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**TO:** UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 6

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, UTSC (2021-22)

**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. This report is submitted to the University Affairs Board for information.

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

1. **Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 9, 2022)**
2. University Affairs Board [For Information] (June 1, 2022)

**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 2021-2022 academic year.

- There are 207 groups listed in this memorandum that have been granted recognition from a total of 78 new group applications and 151 returning group applications

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

- The cumulative number of UTSC members of all recognized campus 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.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

From: Sheila John, Acting Dean, Student Experience and Wellbeing

Date: May 9, 2022

Subject: Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, UTSC (2021-22)

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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.

### The Student Groups portfolio

- Website Revamp
- Streamline the recognition process

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 virtually) and build trust with student leaders. This year they were able to meet with close to **90%** percent of groups, despite low student engagement in events throughout portions of the year (prohibition on on-campus student group events). This percentage is higher to that of years previous is largely due to the resumption of full staffing in this portfolio (return to August 2019 levels) who were able to take on that work. The team had more time to get through and initiate these meetings with groups while in-person events were put on hold in the fall term, and January – February 2022.

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 May 31, 2022.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2021-22 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, 2022, 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](http://ulife.utoronto.ca) and at [utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/](http://utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/)

1. Afghan Student's Association
2. African Students' Association
3. Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Student Association
4. Amnesty International UTSC
5. Anthropology Departmental Student Association
6. Asian Christian Fellowship
7. Association of Accountancy
8. Association of Philosophy Students
9. Because I am a Girl- UTSC Chapter
10. Best Buddies UTSC Chapter
11. Biology Journal Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
12. Biology Students' Association
13. Black Students In Business
14. Black Students in Law and Policy
15. Blankets for T.O.
16. Bound to Books UTSC
17. Buddhist Student Association
18. Cake n' Bake
19. Campus Church
20. CAPTURE
21. Caribbean Connections UTSC
22. Charitable Organization of the Speech and Auditory Disorders (University of Toronto)
23. Cheer Team
24. Chemistry Society UTSC
25. Chinese Entrepreneurs Group
26. Chinese Students and Scholars Association at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
27. Christians on Campus at the University of Toronto Scarborough
28. Co-op Students' Association
29. Come Hang and Interact, Learn and Live
30. Computer Science Enrichment Club
31. Consulting as Career
32. Counterpose
33. Cultural and Social Awareness Club
34. Data Science & Statistics Society
35. Debate Club
36. Diversity in STEM
37. EDGE UTSC Student Association/Organization
38. Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders Association
39. Entrepreneurship Association
40. EnviroCare Organization
41. Environmental and Physical Sciences

- Students' Association
42. Falun Dafa Practice and Study Group at UTSC
  43. Filipino Student Association of Scarborough
  44. FOR A BETTER TOMORROW
  45. For the Love of Sports at University of Toronto Scarborough
  46. Friends of Medecins Sans Frontieres / Doctors Without Borders
  47. Friends of Pallium India
  48. Frontier College @ U of T Scarborough
  49. Future Black Physicians
  50. Future SLPs and Audiologists
  51. Generation Climate UTSC
  52. Geography and City Studies Student Association
  53. Global Health Initiative Student Association
  54. GLOBAL YOUTH IMPACT - UTSC Chapter
  55. GlobalMedicUTSC
  56. Graduate Management Consulting Association at the University of Toronto Scarborough
  57. Green Path Association
  58. Hack The Valley
  59. Health and Society Students' Association
  60. Health Humanities Student Society
  61. Health Occupation Students of America UTSC
  62. Hindu Students' Council
  63. Horizons
  64. Humanity First Club - University of Toronto
  65. Indian Students Association
  66. Indonesian Students' Association
  67. International Development Conference at UTSC
  68. International Development Studies Students' Association
  69. Iranian Students' Organization
  70. Islamic Relief at UTSC
  71. Jack.org at the University of Toronto Scarborough
  72. Know Your Rights
  73. Korea Fever UTSC
  74. Law and Business Association
  75. Law School Preparation Group
  76. Linguistics Student Association
  77. LIVE Competition
  78. Management and Economics Students' Association
  79. Management and International Business Association
  80. Management Communications Association
  81. Management Sales Group
  82. Management Technology Association
  83. Mandarin Christian Fellowship
  84. Maternal And Natal Health Initiative
  85. Medical Education Initiative Organization
  86. Medicine, Education and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere
  87. Mental Unity Group
  88. Meraki Initiative
  89. Molecular Biology & Immunology Students Association
  90. Music 303
  91. Muslim Canadian Health Research Network
  92. Na Ma Na Cinema
  93. Neuroaxis at UofT
  94. New Democratic Students of Scarborough
  95. Novelty: The Cantonese Students' Association
  96. Oncology Research Association
  97. Open Praxis Forum
  98. Orthodox Christian Student Association
  99. Pakistani Students Association
  100. Physicians of Tomorrow
  101. Piano Duet Club
  102. Poker Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
  103. Political Science Student Association
  104. Power to Change-UTSC
  105. Pre-Optometry Students Association
  106. Pre-Pharmacy Student Association UTSC
  107. Pre-Psychiatry Student Association

108. Pre-Vet Outreach
109. Project START! Science
110. Promotion of Animal Welfare Student Society of U of T
111. Psychological Health Society
112. Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Association
113. Public Relations Association
114. Regenesi Scarborough
115. Relay For Life UTSC
116. Republic of China Student Association (ROCSAUT)
117. Rise Dance Company
118. Rotaract Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
119. Scarborough Campus Archery Club
120. Scarborough Campus Hockey Players Association
121. Scarborough Campus OUT
122. Scarborough Campus Robotics Club
123. Scarborough Campus Tabletop Club
124. Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship
125. Scarborough Ismaili Students' Association
126. Scarborough Pre-Med Society
127. Scinapse at University of Toronto Scarborough
128. South Asian Student Association
129. South Asian Women's Society
130. Spanish Student Organization (SSO) - UTSC
131. STRIVE Conference
132. Student Hideout
133. Student Life Chat
134. Students for Epilepsy Awareness
135. Students for She's The First Chapter
136. Students of English Literature and Film at UTSC
137. Students of Sociology at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
138. Students Supporting UHN
139. StudyHub
140. Sustainable Innovation Group
141. Synapse: Transmitting Awareness in Neuropathology
142. Table Tennis Club
143. TEDxUTSC
144. Thaqaalayn Muslim Association
145. The Blood Donors Student Association at UTSC
146. The Chamber
147. The Citizens Foundation
148. THE CLUB UTSC
149. The Diabetes Awareness Society
150. The French Department Student Association/ L'Association des Etudiants du departement francais
151. The Gate
152. The Hang Out UTSC Student Group
153. The Organization for Refugees and Immigrants
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 Student Group
159. Trading Society
160. Translation Studies & Career Path Association
161. Turkish Students' Association (TUSA)
162. UGotThisUTSC
163. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund UTSC
164. United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
165. University Bible Fellowship
166. University of Toronto Chill Club
167. University of Toronto Cricket Board
168. University of Toronto International Relations Student Society
169. University of Toronto Mongolian Students Association/ UTMSA
170. University of Toronto Scarborough Badminton Club
171. University of Toronto Scarborough Vietnamese Students Association (UTSVA)
172. University of Toronto Steven-Johnson Syndrome Foundation

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| 173. University of Toronto Student Association of Malayalees | 192. UTSC Rock Climbing Club                               |
| 174. UofT Arab Culture Society                               | 193. UTSC Stem Cell Club                                   |
| 175. UofT Talents  | 194. UTSC Students of Slavic Roots                         |
| 176. UTSC Bhakti Yoga Club                                   | 195. UTSC Swim Club  |
| 177. UTSC Catholic Student Chaplaincy                        | 196. UTSC Visual Arts Club                                 |
| 178. UTSC Cricket Club                                       | 197. UTSC Women's and Trans Centre                         |
| 179. UTSC Drama Society                                      | 198. UTSC Young Liberals                                   |
| 180. UTSC Football Association                               | 199. Water.Org University of Toronto Scarborough Chapter   |
| 181. UTSC Glee Club  | 200. Window Seat Collective                                |
| 182. UTSC Good2Talk Student Group                            | 201. Women in Business Association                         |
| 183. UTSC Improv   | 202. Women in Computer Science, Statistics and Mathematics |
| 184. UTSC Japanese Student Community                         | 203. World Politics Club                                   |
| 185. UTSC Jewish Student Life                                | 204. World University Service of Canada                    |
| 186. UTSC Jhalak   | 205. X-Hit Dance   |
| 187. UTSC Muslim Students' Association                       | 206. Yayra Si Youth Foundation Canada                      |
| 188. UTSC Parks Canada Club                                  | 207. Young Leaders in Public Health and Medicine - UTSC    |
| 189. UTSC Political Action Group                             |  |
| 190. UTSC Pre-Dental Student Society                         |  |
| 191. UTSC Project Sunshine                                   |  |

## Recognition Denied

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 0 student groups have been denied recognition.

## Recognition Withdrawn

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 2 student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

## Recognition Statistics for Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing (as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: 231

Recognition Granted: 207

Recognition Denied: 0

Recognition Withdrawn: 0

Application Terminated: 0



Application Withdrawn by Student Group: 2  
Applications under Review: 22  
Applications from New Student Groups: 78  
Applications from Student Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: 151

Membership Data<sup>1</sup>:

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

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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.