

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

**REPORT NUMBER 5 OF THE CAMPUS COUNCIL**

**April 24, 2014**

Mr. R. Mark Krembil, (Vice-Chair)  
Professor Bruce Kidd, Interim  
Vice-President & Principal

Mr. Preet Banerjee

Mr. Harvey Botting

Mr. Asher Chohan

Mr. Luki Danukarjanto

Mr. Adrian De Leon

Ms Kathy Fellowes

Ms Sue Graham-Nutter

Mr. Roshan Gunapalasundaram

Dr. Brian Harrington

Mr. John Kapageridis

Ms Marilyn Kwan

Ms Nancy Carolyn Lee

Mr. Hussain Masoom

Ms Alyssa Moses

Professor Stephen Rockel

Ms V. Elaine Thompson

Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman (Chief  
Administrative Officer)

Professor Rick Halpern (Dean and Vice-  
Principal, (Academic))

**Secretariat:**

Mr. Jim Delaney

Ms Sheree Drummond

Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw

Ms Rena Parsan

**Absent:**

Ms Sara Allain

Professor Suzanne Erb

Professor William A. Gough, (Chair)

Dr. Elaine Khoo

Dr. Christopher Ollson

Dr. Effie Sauer

**In attendance:**

Mr. Trevor Carozza, Student Athlete Presenter

Mr. Scott McRoberts, Director, Athletics and Recreation

Ms Helen Morissette, Director, Financial Services

Ms Anna Sullivan, Student Athlete Presenter

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

The Vice-Chair, Mr. Mark Krembil, introduced himself and reported that he would be Chairing the meeting in the absence of the Chair, Professor William Gough. He also welcomed Mr. Preet Banerjee who participated in the meeting by teleconference, and Mr. Ben Coleman, Student Governor-Elect who observed the meeting by videoconference. The Chair requested that all members introduce themselves and the constituency they belonged to..

## **2. Report of the Interim Vice-President and Principal**

Professor Bruce Kidd began his report by introducing Mr. Scott McRoberts, Director of Athletics and Recreation. Mr. McRoberts began his presentation with a short video clip highlighting athletic and recreational programming. In his presentation, he emphasized how involvement in athletics and recreation gave students opportunities to make friends, meet new people, and become a part of the UTSC community. Mr. McRoberts introduced two graduating students, Mr. Trevor Carozza and Ms Anna Sullivan, to discuss how athletics had impacted their academic life at UTSC. Mr. Carozza commented on how athletics had taught him discipline, which he had transferred into the classroom. Ms Sullivan described how being involved with athletics had connected her to faculty who had encouraged her to pursue graduate studies in her field of study.

A Council member asked whether there had been any community involvement in athletics and recreation, and Mr. McRoberts explained that any involvement with the community had included a connection to the campus and an opportunity for leadership and learning by our students. In response to an inquiry about whether community members had access to the Athletics and Recreation Centre, Mr. McRoberts indicated that a membership was required.

In response to a question from a member, Mr. McRoberts reported that the Department of Athletics and Recreation had been working on certifying more students as referees and coaches.

Professor Kidd thanked Mr. McRoberts, Mr. Carozza and Ms Sullivan for presenting to the Council.

Returning to his report, Professor Kidd updated the Council on the Pan-Am facility. He reported that the Pan-Am Games would involve 20, 000 volunteers, and that 2000 volunteers had already been secured. He emphasized how important the Pan Am Games would be for enhancing the visibility of UTSC as a world class institution for men and women who would want to pursue both academics and athletics. Professor Kidd commented on the transit debate

and the short term solution versus the high demand for transit when the Pan-Am Games would begin. He reported that the construction on the Environmental Sciences and Chemistry Building had been progressing well with the second floor completed, and that the UTSC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary steering Committee had been established with Ms Shelley Romoff and Ms Frances Wdowczyk as Co-Chairs of the Committee.

### 3. UTSC Strategic Plan

The Chair invited Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman to present the UTSC Strategic Plan<sup>1</sup> to the Council for approval. The presentation highlights were as follows:

- The approach to the current strategic plan was to update and refresh the existing 2008 plan.
- The updated Strategic Directions included:
  1. *New and emerging areas of scholarship- lead thinking in traditional disciplines, and build new areas of scholarship.*
  2. *Innovative research-Create and share new knowledge in new ways.*
  3. *Global perspective- Harness the advantage of our local surroundings and global reach*
  4. *Experiential learning- Enhance learning through experiences on campus and beyond.*
  5. *Strong foundations- Create strong interpersonal connections through the campus of tomorrow.*
- The academic plan, service/administrative/capital plans, campus plan and annual budget would be developed from the strategic plan and directions.

A member asked Mr. Arifuzzaman how UTSC differentiated itself within the Ontario university system and whether that is embedded in the strategic plan. Mr. Arifuzzaman responded by explaining that UTSC differentiation was embedded throughout the entire strategic plan, but more specifically under innovative research and experiential learning.

In response to a member's question, Mr. Arifuzzaman explained that community engagement falls under the strong foundations strategic direction, and he provided several examples, including the Scarborough Film Festival and the East Scarborough Storefront to demonstrate how UTSC was interacting with the surrounding community.

A Council member asked what strategies were in place to engage students so that they would develop an affinity for UTSC. Mr. Arifuzzaman explained that the current strategy was to get students involved beginning in their first year at UTSC. He commented on the excellent work that the Department of Student Life and Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) had done in getting students to participate in orientation activities. He reported that if strong connections were made at an early stage, pride in UTSC would develop.

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<sup>1</sup> See Presentation Attached

In response to a comment from a member regarding transit issues, Mr. Arifuzzaman reported that municipal changes had slowed down the pace of transit discussions. He reported that he did not expect any major decisions or changes in this election year and noted that the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and Metrolinx had indicated that they were committed to transit solutions.

A member asked what the next steps were for the Strategic Plan and Mr. Arifuzzaman reported that academic departments would update academic plans and support units would update operational plans.

The Chair thanked Mr. Arifuzzaman for his report.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried,

YOUR COUNCIL APPROVED,

THAT subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee,

THAT “The Five Strategic Directions” detailed on pages 11 to 15 of the University of Toronto Scarborough Strategic Plan, as proposed in the documentation from the Interim Vice-President and Principal, Professor Bruce Kidd, dated March 18, 2014, be approved in principle, effective July 1, 2014.

**3. Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees – Student Society Fees: UTSC Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases\* (*for approval*)**

The Chair invited Ms Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee, to introduce the item and make the motion.

Ms Graham-Nutter reported that on March 4, 2014 the UTSC Campus Council approved the proposal for student societies fee increases, and that the proposed increase for approval was, in fact, included in the documentation from the previous meeting. She explained that the fee request was inadvertently left out of the resolution presented for approval, and that one additional increase was sought concerning a cost of living increase in the Student Centre portion of the fee.

There were no questions raised.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried,

YOUR COUNCIL APPROVED,

THAT subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee,

THAT beginning in the Fall 2014 session, the SCSU fee be increased as follows:  
(a) an increase of \$0.55 per session in the Student Centre portion of the fee (\$0.25 part-time)

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 4 – Tuesday, March 4, 2014** (*for approval*)
- 5. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**
- 6. Reports for Information**
- 7. Date of the Next Meeting- Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried,

YOUR COUNCIL APPROVED,

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

### **8. Other Business**

There were no other items of business.

### **9. Question Period**

There were no questions raised.

## **THE UTSC CAMPUS COUNCIL MOVED *IN CAMERA***

### **10. Appointments: 2014-15 UTSC Campus Council and Standing Committee, Community Members +**

YOUR COUNCIL APPROVED,

THAT the recommended appointment of Community Members of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council and the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, be approved for terms of up to three years as specified in the documentation dated April 17, 2014 effective July 1, 2014, subject to changes in the Terms of Reference of the UTSC Campus Council.

**THE UTSC CAMPUS COUNCIL MOVED TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair