

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

**REPORT NUMBER 6 OF THE CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**April 30, 2014**

To the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council, University of Toronto Scarborough

Your committee reports that it met on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

**Present:**

Ms Sue Graham-Nutter (Chair)  
Ms Marilyn Kwan (Vice-Chair)  
Professor Rick Halpern, Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic)  
Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs  
Ms Sara Allain  
Professor Jonathan S. Cant  
Mr. Ommer Chohan  
Ms Sarah Fedko  
Ms Kathy Fellowes  
Mr. Roger Francis  
Ms Hannah Yukari Hori  
Ms Lydia V.E. Lampers-Wallner  
Ms Nancy Lee  
Mr. Kevin Ramlal  
Professor Erin L. Webster

**Non-Voting Assessors:**

Ms Louise Beckley  
Ms Helen Morissette

**Secretariat:**

Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw  
Ms Rena Parsan

**Regrets:**

Ms Hivin Alarashi  
Ms Erin Bradford  
Ms Precia Darshan  
Dr. Tarun Dewan  
Ms Nicole Dionisio  
Professor William A. Gough  
Professor Ken W.F. Howard  
Mr. Filippo Raso  
Professor Stephen G. Reid  
Mr. Tony Rupnaraine  
Dr. Effie Sauer  
Dr. Zohreb Shahbazi  
Professor Lucan Way

**In attendance:**

Ms Liza Arnason, Director, Student Life  
Mr. Brent Duguid, Director of Partnerships and Legal Counsel  
Mr. Gary Pitcher, Director, Campus Safety, Issue and Emergency Management  
Ms Kimberley Tull, Manager, Community Development and Engagement

### **1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed members to the final Campus Affairs Committee meeting of the governance year.

### **2. Assessors Reports**

There were no reports from the Assessors.

### **3. Annual Reports**

The Chair reported that the Terms of Reference for the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee stated that the Committee received on an annual basis from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility. The Chair invited Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman, Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs to introduce the reports.

#### **a. Recognized Campus Groups**

Mr. Pouyat reported that the Department of Student Life received 212 applications for recognition of campus group status as of April 9, 2014, and that recognition was granted to 192 with none being denied or withdrawn. He commented that the recognized groups on campus contributed to the intellectual, cultural and recreational aspects of the campus. Mr. Pouyat expressed that one of the major challenges for campus groups was issues relating to space.

A Committee member asked why the Department of Student Life would reject an application, and Ms Liza Arnason, Director, Student Life, explained that a rejection would be granted if the group did not meet the conditions of the *Policy on the Recognition of Campus Groups*, or if they were not following the constitution established with the Department of Student Life. In addition, Ms Arnason explained that an application would be withdrawn if the campus group became a Departmental Student Association, which represents and advocates on academic issues for all students enrolled in that department. (i.e. Management and Economics Students Association) A member asked how UTSC monitors public perceptions when a student association or group makes an extreme claim. Professor Rick Halpern, Vice-Principal and Dean (Academic) commented that the University's policy on freedom of speech would apply and Mr. Pouyat added that the Department of Student Life worked collegially with student organizations and associations to mitigate risk and manage issues.

#### **b. Campus Police Services**

Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman introduced Mr. Gary Pitcher, Director of Campus Safety, Issue and Emergency Management, to present the Campus Police Service report. Mr. Pitcher reported that at UTSC Campus Police are Special Constables sworn in by the Toronto Police Service, and that the approach to safety was based on a community model. He also explained that the statistical overview contained in the documentation showed minor changes during 2011-2013, and that an analysis could not be drawn from the slight changes in the data over the three-year period.

He commented on the high level of engagement that the Campus Police has with the community, including involvement with the Green Dot Program, Student Crime Stoppers, and Cops for Cancer.

The Chair asked whether there were plans for Campus Police presence on the North Campus with the current expansion, and Mr. Pitcher replied that there were plans for building a Campus Police office in the new Environmental Science and Chemistry building.

### **c. Community Partnerships and Engagement**

Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman introduced Mr. Brent Duguid, Director of Partnerships and Legal Counsel and Ms Kimberley Tull, Manager, Community Development and Engagement to present the Community Partnerships and Engagement report. The report included the following major points:

- UTSC evolving into the intellectual, cultural and sporting hub of the Eastern GTA; a place in which the community can take pride and experience positive change.
- Engagement with community groups, agencies, the public sector, businesses, students, alumni, donors and charities to strengthen the position as a destination of choice for teaching, learning and research.
- Community Partnership examples included the Malvern Action for Neighborhood Change (ANC), Parks Canada (Rouge National Urban Park), and the East Scarborough Storefront.

In response to a question from a member, Mr. Duguid reported that the Office of Partnerships and Legal Counsel was looking into creating an e-newsletter and website to highlight and recognize the work done in the community by other academic departments and centres.

A member asked what the challenges were for community engagement at UTSC, and Mr. Duguid replied by explaining that limited human resources meant that the Office often prioritized projects based on where the greatest impact could be made.

In response to a question from a member, Mr. Arifuzzaman reported that there was dialogue with United Way given that UTSC was situated among several communities that have been designed as priority neighborhoods.

A member asked whether there was any community engagement with local refugee populations, and Ms Tull replied that there were no current projects targeting local refugees at this time.

### **4. UTSC Council on Student Services (CSS): Proposed Revisions to Terms of Reference**

The Chair invited Mr. Pouyat to present the UTSC Council on Student Services (CSS): Proposed Revisions to Terms of Reference to the Committee. He reported that the last revision to the

Council on Student Services (CSS) Terms of Reference was in April 2008. He reported that the proposed revisions were related to the new governance process and name changes related to department and service titles. Mr. Pouyat also explained that there were proposed changes to the number of voting members of the Council from 19 to 22 with the following additions: the Vice-President External of Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU), a graduate student appointed by the Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough (GSAS), and an increase to seven undergraduate students appointed by SCSU to represent full and part-time UTSC students.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS,**

THAT the proposed revisions to the University of Toronto Council on Student Services Terms of Reference ("Constitution" and "By-Laws") recommended by the Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. Desmond Pouyat, and detailed in the proposal dated April 9, 2014, be approved, effective May 1, 2014.

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 5 – March 26, 2014** *(for approval)*

**6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**

**7. Date of the Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 2014**

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

**YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,**

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and the item requiring approval (item 5) be approved.

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## **8. Other Business**

The Chair advised Committee members that they would receive an e-mail inviting them to complete an on-line evaluation survey. She encouraged everyone to complete the survey, noting that the feedback was valuable to the Secretariat to gain an understanding of members' experiences on the Committee this year. She also commented that the information would be used to assist in future planning.

The Chair thanked the members for their service on the Committee over the past year. She also thanked the Vice-Chair, Assessors, and the Campus Council Secretariat for their work on the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5: 20 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair