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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, University of Toronto Scarborough

**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. UTSC Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 3, 2021)
2. **University Affairs Board [For Information] (May 25, 2021)**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The report is presented annually to the Board.

**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 at the University of Toronto Scarborough for the 2020-21 academic year.

There are 209 groups listed in this report that have been granted recognition, including 65 new group applications and 161 returning group applications.

Student group membership data provided in this report shows that:

- the cumulative number of UTSC members of all recognized student groups is 8,460; and
- the average number of UTSC members per group is 40.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The report is presented for information only.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

UTSC Recognized Student Groups, 2020-2021



To: Members of the University Affairs Board

From: Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Experience and Wellbeing

Date: May 4, 2021

Subject: UTSC Recognized Student Groups, 2020-21

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The size and diversity of the student community at the University of Toronto Scarborough 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.

At the University of Toronto Scarborough, 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 at the University of Toronto Scarborough 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 31, 2021, recognition has been granted by the 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](http://ulife.utoronto.ca) and at <https://www.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<br>GLOBAL YOUTH IMPACT - UTSC<br>Chapter                                   | 95.  | Management Technology<br>Association   |
| 62. | GOT7 Fan Club   | 96.  | Mandarin Christian Fellowship  |
| 63. | Graduate Management Consulting<br>Association at the University of<br>Toronto Scarborough | 97.  | Maternal And Natal Health Initiative   |
| 64. | Graduate Students' Association at<br>Scarborough  | 98.  | Medical Education Initiative<br>Organization                                 |
| 65. | Greek Students' Association   | 99.  | Medicine, Education and<br>Development for Low Income<br>Families Everywhere |
| 66. | Green Path Association  | 100. | Mental Unity Group   |
| 67. | Hack The Valley   | 101. | Molecular Biology & Immunology<br>Students Association                       |
| 68. | Health and Beauty UTSC  | 102. | Music 303  |
| 69. | Health and Society Students'<br>Association   | 103. | Na Ma Na Cinema  |
| 70. | Health Humanities Student Society   | 104. | Natyam UTSC  |
| 71. | Health Occupation Students of<br>America UTSC   | 105. | New Democratic Students of<br>Scarborough                                    |
| 72. | Hidden Politics   | 106. | Novelty: The Cantonese Students'<br>Association                              |
| 73. | Hindu Students' Council   | 107. | Oncology Research Association  |
| 74. | Historical and Cultural Studies<br>Student Association                                    | 108. | Orthodox Christian Student<br>Association                                    |
| 75. | Human Concern UTSC  | 109. | Pakistani Students Association   |
| 76. | Human Resources Alliance  | 110. | Political Science Student<br>Association                                     |
| 77. | I.F Dance Crew  | 111. | Power to Change-UTSC   |
| 78. | Indian Students Association   | 112. | Pre-Optometry Students<br>Association  |
| 79. | Indonesian Students' Association  | 113. | Pre-Pharmacy Student Association<br>UTSC                                     |
| 80. | International Development<br>Conference at UTSC   | 114. | Pre-Psychiatry Student Association   |
| 81. | International Development Studies<br>Students' Association                                | 115. | Pre-Vet Outreach   |
| 82. | Iranian Students' Organization  | 116. | Project START! Science   |
| 83. | Islamic Relief at UTSC  | 117. | Promotion of Animal Welfare<br>Student Society of U of T                     |
| 84. | Jack.org at the University of<br>Toronto Scarborough                                      | 118. | Psychological Health Society   |
| 85. | Korea Fever UTSC  | 119. | Psychology and Neuroscience<br>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<br>Toronto Scarborough                    |
| 91. | LoveWorld Campus Ministry   | 125. | Scarborough Campus Archery Club  |
| 92. | Management and Economics<br>Students' Association   | 126. | Scarborough Campus Hockey<br>Players Association                             |
| 93. | Management Chinese<br>Undergraduates Society  |      |  |
| 94. | Management Sales Group  |      |  |

127. Scarborough Campus Tabletop Club
128. Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship
129. Scarborough Ismaili Students' Association
130. Scarborough Model United Nations Conference
131. Scarborough Pre-Med Society
132. Scinapse at University of Toronto Scarborough
133. South Asian Student Associations
134. South Asian Women's Society
135. Spanish Student Organization (SSO) - UTSC
136. Sports and Business Association
137. STEM Fellowship Student Association
138. Student Life Chat
139. Students for She's The First Chapter
140. Students of English Literature and Film at UTSC
141. Students of Sociology at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
142. Students Supporting UHN
143. Sustainable Development Network (SDN)
144. Sustainable Innovation Group
145. Synapse: Transmitting Awareness in Neuropathology
146. Teamfight UTSC
147. Thaqaayn Muslim Association
148. The Blood Donors Student Association at UTSC
149. The Citizens Foundation
150. The French Department Student Association/ L'Association des Etudiants du departement francais
151. The Hang Out UTSC Student Group
152. The Marketing Group
153. The Olive Branch of Hope x UTSC
154. The Shoebox Project for Women
155. The University of Toronto Scarborough Dragon Boat Team
156. The University of Toronto Community Connect
157. The University of Toronto Hong Kong Student Club
158. The University of Toronto Scarborough Alzheimer's Society
159. The UTSC Human Concern International for Orphans
160. Translation Studies & Career Path Association
161. Turkish Students' Association
162. Twelve65
163. UGotThisUTSC
164. United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
165. University Bible Fellowship
166. University of Toronto Alpine Ski Team
167. University of Toronto Carpe Diem Arts Troupe
168. University of Toronto Cricket Board
169. University of Toronto Scarborough Card Games Club
170. University of Toronto Scarborough Students for Life
171. University of Toronto Scarborough Vietnamese Students Association (UTSVA)
172. UofT Talents
173. UTSC Catholic Chaplaincy
174. UTSC Conservatives
175. UTSC Counterpose
176. UTSC Cricket Club
177. UTSC Drama Society
178. UTSC Glee Club
179. UTSC Good2Talk
180. UTSC Green Party Association
181. UTSC Ice Skating
182. UTSC Improv
183. UTSC Japanese Student Community
184. UTSC Jewish Student Life
185. UTSC Muslim Students' Association
186. UTSC Parks Canada Club
187. UTSC Pre-Dental Society
188. UTSC Shinerama
189. UTSC Stem Cell Club
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<br>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<br>Medicine - UTSC |
| 201. Women in Computer Science,<br>Statistics and Mathematics | 208. Youth 4 Youth   |
|   | 209. Yusra Mental Health                                   |

## Recognition Denied

As of March 31, 2021, no student groups have been denied recognition.

## Recognition Withdrawn

As of March 31, 2021, no student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

## Recognition Statistics for University of Toronto Scarborough (as of March 31, 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 Data<sup>1</sup>:

Cumulative Total Number of Members of All UTSC Recognized Student Groups: **8,460**

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**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.