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Annual Report: Recognized Campus Groups, University of Toronto Mississauga

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.6 of the University Affairs Board Terms of Reference states:
The Board receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including but not limited to multi-campus services and offices, Campus Police, Human Resources and Equity, crisis response, and campus organizations.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. UTM Campus Affairs Committee [for information] (April 28, 2020)
2. **University Affairs Board [for information] (May 21, 2020)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The report is presented annually to the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS:

An organization seeking campus or University recognition must submit an annual application and constitution to the UTM Centre for Student Engagement. As of April 1, 2020, for the 2019-2020 academic year, there were 138 groups (95 renewing, 43 new) recognized; none were refused. In addition, UTM recognizes 17 academic societies associated with academic departments and 10 affiliated organizations that offer services to students who subsidize them (such as student governments and student-run media, whose membership is automatic based on students' registration).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

The report is presented for information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Annual Report (2019-20): UTM Recognized Campus Groups



To: Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee

From: Mark Overton

Date: April 28, 2020

Subject: UTM Recognized Campus Groups, 2019/20

The size and diversity of the student community at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus provides an extraordinary number of opportunities for students to participate in a vast array of activities undertaken by campus organizations. Participation in these groups forms an integral part of the student experience. Campus groups contribute in a variety of ways to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social and cultural life of the University community. For many students, involvement in voluntary campus organizations is not only a traditional part of campus life; it forms a significant component of their learning while at the University.

Many recognized campus organizations engage in co-curricular activities that enrich the participation of their members in their own academic programs. Involvement in a campus organization can also provide significant learning opportunities for students with respect to leadership, civic and community engagement, and organizational capacity. Since many campus organizations address the complex issues of the world around us, engagement in a campus group can often provide important opportunities to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives. This helps the University provide meaningful opportunities for debate and dissent, and fosters the development of students' understanding of difference. Finally, participation in campus groups provides one means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University of Toronto.

The Centre for Student Engagement (CSE) leads the campus recognition process and offers services and support to student organizations throughout the year. With recognition support, table and room bookings assistance, and special funding initiatives, CSE has seen the number of students taking advantage of the services grow. This has created a dynamic, lively, and thriving community of students learning and building community inside and outside the classroom.

In March of 2019, CSE began offering recognized student organizations with access to the CSE Library which includes fun and interactive games for team-building, cash boxes, and board games which can be loaned out to executive members. Student organizations will receive training on these new benefits in

September as we continue expanding the services and benefits offered to UTM recognized student organizations.

Over the coming year, CSE will work closely with the other two campuses to provide feedback for a new Ulife online platform. Work has already begun on gathering needs of the different campus partners, and we look forward to continuing these discussions.

In accordance with the University's *Policy on Recognition of Campus Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny or withdraw recognition for groups based on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus in this academic year. The campus groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2020.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2019/20 academic year are listed in this memorandum.

Recognition of campus groups by the University provides a number of benefits and opportunities:

1. the right to use the name of the University in the name of the group and in conjunction with group activities;
2. listings in select University directories as a University recognized campus group;
3. access to book tables in academic spaces; book rooms without charge (with the exception of some spaces, like atriums, which may come at a cost); booking tables in certain buildings/atriums; and access to borrow items (board games, cash boxes, and leadership sessions) from the CSE Library.
4. verification letters confirming recognition status (sometimes required by banks and other external organizations); and
5. access to other University services and resources made available from time to time.

An organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the Centre for Student Engagement using the Ulife platform along with a copy of group's constitution. The constitution outlines the group's purpose, objectives and procedures. It addresses organizational structure, membership, meetings, the election or appointment of members in leadership positions, amendments to the constitution, and rules of conduct. A commitment to democracy and accountability to members should also be reflected.

Full membership in a recognized campus group (including eligibility to vote and serve in a leadership position) must be open to any member of the University community (including all students, staff, faculty and alumni) from any division. While discriminatory membership practices are not allowed, it is acknowledged that certain groups could well be homogeneous in nature without being discriminatory. Status as non-voting members may be extended to interested persons from outside the University.

Groups seeking recognition by the University must be genuine campus organizations and generally non-profit in nature. A recognized campus group cannot be controlled by any external body. However, many organizations are affiliated with provincial, national or international bodies and other external groups.

Under the terms of the *Policy*, the University will not attempt to censor, control or interfere with any group on the basis of its philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions expressed unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal or which infringe the rights and freedoms of others within the community. By the same token, recognition as a campus group implies neither endorsement of a group's beliefs or philosophy, nor the assumption of legal liability for the group's activities.

Please note that pursuant to the *Policy*, the recognition of groups which draw their membership from only one academic division is delegated to the governance body of that division.

It is important to note that there are hundreds of additional clubs, many athletics and recreation activities, Hart House clubs and committees, as well as recognized campus groups based on other campuses which, while not listed here, add significantly to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social and cultural life of the U of T community. In addition, many students are involved in student governments, college and faculty student societies, course unions, and departmental student associations.

Recognition Granted

As of April 1, 2020, recognition has been granted by the Centre for Student Engagement to the following organizations for this academic year. More information about these organizations is available on-line at ulife.utoronto.ca and at the Centre for Student Engagement website:

Accounting Association	DECA UTM
Afghan Students' Association	Developer Student Club
Against Dragons	Digital Enterprise Management Association
Ahlulbayt Students' Association	Edhi Foundation Awareness Club
Albanian Society of University of Toronto Mississauga	Enactus University of Toronto Mississauga
Amnesty International University of Toronto Mississauga	ENLIGHTED
Animal Rights Club	Equity UTM
Asian Culture Association	Erindale Hong Kong Students' Association
Asian Gaming Association	Erindale Punjabi Association
Association of Palestinian Students	eSports
Bangladeshi Students' Association	Everyday Is Homeless Day Campaign
Baptist Student Ministries UTM	Fitness Improvement Team
Because I am a Girl	Free the Children at UTM
Believer's LoveWorld UTM	Gospel Choir
Boss Women UTM	Habitat for Humanity UTM
Business and Economics Pride Alliance	Harmonix Music Club
Canadian Asian Student Society	Hindu Student Council
Cancer Awareness Network at UTM	Horror Club
Caribbean Connections UTM	International Cantonese Union
CHANNEL 6ix	International Law and Human Rights Club
Chinese Music Club	Intersectionality
Chinese Undergraduate Association	J. Tuzo Wilson Geology Club
Christian Students at U of T	Jack.org UTM
Christian Unity Association	Japanese Network
Cinema Studies Association	Karaoke Club
Club for Mental Health Advocacy	K-BANG
Cobra Muay Thai Club	Korean Christian Fellowship
Creatives For a Change	Language Exchange at UTM

Lifeline UTM
 MEDLIFE UTM
 Mental Health is Better Together Movement
 Mental Health Permanent Body
 MESA - Middle Eastern Student Association
 Mississauga Christian Ministry
 Muslim Students' Association
 Mutual Cultural Clothing Club
 NextHacks
 NuMonic Dance Team
 Orphan Run
 OUT@UTM
 Pakistan Student Association (PSA)
 People Everywhere Moving Others
 Physics Club
 Ping Pong Club
 Pre-Medical Club
 Psychology Talks
 Quidditch Club
 RegenesiS
 Rhythm
 Robotics Club
 ROCSAUT (Republic of China Student Association at University of Toronto)
 Singaporean Malaysian Student Association
 Social Justice Club
 Society for Algorithmic Modelling
 STEM Fellowship
 Students for a Free Tibet -UTM
 Students for Mindfulness and Well Being
 Students Offering Support
 Syrian Students' Association
 Tamil Students' Association
 Teaching And Education Studies Association
 Tennis Players Association
 The Citizens Foundation
 The Institution of Healthy Living
 The Lightworker Association
 Ukrainian Students' Club
 UNICEF UTM
 University of Toronto at Mississauga Mandarin International-student Christian Fellowship
 University of Toronto Mental Health Association
 University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Black Literature Club
 University of Toronto Mississauga Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Association Lajna
 University of Toronto Mississauga Black Students Association
 University of Toronto Mississauga Buddha's Light Club
 University of Toronto Mississauga Chinese Students and Scholars Association
 University of Toronto Mississauga Global Brigades
 University of Toronto Mississauga Sikh Student Association
 University of Toronto Mississauga Television
 University of Toronto Sports Shooting Club
 University of Toronto Students for Geriatric Health
 University of Toronto-Mississauga Mooting and Law Association
 UTM Anime Club
 UTM Archery
 UTM Badminton Club
 UTM Boxing Club
 UTM Campus Conservatives
 UTM Capital Management
 UTM Catholic Students Club
 UTM Chinese Christian Fellowship
 UTM CPA ONTARIO
 UTM Dance Team
 UTM Debating Union
 UTM Filipino Student Association
 UTM Italian Students Association
 UTM K-POP (UTMK)
 UTM Leukemia and Lymphoma Association
 UTM Liberals
 UTM Model United Nations
 UTM Music Club
 UTM Photography Club
 UTM Pre Dental Club
 UTM Rotaract Club
 UTM Scribes
 UTM Squash Club
 UTM Students for life
 UTM Vietnamese Student Association
 UTM Visual Art Club
 Women and Gender Studies Student Alliance
 Women in Science and Computing
 Young Greens
 Zero Waste UTM

Recognition Denied

As of April 1, 2020, there have not been any groups that have been denied recognition.

Recognition Statistics for the Centre for Student Engagement (as of April 1, 2020)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total number of applications: **138**

Recognition granted: **138**

Recognition denied: **0**

Recognition withdrawn: **0**

Applications terminated: **0**

Applications withdrawn by group: **0**

Applications under review: **0**

Applications from new groups: **43¹**

Applications from groups seeking renewal of recognition: **95**

Membership Data²:

Cumulative total of U of T members in all UTM recognized campus groups: **13,108**

Average number of U of T members per UTM group: **89**

Number of UTM groups with fewer than 20 U of T members: **53**

Number of UTM groups with 20 to 100 U of T members: **59**

Number of UTM groups with greater than 100 Members: **35**

¹ Some groups that changed their club name or other minor changes to the club may be reflected in this number.

² Membership figures are supplied by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. U of T membership numbers include all U of T community members (i.e., student, staff, faculty, and alumni). Student membership numbers are not reportedly separately.

Other Campus Student Organizations

UTM has additional student organizations that are not required to renew each year. The organizations are academic in nature, uniting students within a specific program or field of study. Though these groups do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on Recognition of Campus Groups*, they are student run with collaboration between the academic department and the elected student leaders.

The Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS) and the Student Management Association (SMA) held a referendum amongst the membership. Members voted to merge the two groups, with the new group named IMI Business Association (IBA). The change in the number of academic societies is reflected below.

All students are represented by each of the academic societies, depending on their program of study. The list of all academic societies are listed below:

- Department of Visual Studies Student Society
- English & Drama Students Society
- Erindale Biology Society
- Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
- Forensics Society
- Historical Studies Society at UTM
- IMI Business Association
- ICCIT Council
- Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
- MMPA Course Union
- Philosophy Academic Society
- Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
- Psychology Association of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
- Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
- Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)
- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- UTM Anthropology Society

Total number of Academic Societies: **17**

Recognized UTM Affiliates

UTM affiliates are groups, subsidized by students, which offer a campus service. Many students participate actively or passively with many of the services during their studies at UTM. Though these groups do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on Recognition of Groups*, they do offer a vital service to students and the broader UTM community. Members, staff, and volunteers of these organizations are students (though some professional staff are hired within the organizations as well).

The list of UTM affiliates are listed below:

- Sexual Education & Peer Support Centre
- Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
- Women's Centre
- CFRE Radio 91.9FM
- Medical Society
- UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
- The Medium
- UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)
- UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)

Total number of Recognized UTM affiliates: **10**