University of Toronto Scarborough was received for information.

(c) St. George Campus

Professor Welsh noted that, as with the operating plans from the University of Toronto Mississauga and the University of Toronto Scarborough, consultation on the St. George Campus ancillary plans occurred first at the local level, at which students were involved. Draft plans were reviewed by the Financial Services Department, whose report was considered by the Service Ancillaries Review Group (SARG), which included several members from the Board.

The Chair, who was a member of SARG, noted that the discussion at SARG had been very productive and he thanked the two members that served on SARG.

Members enquired about occupancy of residents building during the summer months as well as operating debt at the Chestnut Residence. Ms Anne MacDonald noted that while renovation and refurbishing projects often occurred during the summer months, many residences were occupied during the summer, with some occupancy levels at 80-85% of available rooms.

Ms MacDonald explained that the debt associated with the Chestnut Residence was the result of the University financing the purchase of the residence using debt. Since that acquisition, significant progress had been made to repay that debt.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the proposed 2019-20 operating plans and budgets for St. George service ancillaries, as summarized in Schedule I; the St. George service ancillary capital budgets as summarized in Schedule V, and the St. George rates and fees in Schedule VI be approved, effective May 1, 2019.

2. Annual Report: Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees, 2018-19

Ms Strong, Director of the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students and Student Policy Advisor, offered a presentation, [appended here](#), that provided a brief overview of the annual report. She noted that the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* specified the requirements and conditions associated with the fees and the manner in which they were charged. The presentation detailed the metrics for fee increases, explaining the relationship between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the University of Toronto Index (UIT).

3. Operating Plans and Fees: Student Affairs and Services, University of Toronto Mississauga

Professor Welsh noted that the UTM Student Services Plans had first been considered by UTM's Quality Services to Students Council (QSS).

(a) Advice from the Quality Service to Students Committee (QSS)

The advice from QSS was received for information.

(b) Plans and Fees

The Student Services Plans from the University of Toronto Mississauga was received for information.

4. Operating Plans and Fees: St. George Campus and University Wide Services

Professor Welsh advised that the *Protocol on Non-Tuition Fees* provided that the Operating Plans and Fees for University-wide and St. George Campus services first be considered by COSS, whose advice would be conveyed to the University Affairs Board. Proposals for Student Life Programs and Services, the Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education: Co-Curricular Programs, Services, and Facilities, and Hart House were considered by COSS.

The Chair then invited Mr Joshua Grondin, Vice-President of the University of Toronto Student's Union, to address the Board. Mr Grondin spoke in favour of the operating plans, thanked those involved in preparing them and urged members to support the plans.

(a) Advice from the Council on Student Services (COSS)

Professor Welsh noted that the operating plans and fees of Hart House and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education were approved at the COSS meeting held on February 15, 2019. The operating plans and fees for Student Life Programs and Services were not approved by COSS.

(b) Operating Plans and Fees: Student Life, St. George Campus

Mr Newman then offered a presentation, [appended here](#), on student life, programs and services. He noted that there were several areas of strategic priorities within student life. They included the following; student development and engagement; internationalization; health and wellness; programs and services for graduate students; academic support, and; divisional and university support services. He also provided highlights of the budget for 2019-20.

Following the presentation, a member, referring to the recently announced Provincial Student Choice Initiative, urged the administration to work with other universities to advocate that many of these student services should be considered essential.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the 2019-20 operating plans and budget for Student Life Programs and Services, as presented in the documentation from David Newman (Senior Director, Student Experience), be approved; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$164.24 (\$32.85 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$7.52 (\$1.51 for a part-time student) or 4.80% (resulting from the elimination of a 2016-17 three-year temporary increase, a permanent increase of 2.0% and a temporary increase of 12.0%).

(c) Operating Plans and Fees: Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education: Co-Curricular Programs, Services and Facilities

Ms Beth Ali, Executive Director of Co-Curricular Athletics & Physical Activity Programs, offered a presentation, [appended here](#), which outlined the priorities for sports and recreation. The presentation also detailed the many program offerings within the Faculty, the number of participants in those programs, as well as the 2019-20 budget plan.

In reply to a question regarding the indigenous swim initiative, Ms Ali noted that it has been a success, with a 15% increase from the first class to the second.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the 2019-20 operating plans and budget for the Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education: Co-Curricular Programs, Services and Facilities, as presented in the documentation from Beth Ali (Executive Director, Co-Curricular Athletics and Physical Activity) be approved; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$193.82 (\$38.76 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$4.82 (\$0.96 for a part-time student) or 2.55% (resulting from the elimination of a 2016-17 three-year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 14.0%); and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$22.48 (\$4.50 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$0.56 (\$0.11 for a part-time student) or 2.55% (resulting from the elimination of a 2016-17 three-year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 14.0%).

(d) Operating Plans and Fees: Hart House

Mr Monahan, the Warden of Hart House, offered a presentation, [appended here](#), which began by outlining the 2019-20 budget. Turning to programming at Hart House, Mr Monahan described program offerings under three main headings – arts and culture, recreation and open dialogue. Finally, the rationale for the requested fee increase was detailed.

A member enquired about the Hart House farm and in reply, Mr Monahan provided an overview of the regular and special programming at the farm.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the 2019-20 operating plans and budget for Hart House, as presented in the documentation from John Monahan, Warden, be approved; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$97.96 (\$19.61 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$8.56 (\$1.71 for a part time student) or 9.57% (resulting from the elimination of a 2016-17 three-year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 15.9%); and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$3.01 (\$0.60 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$0.27 (\$0.05 for a part time student) or 9.57% (resulting from the elimination of a 2016-17 three-year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 15.9%).

5. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 209, November 19, 2019

The previous meeting was approved.

6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the report of the previous meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting: April 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

The Chair confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be April 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

8. Report of the Senior Assessor

Professor Welsh offered a report which addressed the following matters:

University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU)

The University had received a request to have University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) as the sole representative student committee for all full-time undergraduate students registered at UTM. Under the proposal, these students would no longer be members of UTSU. UTSU was agreeable to this arrangement and the University was reviewing the information provided and University Policies to determine the next steps.

Smoke-Free Policy

Designated smoking areas had been established at UTM and UTSC and materials regarding cessation programs was now available.

Silence is Violence Survey and Report

The University had been working to implement its *Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy*, including opening permanent locations for the Centre on all three campuses, hiring a terrific and diverse support team. There was also an increased focus on education, involving holding workshops for faculty, designing educational initiatives, doing outreach to different departments. A new website had also been recently created. There would continue to be conversations with groups such as Silence is Violence, and the University would be beginning the process for the review of the *Policy*, which would include feedback from diverse groups across the University. Professor Welsh expressed appreciation to the Silence is Violence group for their valuable feedback.

Ontario Government Announcements

The Provincial government recently announced a 10% reduction in domestic tuition fees for 2019-20, which was equivalent to a base budget cut of \$65 million year-over-year over the current year budget. In addition, changes to OSAP were intended to make the program more financially

sustainable, and would come into effect this year. The reforms involved changes to income thresholds, grants-to-loans ratios, repayment terms, and other criteria. The University would work diligently to protect students from resultant cuts in OSAP funding, and would continue advocacy to the Province for financial and policy assistance in doing so. The University remained committed to the *Student Access Guarantee* and in 2018-19, spent more than \$200-million on student aid – more than any other university in the Province and double what the province required.

Part of the Provincial announcement also included a new Ancillary Fee Classification Framework which included a “Student Choice Initiative” that would require opt-out provisions for non-tuition student fees. It was as yet unclear what scope the University would have to designate fees as “mandatory” and the University was waiting for further information from the Province.

9. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

March 6, 2019