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AGENDA ITEM: 6(a)

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Operating Plans for the St. George Campus Services: 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.

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"), approved by Governing Council on October 24, 1996, the Council on Student Services (or the relevant body within a division of the University) reviews in detail the annual operating plans, including budgets and proposed compulsory non-academic incidental fees, and offers its advice to University Affairs Board on these plans.

According to the terms of the Protocol, the Council on Student Services considers proposals for the increase, decrease, introduction or elimination of compulsory non-academic incidental fees covered by the Protocol. In the absence of approval by COSS (or by referendum), the Governing Council may approve (a) permanent increases in existing fees by a percentage less than or equal to the lesser of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase or the University of Toronto Index (UTI) increase; and (b) temporary increases in existing fees by a percentage less than or equal to the greater of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase or the University of Toronto Index (UTI) increase.

#### PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Vice-Provost, Students, last reported to the Board on the advice from COSS on March 23, 2004.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

A matter concerning the membership of COSS is discussed.

A majority of student representatives present and voting at the meeting of COSS held on March 8, 2005, voted in favour of the operating plans and budgets for the Student Services (St. George Campus) and Health Services (St. George Campus). A majority of the student representatives present and voting did not support the proposed operating plans and budgets for the Faculty of Physical Education and Health: Co-curricular Programs, Services and Facilities; Hart House; and Student Affairs (St. George Campus).

### FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

Recommendations for approval of each of the services' operating plans and budgets are outlined in the enclosed documentation. Revised operating plans are presented for Student Affairs (St. George Campus) and the Faculty of Physical Education and Health: Co-curricular Programs, Services Facilities. The proposed operating plans and budget for Hart House, despite the absence of an approval by COSS, meet the criteria for approval by the Governing Council pursuant to the Protocol and are presented for approval.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is presented for information only.