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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Annual Report: Recognized Student 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] (May 12, 2022)
2. **University Affairs Board [for information] (June 1, 2022)**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The report is presented annually to the Board.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

A student group seeking University recognition must submit an annual application and constitution to the UTM Centre for Student Engagement. As of April 14, 2022, for the 2021-22 academic year, there were 126 groups recognized (66 renewing, 60 new); none were refused. In addition, UTM recognizes 18 academic societies associated with academic departments and 11 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 for the University's operating budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The report is presented for information only.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

- Annual Report: Recognized Campus Groups, UTM (2021-22):



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To: Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee

From: Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs & Assistant Principal, Student Services

Date: April 20, 2022

Subject: UTM Recognized Student Groups, 2021-22

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The size and diversity of the student community on the University of Toronto Mississauga 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.

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During the 2021-2022 academic term, students continued to face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and online learning and programming. With the continued need for mostly online events, as well as online classes, many students have reached the point of zoom/online fatigue. This has led to a drop in student membership, as well as the expiration of 37 student groups. Despite this, students have also demonstrated remarkable resilience as existing groups continued to adapt and new groups were established despite the pandemic and online programming. Our numbers indicate 126 groups operated this year, compared to last year's 120.

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 University of Toronto Mississauga campus in this academic year. The student groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 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. eligibility to apply for temporary office space;
4. listings in select University directories as a University-recognized student group;
5. verification letters confirming recognition status (sometimes required by banks and other external organizations); and
6. access to other University services and resources made available from time to time.

A student organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the Centre for Student Engagement along with a copy of group's constitution, which are then assessed using the University of Toronto's criteria for student group recognition. The constitution should outline the group's purpose, objectives and procedures, address 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 April 14, 2022, recognition has been granted by The Centre for Student Engagement to the following organizations for the 2021-22 academic year. More information about these organizations is available online at [ulife.utoronto.ca](http://ulife.utoronto.ca) and <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/utm-engage/student-groups>

1. Acts of Kindness
2. African Students Association
3. Animal Rights Club
4. Association of Palestinian Students
5. Believer's LoveWorld UTM
6. Boss Women UTM
7. Canadian Asian Student Society
8. Cancer Awareness Student Organisation
9. Caribbean Connections
10. Cases Over Coffee UTM
11. Center for Student Aid – Student Group
12. Champions of Change
13. CHANNEL 6ix
14. Charitable Organization
15. Chinese Undergraduate Association
16. Christian Students at U of T
17. DECA UTM (Distributive Education Clubs of America)
18. Direct Action and Art Society
19. Diversity Business League
20. Egyptian Student Association (ESA)
21. Ek Saath
22. Enactus, University of Toronto Mississauga
23. Erindale Gaming Organization
24. Erindale Punjabi Association
25. eSports
26. Étudiants Francophones de UTM
27. Filipino Student Association
28. Formula 1 Paddock Club
29. Generation Climate
30. Global Kitchen
31. Google Developer Student Clubs UTM
32. Health, Law and Business Association at UTM
33. UTM HOSA (Health Organization)
34. Humanitarian Club
35. Indian Students Association
36. Indonesian Student Association at University of Toronto
37. Innovation Development Endorsement Association
38. Law and Commerce Association
39. Lebanese Student Association
40. Let's Get Together
41. Life-Science Student Connection
42. MEDLIFE UTM
43. Mending Minds

44. Menstruation Redefined UTM
45. Microbiology Club
46. Middle Eastern Students' Association
47. Miscarriages of Justice
48. Mood Psychology@UTM
49. Muslim Students' Association
50. Mutual Cultural Clothing Club
51. NuMonic Dance Team
52. Operation Smile
53. OUT@UTM
54. Paleontology Club
55. Physics Club
56. Ping Pong Club
57. Pre-Law Organization
58. Project Sunshine UTM
59. Promoting Effective Studying
60. Ready Our Youth
61. Regenesiis
62. Restorative Justice Student Network
63. Robotics Club
64. ROCSAUT (Republic of China Student Association at the University of Toronto)
65. Sending Sunshine Chapter
66. Singaporean Malaysian Student Association
67. Skills & Thrills Association
68. Social Justice Club
69. Society and Economics Student Association of the University of Toronto (SEAUT)
70. South Asian Students Association
71. Student for Free Tibet
72. Sustainability Consulting Group
73. Teaching And Education Studies Association
74. Team Care-a-Medics
75. Tennis Players Association
76. Thaqaalayn Muslim Association UTM
77. The Bhakti Yoga Club
78. The Citizens Foundation
79. The Energy Network
80. U of T Figures and Models Club
81. UNICEF UTM
82. UNITED IMMIGRANTS
83. University of Toronto at Mississauga Mandarin International-student Christian Fellowship
84. University of Toronto Erindale Hong Kong Student Association
85. University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Black Literature Club
86. University of Toronto Mississauga Black Students Association
87. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Brigades
88. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Health Organization
89. University of Toronto Mississauga Martial Arts Club
90. University of Toronto Mississauga Pixels Club
91. University of Toronto Mississauga Sikh Student Association

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| 92. University of Toronto Professional Writing Student Association | 110. UTM NextGen Lifeline                          |
| 93. University of Toronto-Mississauga Mooting and Law Association  | 111. UTM Pre-Optometry Club                        |
| 94. UTM Archery  | 112. UTM Psych Talks                               |
| 95. UTM Book Discovery   | 113. UTM Rotaract Club                             |
| 96. UTM Cafe Lo-fi   | 114. UTM Science Careers Committee - Student Group |
| 97. UTM Campus Christian Fellowship - Student Group                | 115. UTM Scribes                                   |
| 98. UTM Campus Conservatives                                       | 116. UTM Socialist Club                            |
| 99. UTM Capital Management   | 117. UTM Stem Fellowship - Student Chapter         |
| 100. UTM Catholic Students Club                                    | 118. UTM Students for life                         |
| 101. UTM Charity Fashion Show                                      | 119. UTM Study Club                                |
| 102. UTM Dance Team  | 120. UTM Taylor Swift Society                      |
| 103. UTM Fashion Club  | 121. UTM Vietnamese Student Association            |
| 104. UTM For the People  | 122. Warmworkers UTM                               |
| 105. UTM Investment Club   | 123. Women in Law                                  |
| 106. UTM Italian Students Association                              | 124. Women in Science and Computing                |
| 107. UTM Linguistics League  | 125. Young Leaders of Public Health and Medicine   |
| 108. UTM Minorities in Law and Society                             | 126. Zero Waste University of Toronto Mississauga  |
| 109. UTM Mock Trial Club   |  |

## **Recognition Denied**

As of April 14, 2022 zero student groups have been denied recognition.

## **Recognition Withdrawn**

As of April 14, 2022 two student groups have had recognition withdrawn.



## **Recognition Statistics for University of Toronto Mississauga (as of April 14, 2022)**

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total Number of Applications: 128

Recognition Granted: 126

Recognition Denied: 0

Recognition Withdrawn: 2

Application Terminated: 0

Application Withdrawn by Student Group: 2

Applications under Review: 0

Applications from New Student Groups: 60

Applications from Student Groups Seeking Renewal of Recognition: 66

Membership Data<sup>1</sup>:

Cumulative Total Number of Members of All UTM Recognized Student Groups: 7,843

Average Number of Members per UTM Student Group: 62

Number of UTM Student Groups with Fewer than 20 Members: 50

Number of UTM Groups with 20 to 100 Members: 57

Number of UTM 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.

## 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.

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:

1. Department of Visual Studies and Student Society
2. English & Drama Students Society
3. Erindale Biology Society
4. Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
5. Forensics Society
6. Historical Studies Society at UTM
7. ICCIT Council
8. Institute of Management & Business Association (IMI Business Association)
9. Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
10. Philosophy Academic Society
11. Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
12. Psychology Assoc of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
13. Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
14. Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)
15. Undergraduate Economics Council (ECS)
16. UTM Anthropology Society (UTMAS)
17. Master of Management and Professional Accounting (MMPA)
18. Language Studies Academic Society

Total number of academic societies: 18

## 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:

1. Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS)
2. Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
3. CFRE Radio 91.9M
4. Medical Society
5. Sexual Education & Peer Support Centre
6. The Medium
7. UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)
8. UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
9. UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
10. UTM Students' Union (UTMSU)
11. Women's Centre

Total number of Recognized UTM affiliates: **11**