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AGENDA ITEM: 6

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, UTSC (2020-21)

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.9 of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee Terms of Reference states that the Committee receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including campus organizations.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 3, 2021)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

No previous action in governance has been taken on this project.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In accordance with the university's *Policy on Recognition of Student Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny or withdraw recognition for groups based on the UTSC campus for the 2020-21 academic year.

- There are 209 groups listed in this memorandum that have been granted recognition from a total of 65 new group applications and 161 returning group applications.

Student Group Membership data are provided in this report revealing that:

- The cumulative number of UTSC members of all recognized student groups is 8,460

- The average number of UTSC members per group is 40

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no significant implications for the University's operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The report is presented for information only.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, UTSC, 2020 - 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

From: Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Experience and Wellbeing

Date: May 3, 2021

Subject: Scarborough Campus Recognized Student Groups, 2020-21

The size and diversity of the student community at the Scarborough campus provides an extraordinary number of opportunities for students to participate in a vast array of activities undertaken by student organizations. Participation in these groups forms an integral part of the student experience. Student 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 student organizations is not only a traditional part of campus life; it forms a significant component of their learning while at the University.

Many recognized student organizations engage in co-curricular activities that enrich the participation of their members in their own academic programs. Involvement in a student organization can also provide significant learning opportunities for students with respect to leadership, civic and community engagement, and organizational capacity. Since many student organizations address the complex issues of the world around us, engagement in a student 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 student groups provides one means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University of Toronto.

On the Scarborough Campus, the staff in the Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing try to meet with as many groups as possible during the recognition process. These meetings give student groups a chance to have their questions answered face-to-face (or digitally) and give the staff the chance to get to know the group leaders they will be working with. This year they were able to meet with 76% percent of groups, despite low student engagement overall. This percentage is similar to that of previous years.

In accordance with the University's *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for groups based on the Scarborough campus in this academic year. The student groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2021.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2020-21 academic year are listed in this memorandum.

Recognition of student groups by the University provides several 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. eligibility to use University facilities and meeting spaces at no cost or at a lower cost compared to external organizations;
3. listings in select University directories as a University-recognized student group;
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.

A student organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing 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 student group (including eligibility to vote and serve in a leadership position) must be open to any currently registered University of Toronto student 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 other University community members or interested persons from outside the University.

Groups seeking recognition by the University must be genuine student organizations and generally non-profit in nature. A recognized student 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 student 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 student 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 student 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 March 31st, recognition has been granted by Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing to the following organizations for this academic year. More information about these organizations is available online at ulife.utoronto.ca and at utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/

1. Activists Against Poverty in Guyana
2. Afghan Student Union
3. African Impact Initiative
4. African Students' Association
5. Agouts de Paris Musical Club
6. Amnesty International UTSC
7. Anthropology Departmental Student Association
8. Armenian Students' Association at University of Toronto
9. Arts, Culture and Media Students' Association
10. Asian Christian Fellowship
11. Association of Accountancy
12. Association of Mathematical and Computer Sciences Students
13. Association of Philosophy Students
14. Bangladeshi Students Association
15. Because I am a Girl- UTSC Chapter
16. Best Buddies UTSC Chapter
17. Biology Journal Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
18. Biology Students' Association
19. Black Students In Business
20. Black Students in Law and Policy
21. Blankets for T.O.
22. Buddhist Student Association
23. Campus Association for Baha'i Studies at the University of Toronto Scarborough
24. Campus Church
25. Cancer Society
26. CAPTURE
27. Caribbean Connections UTSC
28. Cheer Team
29. Chemistry Society UTSC
30. Chinese Entrepreneurs Group
31. Chinese Students and Scholars Association at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
32. Christ On Campus
33. Christian Unity Project
34. Christians on Campus at the University of Toronto Scarborough
35. Computer Science Enrichment Club
36. Co-op Students' Association
37. Crohn's and Colitis x UTSC
38. CS Squared
39. Cultural and Social Awareness Club
40. Data Science & Statistics Society
41. Debate Club
42. DECA UTSC
43. Digital Business Association
44. Diversity in STEM
45. EDGE UTSC Student Association/Organization
46. English Chinese Translation Studies Association
47. EnviroCare Organization
48. Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association
49. Environmental Sustainability Society
50. Falun Dafa Practice and Study Group at UTSC
51. Filipino Student Association of Scarborough
52. FOR A BETTER TOMORROW
53. For the Love of Sports at University of Toronto Scarborough
54. Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children at The University of Toronto Scarborough
55. Frontier College @ U of T Scarborough
56. Future Black Physicians
57. Future SLPs and Audiologists
58. Geography and City Studies Student Association
59. Global Brigades at the University of Toronto Scarborough
60. Global Society for Genetics and

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| 61. | Genome Biology
GLOBAL YOUTH IMPACT - UTSC
Chapter | 95. | Management Technology
Association |
| 62. | GOT7 Fan Club | 96. | Mandarin Christian Fellowship |
| 63. | Graduate Management Consulting
Association at the University of
Toronto Scarborough | 97. | Maternal And Natal Health Initiative |
| 64. | Graduate Students' Association at
Scarborough | 98. | Medical Education Initiative
Organization |
| 65. | Greek Students' Association | 99. | Medicine, Education and
Development for Low Income
Families Everywhere |
| 66. | Green Path Association | 100. | Mental Unity Group |
| 67. | Hack The Valley | 101. | Molecular Biology & Immunology
Students Association |
| 68. | Health and Beauty UTSC | 102. | Music 303 |
| 69. | Health and Society Students'
Association | 103. | Na Ma Na Cinema |
| 70. | Health Humanities Student Society | 104. | Natyam UTSC |
| 71. | Health Occupation Students of
America UTSC | 105. | New Democratic Students of
Scarborough |
| 72. | Hidden Politics | 106. | Novelty: The Cantonese Students'
Association |
| 73. | Hindu Students' Council | 107. | Oncology Research Association |
| 74. | Historical and Cultural Studies
Student Association | 108. | Orthodox Christian Student
Association |
| 75. | Human Concern UTSC | 109. | Pakistani Students Association |
| 76. | Human Resources Alliance | 110. | Political Science Student
Association |
| 77. | I.F Dance Crew | 111. | Power to Change-UTSC |
| 78. | Indian Students Association | 112. | Pre-Optometry Students
Association |
| 79. | Indonesian Students' Association | 113. | Pre-Pharmacy Student Association
UTSC |
| 80. | International Development
Conference at UTSC | 114. | Pre-Psychiatry Student Association |
| 81. | International Development Studies
Students' Association | 115. | Pre-Vet Outreach |
| 82. | Iranian Students' Organization | 116. | Project START! Science |
| 83. | Islamic Relief at UTSC | 117. | Promotion of Animal Welfare
Student Society of U of T |
| 84. | Jack.org at the University of
Toronto Scarborough | 118. | Psychological Health Society |
| 85. | Korea Fever UTSC | 119. | Psychology and Neuroscience
Departmental Association |
| 86. | Law and Business Association | 120. | Regenesis Scarborough |
| 87. | Law Society of UTSC | 121. | Relay For Life UTSC |
| 88. | Let's Talk Science | 122. | Retail and Sales Club |
| 89. | Linguistics Student Association | 123. | Rise Dance Company |
| 90. | LIVE Competition | 124. | Rotaract Club at the University of
Toronto Scarborough |
| 91. | LoveWorld Campus Ministry | 125. | Scarborough Campus Archery Club |
| 92. | Management and Economics
Students' Association | 126. | Scarborough Campus Hockey
Players Association |
| 93. | Management Chinese
Undergraduates Society | | |
| 94. | Management Sales Group | | |

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| 127. | Scarborough Campus Tabletop Club | 158. | The University of Toronto
Scarborough Alzheimer's Society |
| 128. | Scarborough Chinese Christian
Fellowship | 159. | The UTSC Human Concern
International for Orphans |
| 129. | Scarborough Ismaili Students'
Association | 160. | Translation Studies & Career Path
Association |
| 130. | Scarborough Model United Nations
Conference | 161. | Turkish Students' Association |
| 131. | Scarborough Pre-Med Society | 162. | Twelve65 |
| 132. | Scinapse at University of Toronto
Scarborough | 163. | UGotThisUTSC |
| 133. | South Asian Student Associations | 164. | United Team for Fusion in Study
and Entertainment |
| 134. | South Asian Women's Society | 165. | University Bible Fellowship |
| 135. | Spanish Student Organization (SSO)
- UTSC | 166. | University of Toronto Alpine Ski
Team |
| 136. | Sports and Business Association | 167. | University of Toronto Carpe Diem
Arts Troupe |
| 137. | STEM Fellowship Student
Association | 168. | University of Toronto Cricket Board |
| 138. | Student Life Chat | 169. | University of Toronto Scarborough
Card Games Club |
| 139. | Students for She's The First Chapter | 170. | University of Toronto Scarborough
Students for Life |
| 140. | Students of English Literature and
Film at UTSC | 171. | University of Toronto Scarborough
Vietnamese Students Association
(UTSVA) |
| 141. | Students of Sociology at University
of Toronto Scarborough Campus | 172. | UofT Talents |
| 142. | Students Supporting UHN | 173. | UTSC Catholic Chaplaincy |
| 143. | Sustainable Development Network
(SDN) | 174. | UTSC Conservatives |
| 144. | Sustainable Innovation Group | 175. | UTSC Counterpose |
| 145. | Synapse: Transmitting Awareness in
Neuropathology | 176. | UTSC Cricket Club |
| 146. | Teamfight UTSC | 177. | UTSC Drama Society |
| 147. | Thaqalayn Muslim Association | 178. | UTSC Glee Club |
| 148. | The Blood Donors Student
Association at UTSC | 179. | UTSC Good2Talk |
| 149. | The Citizens Foundation | 180. | UTSC Green Party Association |
| 150. | The French Department Student
Association/ L'Association des
Studiants du departement francais | 181. | UTSC Ice Skating |
| 151. | The Hang Out UTSC Student Group | 182. | UTSC Improv |
| 152. | The Marketing Group | 183. | UTSC Japanese Student Community |
| 153. | The Olive Branch of Hope x UTSC | 184. | UTSC Jewish Student Life |
| 154. | The Shoebox Project for Women | 185. | UTSC Muslim Students' Association |
| 155. | The University of Toronto
Scarborough Dragon Boat Team | 186. | UTSC Parks Canada Club |
| 156. | The University of Toronto
Community Connect | 187. | UTSC Pre-Dental Society |
| 157. | The University of Toronto Hong
Kong Student Club | 188. | UTSC Shinerama |
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| | | 190. | UTSC Swim Club |
| | | 191. | UTSC Trivia and Entertainment Club |
| | | 192. | UTSC Visual Arts Club |
| | | 193. | UTSC Women's and Trans Centre |
| | | 194. | UTSC Young Liberals |

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| 195. | Virtual Study Room | 202. | Women In Politics |
| 196. | Voice to Them UTSC | 203. | World Politics Club |
| 197. | Water.Org University of Toronto
Scarborough Chapter | 204. | World University Service of Canada |
| 198. | Window Seat Collective | 205. | Yayra Si Youth Foundation Canada |
| 199. | Women and Trans Centre | 206. | Yellow Duck Association |
| 200. | Women in Business Association | 207. | Young Leaders in Public Health and
Medicine - UTSC |
| 201. | Women in Computer Science,
Statistics and Mathematics | 208. | Youth 4 Youth |
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Recognition Denied

As of March 31st, 2021, 0 student groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of March 31st, 2021, 0 student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

Recognition Statistics for Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing (as of March 31st, 2021)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: 226

Recognition Granted: 209

Recognition Denied: 0

Recognition Withdrawn: 0

Application Terminated: 0

Application Withdrawn by Student Group: 3

Applications under Review: 14

Applications from New Student Groups: 65

Applications from Student Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: 161

Membership Data¹:

Cumulative Total Number of Members of All Scarborough Campus Recognized Student Groups: 8,460

Average Number of Members per Scarborough Campus Student Group: 40

Number of Scarborough Campus Student Groups with Fewer than 20 Members: 136

Number of Scarborough Campus Groups with 20 to 100 Members: 57

Number of Scarborough Campus Groups with Greater than 100 Members: 19

¹ Membership figures are provided by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. Membership numbers include U of T students, staff, faculty, and alumni, and external community members. Student membership numbers are not reported separately.