



**FOR INFORMATION**

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**TO:** University Affairs Board

**SPONSOR:** Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students

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**PRESENTER:** See Sponsor

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

**AGENDA ITEM:** 6(a)

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Advice from the Council on Student Services (COSS)

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The University Affairs Board is responsible for policy and operational matters concerning student services, including levels of service offered, fees charged, and categories of users. Section 5.2.1 of the *Terms of Reference* provides that the Board approves fees for St. George and University-wide student services.

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

- 1. University Affairs Board [For Information] (March 1, 2023)

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

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

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

At its meeting held on February 7, 2023, COSS considered the operating plans and fees of Student Life, the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education: Sport and Rec, and Hart House.

The resolutions for approval of the plans and fees of Student Life (Health & Wellness) and Hart House received the support of the majority of students present and voting. 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 will present plans which include a request for permanent fee increases.

The resolutions for approval of the plans and fees of Student Life (Student Services) and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education: Sport and Rec did not receive the support of the majority of students present and voting. Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration will present plans which include a request for permanent and temporary fee increases.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

Recommendations for approval of each division's operating plans and budgets are outlined in the documentation provided to the University Affairs Board. The proposed operating plans and budgets meet the requirements for approval by the Governing Council, pursuant to the *Protocol* and are presented for approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This memorandum is presented for information.

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

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



TO: Members of the University Affairs Board

FROM: Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students

DATE: February 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Advice on Fees and Operating Plans from the Council on Student Services (COSS)

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Included in this package are detailed annual reports and operating plans for St. George campus and University-wide co-curricular services for 2023-24. The operating plans and budgets have been prepared with input from the managers of the services, from student users of the services, from various advisory and governing bodies, and from the Council on Student Services (COSS) established under 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*).

Pursuant to the *Protocol*, a key duty of COSS is to provide advice to University Affairs Board (UAB) in respect of the services' operating plans, budgets and changes in fees governed by the *Protocol*. Decisions of COSS (i.e., approval or the absence of approval) related to operating plans and fees are conveyed to the UAB when the service's plan is under consideration by the Board. If COSS does not approve a fee increase, the administration is entitled to seek approval by the UAB based on two indices.

This memorandum summarizes the outcomes of COSS's consideration of the operating plans and budgets.

### **COSS Voting on Operating Plans, Budgets, and Fees**

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

At its meeting held on February 7, 2023, COSS considered the four resolutions listed below. The results of each vote are provided for the information of members of the Board.

**1. Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education: Sport and Rec 2023-24 Operating Plans and Budget**

Be it Resolved,

THAT the 2023-24 operating plans and budget for the Sport and Rec at the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, as presented in the documentation from Beth Ali, Executive Director, Athletics & Physical Activity, be approved;

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$212.03 (\$42.41 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$11.26 (\$2.26 for a part-time student) or 5.61%; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$24.60 (\$4.92 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$1.31 (\$0.26 for a part-time student) or 5.61%.

**The vote on the resolution was as follows:**

In favour: 5 (including 0 students)

Opposed: 6 (including 6 students)

Abstentions: 0

**Resolution Failed**

**2. Hart House 2023-24 Operating Plans and Budget**

Be it Resolved,

THAT the 2023-24 operating plans and budget for Hart House, as presented in the documentation from Sherry Kulman, Interim Warden, be approved;

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$119.53 (\$23.91 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$6.77 (\$1.36 for a part time student) or 6%; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$3.67 (\$0.74 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$0.21 (\$0.04 for a part time student) or 6%.

**The vote on the resolution was as follows:**

In favour: 12 (including 6 students)

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

**Resolution Passed**

**3. Division of Student Life 2023-24 Operating Plans and Budget: Health & Counselling Fee**

Be it Resolved,

THAT the 2023-24 operating plans and budget for Student Life, recommending an increase in the Health & Counselling fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus to be increased to \$91.14 (\$18.23 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$3.78 (\$0.76 for a part-time student) or 4.33%, as presented in the documentation from David Newman, Executive Director, Student Experience, be approved.

**The vote on the resolution was as follows:**

In favour: 12 (including 6 students)

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 (including 1 student)

**Resolution Passed**

**4. Division of Student Life 2023-24 Operating Plans and Budget: Student Services Fees**

Be it Resolved,

THAT the 2023-24 operating plans and budget for Student Life, recommending an increase in the Student Services fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus to be increased to \$109.16 (\$21.83 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$4.47 (\$0.89 for a part-time student) or 4.27%.

**The vote on the resolution was as follows:**

In favour: 7 (including 1 student)

Opposed: 3 (including 3 students)

Abstentions: 0

**Resolution Failed**