



FOR INFORMATION PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

**TO:** University Affairs Board

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**PRESENTER:** See Sponsor

**DATE:** February 22, 2023 for March 1, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5 (a)

#### **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Advice from the Council on Student Services (CSS)

#### JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 4 of the *Terms of Reference* provides that the University Affairs Board is responsible for "policy of a non-academic nature and matters that directly concern the quality of student and campus life". Under Section 5, the Board is responsible for compulsory non-academic incidental fees for the University, as well as St. George and University-wide student services and co-curricular programs, services, and facilities.

Student services; co-curricular programs, services, and facilities; and compulsory non-academic incidental fees for UTSC are among the areas within the responsibility of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee (CAC).

#### **GOVERNANCE PATH:**

- 1. UTSC Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (February 9, 2023)
- 2. University Affairs Board [For Information] (March 1, 2023)
- 3. UTSC Campus Council [For Information] (March 8, 2023)
- 4. Executive Committee [For Information] (March 21, 2023)

## PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Vice-Provost, Students last reported advice from CSS to the University Affairs Board on March 3, 2022.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

# CSS was presented the following proposals from the administration for the 2023-2024 budget year:

# Increase Health & Wellness Service Fee from \$79.35 (\$15.87 part-time) per session to \$84.99 (\$17.00 part-time) per session

Pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between The University of Toronto, The Students' Administrative Council, The Graduate Students' Union and The Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students for a Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-tuition Related Fees (the Protocol), the administration has presented plans to the UTSC CAC which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

# Increase Athletics and Recreation Fee from \$144.51 (\$28.90 part-time) per session to \$149.23 (\$29.85 part-time) per session

Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration has presented plans to the UTSC CAC which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

# Increase Career Services Fee from \$90.64 (\$18.13 part-time) per session to \$91.59 (\$18.32 part-time) per session

Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration has presented plans to the UTSC CAC which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

# Increase Academic Support Fee from \$53.45 (\$10.69 part-time) per session to \$54.20 (\$10.84 part-time) per session

Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration has presented plans to the UTSC CAC which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

# Decrease Student Buildings Fee from \$32.42 (\$6.48 part-time) per session to \$31.85 (\$6.37 part-time) per session

Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration has presented plans to the UTSC CAC which include a request for a permanent fee decrease.

# Increase Other Student Services Fee from \$20.35 (\$4.07 part-time) per session to \$20.39 (\$4.08 part-time) per session

Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration has presented plans to the UTSC CAC which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

See cover sheet for item 5 (b) on this agenda.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This memorandum is presented for information.

# **DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

Advice on Fees and Operating Plans from the Council on Student Services (CSS)





**TO:** Members of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Neel Joshi, Dean of Student Experience and Wellbeing

**DATE:** February 09, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Advice on Fees and Operating Plans from the Council on Student

Services (CSS)

Included in this package are the proposed Operating Plans and proposed Fees for the UTSC Student Experience and Wellbeing for 2023-24. These Fees are subject to the provisions of the *Policy on Ancillary Fees*, the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*, and the *Memorandum of Agreement between The University of Toronto, The Students' Administrative Council, The Graduate Students' Union and The Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students for a Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-tuition Related Fees* (generally known as the *Protocol on Non-Tuition Fees* or simply the *Protocol*).

The following UTSC-related Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees are subject to the three policies listed above and are charged to students via their student accounts on ROSI:

Health and Wellness Service Fee Athletics & Recreation Fee UTSC Career Services Fee Academic Support Fee Student Buildings Fee Other Student Services Fee

The *Protocol* makes provision for the establishment of a body at UTSC which considers proposals for changes to, or the introduction of, fees covered by the *Protocol* prior to the consideration of these fees by the Governing Council. This body, named the Council on Student Services (CSS) was established by the former Scarborough College Council, with the agreement of the Scarborough College Students' Union. The *Protocol* also requires that the advice of CSS shall be conveyed to the Governing Council.

The "advice" is interpreted to mean the decisions of CSS on the proposals made by the administration to CSS (i.e., approval of a proposal, a rejection of a proposal, an absence of a decision following a proposal being made, etc.). Following the consideration of the administration's proposals by CSS, the administration lists the resolutions considered, the decisions, and the details of the voting in a memorandum to CAC. This memorandum delineates the advice to CAC. The *Protocol* also requires that this summary be forwarded to the chair of CSS "in sufficient time to allow representation to be made by the [CSS] to [CAC]."

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The Operating Plans and budgets have been prepared with input from the directors and managers of the units, from student users of the services, from various advisory and governing bodies, and from CSS (prior to the point when the Plans were considered by CSS).

According to the terms of the *Protocol*, if CSS approves an increase to, or the establishment of, a fee, or if the relevant students approve of such an increase or new fee by referendum, the Governing Council may approve the increase or fee, without restriction on the amount.

If CSS does not approve a fee increase, the administration is entitled to seek approval by the CAC of a maximum of: (a) a permanent fee increase of the lesser of the consumer price index (CPI) increase or the University of Toronto index (UTI) increase; and (b) a temporary increase of the greater of the CPI increase or the UTI increase.

The CPI for this year is 3.20%.

### CSS Advice on Operating Plans, Budgets and Fees

For the operating plans, budgets and associated compulsory non-academic incidental fees to be approved by CSS, they require the support of a majority of students present at the meeting when the votes are held, as well as a majority of the Council overall.

At the CSS budget vote meeting, the administration made six proposals to CSS encapsulated in the six resolutions listed below.

The outcome of each vote is provided below for the information of members of the Campus Affairs Committee (CAC).

#### 1) Health and Wellness Service Fee

Proposed Resolution:

Be it resolved,

THAT CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 7.11% in the Health and Wellness Service Fee, from \$79.35 to \$84.99 per full-time student per session (\$15.87 to \$17.00 per part-time student per session)

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 11 (4 admins, 7 students) Opposed: 0 (0 admins, 0 students) Abstentions: 1 (0 admins, 1 student)

**Resolution Result: PASS** 

#### 2) Athletics and Recreation Fee

Proposed Resolution:

Be it resolved,

THAT CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 3.27% in the Athletics and Recreation fee, from \$144.51 to \$149.23 per full-time student per session (\$28.90 to \$29.85 per part-time student per session)

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 11 (4 admins, 7 students) Opposed: 0 (0 admins, 0 students) Abstentions: 1 (0 admins, 1 student)

**Resolution Result: PASS** 

### 3) Career Services Fee

Proposed Resolution:

Be it resolved,

THAT CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 1.05% in the Career Services Fee, from \$90.64 to \$91.59 per full-time student per session (\$18.13 to \$18.32 per part-time student per session)

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 11 (4 admins, 7 students) Opposed: 0 (0 admins, 0 students) Abstentions: 1 (0 admins, 1 student)

**Resolution Result: PASS** 

### 4) Academic Support Fee

Proposed Resolution:

Be it resolved,

THAT CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 1.40% in the Academic Support Fee, from \$53.45 to \$54.20 per full-time student per session (\$10.69 to \$10.84 per part-time student per session)

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 11 (4 admins, 7 students)

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Opposed: 0 (0 admins, 0 students) Abstentions: 1 (0 admins, 1 student)

**Resolution Result: PASS** 

### 5) Student Buildings Fee

Proposed Resolution:

Be it resolved,

THAT CSS approve a permanent year over year decrease of 1.76% in the Student Buildings Fee, from \$32.42 to \$31.85 per full-time student per session (\$6.48 to \$6.37 per part-time student per session)

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 11 (4 admins, 7 students) Opposed: 0 (0 admins, 0 students) Abstentions: 1 (0 admins, 1 student)

**Resolution Result: PASS** 

## 6) Other Student Services Fee

Proposed Resolution:

Be it resolved,

THAT CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 0.21% in the Other Student Services Fee, from \$20.35 to \$20.39 per full-time student per session (\$4.07 to \$4.08 per part-time student per session)

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 11 (4 admins, 7 students) Opposed: 0 (0 admins, 0 students) Abstentions: 1 (0 admins, 1 student)

**Resolution Result: PASS** 

Sincerely,

Neel Joshi

Dean of Student Experience and Wellbeing