## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS COUNCIL REPORT NUMBER 20 OF THE CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### **JANUARY 11, 2017**

To the Campus Council, University of Toronto Mississauga

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on January 11, 2017 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, William G. Davis Building, at which the following were present:

Professor Joseph Leydon, Chair Professor Ulrich Krull, Interim Vice-

President & Principal

Mr. Tarique Khan, Vice-Chair

Ms Megan Alekson Ms Nour Alideeb Professor Lee Bailey Mr. Arthur Birkenbergs Professor Elspeth Brown

Professor Amrita Daniere, Vice-Principal

Academic and Dean

Mr. Paul Donoghue, Chief Administrative

Officer

Mr. Dario Di Censo Ms Raqshanda Khan Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk Mr. Mohamed Mohamud

Ms Sue Prior

Mr. Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs

**Professor Chester Scoville** 

Mr. Andy Semine Professor Jumi Shin Ms Amber Shoebridge Professor Steven Short Professor Gerhard Trippen Professor Anthony Wensley

Mr. Nate Van Beilen

**Non-Voting Assessors:** 

Ms Christine Capewell, Director, Business Services

Ms Andrea Carter, Assistant Dean, Student

Wellness, Support & Success

**Regrets:** 

Ms Sharmeen Abedi

Ms Teresa Bai

Dr. Giovanni Facciponte

Professor Hugh Gunz

Ms Pam King

Professor Judith Poë

#### In Attendance:

Ms Vicky Jezierski, Director, Hospitality & Retail Operations

Mr. Chris Lengyell, Acting Director, Student Housing & Residence Life

Mr. Chad Nuttall, Director, Student Housing & Residence Life

Ms Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students & Student Policy Advisor

Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students

#### **Secretariat:**

Ms Cindy Ferencz Hammond, Director of Governance, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council Ms Mariam Ali, Governance Coordinator, UTM

#### 1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of this year and provided an overview of the available positions during the 2017 Elections, noting that the nomination period was underway and would close on Friday, January 13, 2017. The Chair advised members to contact Ms Cindy Ferencz Hammond, Deputy Returning Officer if they had any inquiries.

## 2. Overview of the University's Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-Tuition Fees

The Chair invited Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students and Ms Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students & Student Policy Advisor to present on the University's Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-Tuition Fees. The Chair advised the Committee that the presentation sought to lessen confusion about the nature of the Protocol and the agreement with student organizations, and *Protocol* bodies such as Quality Services to Students (QSS), and what happens when there was no participation or no support for recommendations from administration by these Protocol bodies. Professor Welsh began by defining the Protocol and its purpose, which was to enhance the experience of the students by promoting the provision of student services, to review the operating plans of these services and to advise governance on proposals for the increase, decrease, introduction or elimination of a fee covered by the *Protocol*. She clarified the three types of fees at UTM, which were campus service fees, cross-divisional student society fees, and divisional student society fees, adding that the Protocol covered only the campus service fees. Professor Welsh explained that all members of the QSS voted on the advice surrounding fees, and that if a majority of student members consented to the fee increase then it would go forward for consideration by the CAC. However, if the majority of students on QSS would not support a fee increase, the CAC could approve increases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the University of Toronto Index (UTI). The University of Toronto Index was calculated separately for each fee, and took into account changes in salary and benefit costs, revenue from other sources, occupancy costs and changes in enrolment. Professor Welsh described the two ways in which the fees could be increased: either a permanent increase, which was the lesser of the UTI increase or the CPI increase; and the temporary increase, for a period of 3 years, and was the greater of the UTI increase or the CPI increase. Professor Welsh advised members that QSS meetings were currently underway and would be considered by the CAC at its next meeting. She added that QSS had established a working group to review the QSS Terms of Reference.

In response to the Chair's question, Professor Welsh clarified that once a temporary fee had expired, that fee would automatically revert back to its base amount. In response to a follow up question, on how this impacted staffing and service levels, Mr. Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs, responded that each service was affected differently and that during the planning process reduction in staffing levels were also considered when temporary increases were no longer available. Also in response to a member's question, Mr. Overton advised that multiple temporary fee increases could be in effect simultaneously, but they were staggered, which was a common occurrence across all three campuses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A copy of the Student Life presentation is attached as Attachment A.

A member asked what the criteria were to define fees as an ancillary versus a student service fee. Ms Strong advised that the criteria were outlined in the *Protocol*, but simplified that ancillary fees were for optional services such as food, residence or parking whereas the student service fees were compulsory.

#### 3. 2017-18 Operating Plans: UTM Service Ancillaries

The Chair informed members that the Committee considered operating plans for all UTM service ancillaries on an annual basis. These plans included a Management Report that described the proposed services and programs offered within the financial parameters of the University's operating budget and financial policies set by the Business Board. The plan also included each ancillary's annual operating budget, as well as changes to programs and levels of service, categories of users, accessibility, and compulsory or optional fees. This year, the plans reported on actual financial results for 2015-16, the forecast for 2016-17 and projections for the five year period, 2017-18 to 2021-22. Only the proposed budget for 2017-18 was presented for approval. The Chair invited Mr. Paul Donoghue, Chief Administrative Officer, to present the item<sup>2</sup>. Mr. Donoghue reminded members of the university's four financial objectives for service ancillaries: operate without subsidy; provide for capital renewal; maintain a 10 percent operating reserve; and, having achieved all of these objectives, to contribute to the operating budget. Mr. Donoghue noted that prior to being submitted to the CAC, a number of bodies were consulted and provided input into the budgets, which included the review of Residence and Meal plans, Food Services and Parking with their respective advisory committees. Mr. Donoghue summarized that the 2017-18 parking budget proposed a 3% permit price increase and Pay & Display daily maximum rates would remain the same as 2016-17. Residence rates were set to increase by 5% in 2017-18 and meal plan rates included a 3.7% increase.

During discussion, the following key points were made:

- The interest rate charged on the internal loan for the parking deck was 3.48%, below existing available commercial rates and was determined by the replacement value of those funds, had they been invested in the University of Toronto Asset Management fund;
- A member proposed the use of working groups which could consider different funding models, which would lead to a decrease in fees for students. Mr. Donoghue advised that the Advisory Committees had all considered various funding strategies as part of their review of the budget. He emphasized that several alternatives had been explored through the work of the Advisory Committees, but noted that deviation from current strategy would mean unacceptable changes in staffing and service levels. He noted that discussions of this nature would continue in these advisory groups.
- Regarding the Residence Ancillary, members were informed that there were no concrete plans
  as of yet for a new residence building and that the ancillary was currently undergoing a
  visioning exercise.
- Regarding Food Services, the potential impact of the Province of Ontario's cap and trade
  program was discussed. It was noted that it would likely impact transportation costs for food
  providers and create a ripple effect for other costs in the coming year. In response to a
  member, it was clarified that if food costs increased beyond the 3.7% fee increase, they would

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A copy of this Presentation is attached as Attachment B.

be absorbed by UTM's food service provider, Chartwells, who would likely be assisted by access to various rebate programs. In addition, due to provisions made in the contract between UTM and Chartwells, the food service provider would not be able to reduce staffing or service levels if food costs increased, because key performance indicators were consistently monitored by UTM.

- Costs for waste diversion initiatives and equipment were the responsibility of the University not Chartwells.
- Members discussed the expedited repayment of the parking deck loan, and how it would impact plans for future parking deck expansions. Mr. Donoghue advised that at the time when a new deck is required, the capital reserve would not be as large as it would be if the repayment amounts were spread out over a longer term. However, parking demand had stabilized due to a pause in enrolment, and the increased use and availability of public transportation.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

#### YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

THAT, the proposed 2017-18 Operating Plans and Budgets for the UTM Service Ancillaries, as summarized in Schedule 1, the service ancillary capital budgets as summarized in Schedule 5, and the rates and fees in Schedule 6, as recommended by Mr. Paul Donoghue, Chief Administrative Officer, in the proposal dated November 21, 2016 be approved, effective May 1, 2017.

#### 4. Assessor's Report

Mr. Overton advised members that at its February meeting, assessors would bring forward the annual item of compulsory non-academic incidental fees for consideration. He advised the Committee that the Quality Service to Students (QSS) Committee, which provided advice to the administration's proposals, would meet several times before the February meeting, and that advisory group meetings were under way.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

#### YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that Item 7 - Report of the Previous Meeting, be approved.

- **5. Report on Capital Projects** as at December 31, 2016
- **6. Report of the Previous Meeting:** Report 19 November 21, 2016

#### 7. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

**8. Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday, February 9, 2017, 4:10 p.m.

#### 9. Other Business

a. University of Toronto Mississauga Student Union: Presentation by Ms Nour Alideeb, President<sup>3</sup>

Ms Nour Alideeb, President, UTMSU stated that the Union worked towards consultation with students, which was then forwarded to administration and governance. Ms Alideeb noted that several campaigns were in place to raise awareness on issues such as tuition fees, student centre expansion and many more events such as Orientation Week, which UTMSU had been operating for 37 years. Other services offered by the UTMSU included the UPASS, Blind Duck Pub, academic advising, tax clinics and a multitude of services offered at the Student Centre to student clubs. Ms Alideeb explained to members that there were key areas where students wished to make recommendations, which included: student centre expansion, the introduction of a co-op program, reduced fees and divestment.

A member asked whether the union was engaging in discussions on what students envisioned for co-op opportunities, as there were many opportunities for experiential learning currently available on campus. Ms Alideeb advised that based on their consultation, most students looked to the University of Waterloo co-op model, which was a tri-semester system.

In response to a member's question regarding the student centre expansion, Ms Alideeb explained that in 2013 a referendum was held to increase fees towards this project, but had failed. Currently, the UTMSU Executive was seeking collaboration and funding from external partners, such as the City of Mississauga.

A member inquired whether the Union collected information on whether any of the services offered by the university were unnecessary or unwanted during their consultations with students. Ms Alideeb informed the Committee that in fact students normally asked for more services, but were unaware that they already existed on campus; the Union played a large role in referring students to those services.

In response to a member's question regarding bursaries and their funding source, Ms Alideeb advised that they were funded through the UTMSU operating budget and that the applications were reviewed by the Union's Bursary Coordinator. She also added that UTMSU charged the lowest fees across Canada per semester.

Members discussed the nap room that was provided by the Student Union in the Student Centre. A member asked whether the Union conducted ongoing cost-benefit analyses on their initiatives to measure the viability of any given program or initiative. Ms Alideeb responded that these were done on an ongoing basis, and was aided through data collection.

There was no other business.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A copy of this Presentation is attached as Attachment C.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.		
Secretary	Chair	

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Report Number 20 of the Campus Affairs Committee (January 11, 2017)

January 24, 2017

## The *Protocol*

Student Services, CPI and UTI

Presentation to the UTM Campus Affairs Committee

## The Protocol

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* was created pursuant to Ministry requirements to establish "a formal agreement between the institution's administration and student government representatives which set out the means by which students will be involved in decisions to introduce a new or modify an existing compulsory non-tuition related ancillary fee."

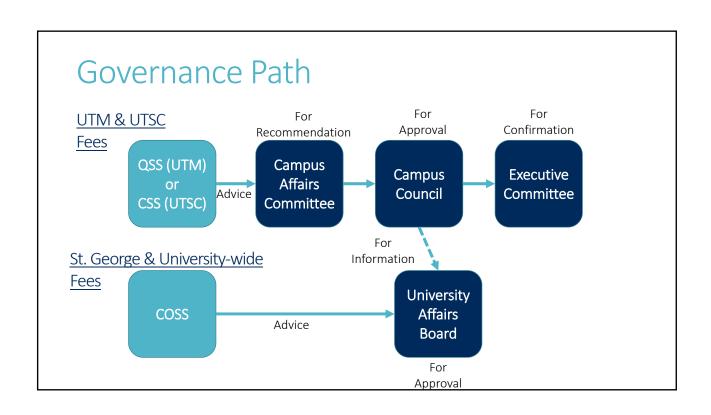
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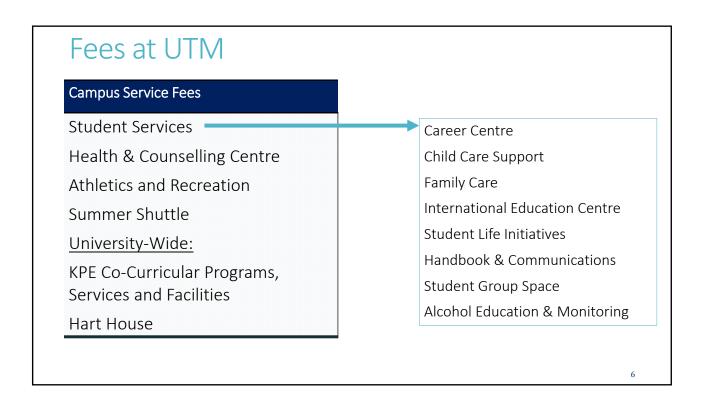
The *Protocol* establishes the *Council on Student Services ("COSS")* and provides for the creation of local bodies. The UTM body is *QSS – Quality Services to Students*. The UTSC body is *CSS – UTSC Council on Student Services*.

#### Purpose:

- to enhance the experience of the students by promoting the provision of the most efficient and effective student services and to review the operating plans of these services and
- advise Governance on proposals for the increase, decrease, introduction or elimination of a fee covered by the *Protocol*.



Campus Service Fees	Cross-Divisional Student Society Fees	Divisional Student Society Fees
Student Services	Association of Part-Time	UTM Students' Union (UTMSU)
Health & Wellness Centre	Undergraduate Students (APUS)	UTM Association of Graduate
Athletics and Recreation	University of Toronto Graduate	Students (UTMAGS)
Summer Shuttle	Students' Union (UTGSU)	Vibe Radio
University-Wide:	UofT Community Radio (CIUT)	The Medium
KPE Co-Curricular Programs,	The Varsity	Athletic Council
Services and Facilities	Medical Society	Masters of Management and Professional Accounting
Hart House		Residence Council
Policy for Compulsor	y Non-Academic Incidental Fees and the	Policy on Ancillary Fees
The "Protocol"		



## **QSS** Advice

All members of QSS vote on the fees.

If the majority of student members **consent** to the fee increase, the fee increase may be recommended to CAC.

If the majority of student members **do not consent** to the fee increase, the governance body may approve increases based on two indexes.

## CPI (Definition – Student Services)

CPI is the inflation factor equal to the Consumer Price Index as described in the University of Toronto's Long-range Budget Projection Assumptions and Strategies (or its equivalent).

Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-tuition Related Fees

## UTI (Definition)

UTI: University of Toronto Index

UTI is an indexation of a service's fee

- accounts for changes in salary and benefit costs, revenue from other sources, occupancy costs, and changes in enrolment.
- calculated separately for each service's fee.

Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-tuition Related Fees

## Permanent and Temporary Increases

#### Permanent increase:

The lesser of the UTI increase or the CPI increase.

And

Temporary increase (up to 3 years)

The greater of the UTI increase or the CPI increase.

#### **Examples:**

UTI = 6.5% CPI = 2.0%

UTI = 1.3%

CPI = 2.0%

UTI>CPI

CPI>UTI

Permanent Increase
CPI = 2.0%

Permanent Increase UTI= 1.3%

Temporary Increase UTI = 6.5%

Temporary Increase CPI = 2.0%

## How it Works

Previous Year Fee

Less Temporary Increase from 3 years ago

Any temporary increases from previous years.

Add UTI increase

Changes in salary and benefit costs, revenue from other sources, occupancy costs, and changes in enrolment.

Add CPI increase

Add CPI (this year's CPI is 2.0%). Calculated based on the previous year's fee less any temporary increases.

New Fee

New Fee for the year.

## Status

- Meetings of QSS are currently underway.
- Fee increases will be presented for recommendation at the next Campus Affairs Committee.
- A small working group is currently reviewing the QSS Terms of Reference.

# UTM Ancillary Budgets Campus Affairs Committee January 11, 2017



## **Four Financial Objectives**

<u>Objective</u>	Residence	Food <u>Services</u>	Conference <u>Services</u>	<u>Parking</u>
Operate without subsidy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provide for capital renewal	Yes	Yes	n/a	Yes
10% operating reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Contribute to operating	No	No	No	No

#### **Ancillary Consultation Process for Proposed Operating Plans/Budgets**

#### Meal Plans

- Resident Student Dining Committee
  - October 5th and November 2nd

#### **Food Services**

- Food Services Advisory Committee
  - September 21st and November 9th

#### Residences

- Student Housing Advisory Committee
   September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Parking**

- Transportation & Parking Advisory Committee
  - October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Projected Revenues/Expenses**

2016-17

(\$000's)

	Residence	Food	Conference	Parking
Revenues	13,445	2,238	1,113	3,880
Expenses	12,146	1,936	1,049	3,156
Net	1,299	302	64	724
Transfers	935*	243**	(50)**	(1,730)***
Net Income (Loss) after transfers	2,234	545	14	(1,006)
Net Income (Loss) after transfers 2015-16	1,138	563	143	7,319

<sup>\*\*</sup>Transfer is for lost residence revenues related to the Erindale Hall rooms that have been re-purposed to office space

\*\*Transfer is for lost meal plan revenues related to the Erindale Hall rooms and from Conference Services for purchase of smallwares.

\*\*\*Transfer relates to repayment of loan from UTM for the Parking Deck.



### **Student Housing Residence Life**

1,536 beds

- 1,471 fee-paying beds
- Mix of styles, sizes
- 2016-17 = \$13.4M



### **Proposed Residence Rate Change**

- 5% rate increase for 2017-18
- Undergrad Fall/Winter price ranges from \$7,210 to \$10,121
- Inclusive of meal plan (first year, regular+250), total \$13,200
- Family & Graduate from \$951 to \$1,728 per month

## Residence **Summary Statement of Operating Results**

	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Forecast	2017-18 Budget
Total Revenue	12,726	13,445	13,808
Total Expense	11,264	12,146	12,935
Operating Results before Transfers	1,462	1,299	873

## **Food Services**



#### **Food Services Budget Considerations**

- Food Prices
  - Trading Economics predicts 3.6% Inflation for Food
  - Canada Food Price Report (Dalhousie University) Predicts Food Price Increase by 3% to 5%
  - Budgeted Cash price increase average 3.6%
- Meal Plans
  - Budgeted Meal Plans increase on average 3.3%

## Food **Summary Statement of Operating Results**

	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Forecast	2017-18 Budget
Total Revenue	9,881	11,331	11,554
Total Cost of Sales & Service	7,713	9,093	9,288
Contribution Margin-Net Revenue	2,168	2,238	2,266
Total Expense	1,797	1,936	2,166
Operating Results before Transfers	371	302	100



## **Conference Services**



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## Conference Summary Statement of Operating Results

 2015-16 Actual
 2016-17 Forecast
 2017-18 Budget

 Total Revenue
 905
 1,113
 875

 Total Expense
 762
 1,049
 964

 Operating Results before Transfers
 143
 64
 (89)

#### **Parking**



2,659 Spaces (Gross)
at November 2016

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#### **Proposed Parking Rate Change**

- Permits will increase 3%, (annual 3% increase implemented in 2010/11)
- Range from \$605 (8-month) or 12-month @ \$726 to \$1,051 (competitive)
- Increases: from \$17.62 (8-month) or 12-month @ \$21.14 to \$30.62
- Daily Increase: \$0.07 (8-months) or 12-month @ \$0.06 to \$0.08
- Pay & Display maximum daily rate remains unchanged

# Parking Summary Statement of Operating Results

		2016-17 Forecast	
Total Revenue	3,729	3,880	4,133
Total Expense	2,743	3,156	3,911
Operating Results before Transfers	986	724	222

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## Summary





#### SCHEDULE 1

#### University of Toronto Mississauga

Service Ancillary Operations Budget Summary
Projected Operating Results for the year ending April 30, 2018
(with comparative projected surplus for the year ending April 30, 2017)

(thousands of dollars)

Service Ancillary	Revenue	Expense	Net Operating Results before Transfers	Transfers in/(out)	Net Operating Results after Transfers 2017	Net Operating Results after Transfers 2016
Residence	13,808	12,935	873	982	1,855	2,234
Conference	875	964	(89)	-	(89)	14
Food	2,266	2,166	100	208	308	545
Parking	4,133	3,911	222	(574)	(352)	(1,006)
Total	21,082	19,976	1,106	616	1,722	1,787

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#### SCHEDULE 5

#### University of Toronto Mississauga Service Ancillaries Operations Budget Summary Summary of 2017-18 Capital Budgets

with comparative figures for 2016-17 (thousands of dollars)

Service Ancillary	2017-18	2016-17
Residence	2,305	1,829
Conference	-	-
Food	25	25
Parking	30	6
Total	2,360	1,860

#### University of Toronto Mississauga Schedule of 2017-18 Ancillary Rates

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	2016-17 \$	2017-18 \$	Increase	Increase	Prior Year Increase
Parking					
Reserved & CCT Garage (annual)	1,020.54	1,051.16	30.62	3.0%	3.0%
Premium Unreserved (annual - Lots 4,8,9)	728.34	750.19	21.85	3.0%	3.0%
Unreserved (annual - Lots 4 & 8 only)	704.73	725.87	21.14	3.0%	3.0%
Student Unreserved (sessional - Lots 4 & 8 only)	293.62	302.43	8.81	3.0%	3.0%
Unreserved Afternoon (annual - after 3:30pm)	200.00	210.00	10.00	5.0%	5.39
Commercial (annual - Lots 4,8,9)	1,180.68	1,216.10	35.42	3.0%	3.09
Pay & Display (daily maximum) (6:30am to 8:00am next day)	14.00	14.00	-	0.0%	
Pay & Display (evening/weekend) (5:00pm to 8:00am next day)	6.00	6.00	-	-	
Pay & Display (per half hour) (6:30am to 5:00pm)	2.50	2.50	-	-	
Pay & Display (per half hour) (weekdays 5:00pm to 8:00am next day: weekends & holidays)	1.00	1.00	-	-	

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## SCHEDULE 6, continued University of Toronto Mississauga

Reflects average of 3.3%	2016-17	2017-18
Kenecis average of 3.376	\$	\$
Food		
Group A		
Plus	4,799	
Regular	4,399	
Light	3,999	
Minimum	3,699	
Regular+500		4,32
Regular+250		4,07
Regular+100		3,92
Small+500		3,92
Small+250		3,67
Small+100		3,52
Group B		
Regular	2,549	
Light	2,249	
Minimum	1,949	
Regular+500		2,82
Regular+250		2,57
Regular+100		2,42
Small+500		2,50
Small+250		2,25
Small+100		2,100

#### University of Toronto Mississauga Schedule of 2017-18 Ancillary Rates

#### SCHEDULE 6, continued

5% ACROSS THE BOARD		2016-17	2017-18	Increase		Prior Year
		\$	\$	\$	Increase	Increase
Residence						
Jnd	ergraduate Students					
v	Townhouses (SW, McL, PN, LC)	8,690	9,125	435	5%	59
Y	Townhouses (SW, McL, PN, LC)	8,495	8,920	425	5%	59
	Premium Townhouses (LC 2 bedroom)	9,639	10,121	482	5%	5
	Premium Townhouses (LC 2 bedroom)	9,444	9,916	472	5%	5
	Suites (RI, ED)	9,639	10,121	482	5%	5
	Suites (RI, ED)	9,444	9,916	472	5%	5
	Dormitory (OPH)	8,690	9,125	435	5%	5
	Dormitory (OPH)	8,495	8,920	425	5%	5
	Premium Townhouses (MV)	9,639	10,121	482	5%	5
	Premium Townhouses (MV)	9,444	9,916	472	5%	5
	Premium Townhouses (MV - doubles)	7,062	7,415	353	5%	5
	Premium Townhouses (MV - doubles)	6,867	7,210	343	5%	5
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#### SCHEDULE 6, continued

#### University of Toronto Mississauga Schedule of 2017-18 Ancillary Rates

Schedule of 2017-18 Ancillary Rates									
5% ACROSS THE BOARD	2016-17	2017-18	Increase	Increase	Prior Year				
	\$	\$	\$		Increase				
Family and Graduate Housing (rent									
month)									
May to Aug	1,568	1,646	78						
Sept to April	1,646	1,728	82	5%	5%				
Small Bachelor									
May to Aug	906	951	45						
Sept to April	951	999	48	5%	5%				
Large Bachelor									
May to Aug	952	1,000	48						
Sept to April	1,000	1,050	50	5%	5%				
Shared Bachelor									
May to Aug	952	1,000	48						
Sept to April	1,000	1,050	50	5%	5%				



## What is the UTM Students' Union?

Independently incorporated on August 2nd, 1983
Union for the students by the students
Full time and part time undergraduate students
Hold events, campaigns and services to enhance the student experience

Apart of the Canadian Federation of Students that is made up of over 500 000 students, more than 80 university and college students' unions

## **UTMSU Executive Committee**



## **Campaigns**

- Fight the Fees (tuition, parking, food, etc)
- United for Equity
- Student Centre Expansion
- No Means No
- Fairness for International Students
- Water is a Human Right
- Divest NOW!
- Multi-Faith Space
- Challenging Islamophobia

## **Events**

- Orientation Week
- U-Fest (Welcome Week)
- Academic Advocacy Week
- Club Collaborations
- Exam Destressors
- Multicultural Week
- Montreal Reading Week Trip
- Environment Week

The list goes on...

## **Services**

- Bursaries
- UTMSU Convenience Store The Duck Stop
- The Blind Duck
- Tax Clinics
- Academic Advising
- U-pass program
- Health & Dental program
- · Discounted tickets at the InfoBooth
- Multi-Faith Space
- Food Centre & Free Breakfast Wednesday's

## **UTMSU Victories**

- Successfully lobbied for a Fall Reading Week (October 2016)
- Eliminated Access Copyright fees saving students over \$1.5 million per year
- Lobbied to split tuition fee payments starting 2014
- UTMSU bursaries raised from \$64k to \$82k
- Introduced an International Students' Bursary
- Increased club's funding to \$101,000
- Improved access to the food centre and hosted multiple Farmers' Markets
- Lobbied to provide free menstrual products on campus
- Successfully opened a Nap Room on campus
- Opened the first ever student run convenience store THE DUCK STOP!
- Implemented a free weekly nutritional breakfast program feeding over 400 students
- Lobbied to include the student rights and equity statement on the syllabus
- UPass partnership with the City of Mississauga continues
- Introduced the Co-Curricular Record for UTMSU Clubs & Society Executives

And many, many more!!!

# Student Recommendations

## **Student Centre Expansion**

Student centre was built in 1999 for 6,000 students

Last referendum failed because students were not content with the funding

model (2013)

 Increased study space, club and academic society office space, multi-purpose space, multi-faith space, locker space, increased food options

 Commitment from the University to provide greater monetary support



## **Co-Op Opportunities**

- Co-Op programs at various institutions have become a major focus for students
- More students prefer programs with CO-OP placements as part of their degree rather than finding little opportunities after they graduate for what they studied for
- UofT Scarborough has had a CO-OP program complementing their Management and various Humanities & Social Science programs to encourage students into experiential learning
- Students at UTM have indicated the desire to have Co-Op learning as part of their academic programs as seen through recent governing council elections & UTMSU elections(e.g. Mohammed Amin being elected as tri-campus undergraduate representative)
- Students have begun to lead the charge in lobbying our central administration and wish to see this as a priority

## **Reduced Fees**

- Reduction and elimination of tuition fees
- Removal of interest on existing student loans
- Conversion of loans into non-repayable grants
- Tuition fees, parking fees, food costs, residence fees
- Registrar fees, exit fees



## **Divestment**

- Need to further standards of ethics
- Look into divesting from unethical corporations and reinvest into organizations that further our priorities
- E.g. Fossil Fuel Divestment:
   Meric Gertler's "Beyond Divestment"
   announcement
- Northrop Grumman, Hewlett Packard
- Be the leaders in ethical investment



## **Questions?**

