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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report: Recognised Student Groups, UTSC, 2023-24

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.

Section 5.6 of the University Affairs Board *Terms of Reference* states that "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."

Section III(c) of the [Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups](#) (2020) states that "All administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition will be reported regularly to the University Affairs Board for information."

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **Campus Affairs Committee [for information] May 6, 2024**
2. University Affairs Board [for information] May 29, 2024

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The 2022-23 Annual Report for Recognized Student Groups was received by the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee, on May 10, 2023.

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 2023-24 academic year.

- There are 269 groups listed in this memorandum that have been granted recognition from a total of 52 new group applications and 271 returning group applications.

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

- The cumulative number of UTSC members of all recognized student groups is 7,154.
- The average number of UTSC members per group is 27.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no significant implications for the University's operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The report is presented for information only.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Memo: Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, UTSC, 2023-2024, dated May 6, 2024



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

From: Neel Joshi, Dean of Student Experience & Wellbeing

Date: May 6, 2024

Subject: University of Toronto Scarborough, Recognized Student Groups, 2023-24

The size and diversity of the student community on the University of Toronto – 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 of Toronto 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 to foster 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.

2023/24 Student Groups Portfolio

- New timeline for Renewal and Recognition (Implemented May 2023) - Alignment amongst all three campuses on the recognition period for student groups.
- Increased in number of Clubs Fairs (Increased from 4 in 2022-23, to 6 in 2023-24) - Club fair days were offered over the span of two months at the beginning of each semester to connect to students looking for community on campus.
- Implementing a Club Leaders Retreat (Summer 2023) - In the summer Student Life Programs hosted a two-day student leadership retreat for student executives. Content included event planning, risk management, and networking amongst student leaders.

Changes to the timeline for renewal and recognition were made to encourage groups to be recognized during the first two months of each semester, then staff can focus on supporting groups with their

programming (bookings and risk assessment) for the remainder of their year. The increased number of Clubs Fairs provided groups with more opportunities to showcase their programming, and events and visibility for students at large to join a group. Lastly, a Club Leaders Retreat ran in August 2023 to build the leadership skills for club executives and build community and collaboration between all clubs. It had a great turn out and response and it is planned to offer it an annual event for Club Leaders.

In accordance with the University's *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups (the Policy)*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for groups based on the University of Toronto Scarborough campus in this academic year. The student groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2024.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2023-24 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 Student Life Department 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 April 12, 2024, recognition has been granted by the Student Life Department to the following 269 student organizations for the 2023-24 academic year. More information about these organizations is available online at sop.utoronto.ca and www.utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/student-groups/:

1. ACE
2. Afghan Student’s Association
3. African Impact Initiative
4. African Students’ Association
5. Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Student Association
6. AIESEC Toronto
7. Anthropology Departmental Student Association
8. Armenian Students’ Association (ASA)
9. Arts, Culture, and Media Departmental Student Association (ACMSA)
10. Asian Christian Fellowship
11. Association of Accountancy
12. Association of Mathematical and Computer Science Students (AMACSS)
13. BalanceLifestyle
14. Balkan Students’ Association (UTSC BSA)
15. Bangladeshi Students’ Association UTSC (BSAUTSC)
16. Because I am a Girl- UTSC Chapter
17. Best Buddies UTSC Student Chapter
18. Biology Students’ Association
19. Black Students In Business
20. Blankets for T.O.
21. Brazilian Student Association University of Toronto Scarborough (BRASA UTSC)
22. BreakThru
23. Buddhist Student Association (BSA)
24. Builders Campus Fellowship
25. Business in Europe Association (BEA)
26. Campus Church
27. Carpe Diem Dance Club
28. Carrom Strikers Society (C Strikers)
29. Charitable Organization of the Speech and Auditory Disorders
30. Chemistry Students’ Society UTSC (CSU)
31. Chinese Language And Culture Club
32. Chinese Students and Scholars Association at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
33. Chinese Undergraduate Association
34. Christian Student Group at UTSC
35. Collaborative Realm for Entrepreneurship, Academia, and Technology Exchange (C.R.E.A.T.E.)
36. Computer Science Enrichment Club (CSEC)
37. Congolese Student Association
38. Co-op Students’ Association
39. Corporate strategy & Commercial resources (C&C)
40. Cortex Collective (CC)
41. CounterPose
42. Crochet and Knit
43. Crochet Club (CC)
44. Data Science and Statistics Society (DS3)
45. Dialogues at 1265
46. Diversity in STEM
47. Égouts de Paris Musical Club
48. Emergency Medical Response Group
49. Entrepreneurship Association
50. EnviroCare Organization (ECO)
51. Environmental and Physical Sciences Students’ Association
52. Eye Health and Vision Student’s Association
53. Filipino Student Association of Scarborough
54. FinTech Society (FTS)
55. First Generation Students’ Association (FGSA)
56. Food and Culture Association (FCA)
57. Food Security Analytica
58. Future Biotech (FuBi)
59. Future Black Physicians
60. Future SLPs and Audiologists
61. Generation Screwed – University of Toronto Scarborough (Student Group)

62. Geography and City Studies Students Association (GCSA)
63. Global Citizen Student Club
64. Google Developer Student Club (GDSC) - UTSC
65. Graduate Management Consulting Association at the University of Toronto Scarborough Student Club
66. Greek Student Association (GSA)
67. Green Path Association
68. Gym Girlies
69. Hack The Valley
70. Happy Hearts (H.H)
71. Health and Society Students' Association
72. Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
73. Heart Student Association (HSA)
74. Hindu Students' Council
75. HOUSE OF OLIVES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
76. Human Resources Alliance
77. Humanity First Club – University of Toronto (HF UofT)
78. Indian Students' Association (ISA)
79. Indonesian Students' Association
80. International Development Conference
81. International Development Studies Students' Association (IDSSA)
82. International Scientists and Biomedical Research Association (ISBRA)
83. International Students at the University of Toronto (IS@UofT)
84. Investment Society (IS)
85. Islamic Relief: UTSC Student Chapter
86. Jack.org UTSC Student Chapter
87. Journalism Student Association
88. Kavkaz and Eastern European Students Association (KEESA UTSC)
89. Koats of Kids
90. Korean Organization of Students (KOS)
91. Law and Business Association
92. Law Society of UTSC Student Group
93. Linguistics Student Association (LSA)
94. Literary Society for Students (LSS)
95. Management and Economics Students' Association
96. Management and International Business Association
97. Management Consulting Group
98. Management Sales Group
99. Management Technology Association (MTA)
100. Mandarin Christian Fellowship
101. Maternal And Natal Health Initiative
102. Medical Education Association (MEA)
103. Medicine, Education, and Development for Low-Income Families Everywhere (MEDLIFE)
104. Men Of Valor (MOV)
105. Middle Eastern Student Society
106. Middle Eastern Students' Association (MESA)
107. Migraine Awareness and Support (MASA)
108. Mission Impossible Student Association UTSC
109. Mixed Martial Arts Club
110. Molecular Biology & Immunology Students' Association (MIMSA)
111. Muslim Advocacy Group (MAG)
112. Neuroaxis at the University of Toronto Chapter
113. NeuroVerse Society (NVS)
114. No-Gi Jiu Jitsu Club (NGJ)
115. Novelty: The Cantonese Students' Association
116. Open Praxis Forum (OPF)
117. Organization of Latin-American Students UTSC
118. Pakistani Students Association
119. Palestinian Culture Club (PCC)
120. Physicians of Tomorrow
121. Pledge for Pages (P4P)
122. Political Science Students' Association
123. Power to Change
124. Pre-Optometry Students Association
125. Pre-Pharmacy Student Association (PPSA)
126. Prestige – Student Fashion Association of UTSC (PSFAU)
127. Promotion of Animal Welfare Student Society of U of T
128. Psychological Health Society
129. Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Students' Association (PNDA)
130. Radio FWD
131. Rare Diseases Foundation (RDF)
132. RegenesiS Scarborough
133. Relay For Life UTSC Student Chapter
134. Retro Gaming Student Club UTSC
135. Rise Dance Company
136. Rotaract UTSC Student Chapter
137. RunningStars Run Club
138. Scarborough Bookworms Society (SBS)
139. Scarborough Campus Archery Club
140. Scarborough Campus Hockey Players Association (SCHPA) - Student Group
141. Scarborough Campus OUT
142. Scarborough Campus Residence Council
143. Scarborough Campus Students' Union
144. Scarborough Campus Tabletop Club
145. Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship (SCCF)
146. Scarborough College Athletics Association (SCAA)
147. Scarborough Graduate Students' Association
148. Scarborough Hub for Innovation and Public Policy
149. Scarborough Ismaili Students' Association
150. Scarborough Pre-Med Society
151. Scarborough Student Chess Club (SSCC)
152. Scinapse at University of Toronto Scarborough
153. Scleroderma United for Students at UTSC (SUUTSC)
154. Self Improvement Club
155. Socialist Reading Group
156. Société Francophone (SFR)
157. Sociology Students' Association University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
158. Software Skills and Project Development Association
159. South Asian Mental Wellness Association

- (SAMWA)
160. South Asian Women's Society
 161. Spanish Student Organization (SSO) – UTSC
 162. Step It Up Committee
 163. STRIVE CONFERENCE 2023
 164. Student Led Neuroscience Research
 165. Student Managed Fund (SMF)
 166. Students for Epilepsy Awareness
 167. Students for Seniors' Mental Health (SSMH)
 168. Students for Shelters UTSC
 169. Students of English Literature and Film
 170. Students with a Testimony
 171. StudyHub UTSC Student Club
 172. Swab the World UTSC
 173. Symbiosis Biology Journal Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
 174. Synapse: Transmitting Awareness in Neuroscience (SYNAPSE)
 175. Syzygy Production Lab (SZG)
 176. Taiwan Republic of China Student Association at the University of Toronto (ROCSAUT)
 177. Tamil Students' Union (TSU)
 178. Taoism Students Association
 179. Teamfight UTSC Student Group
 180. TEDxUofTScarborough (Student-Led)
 181. Thaqalayn Muslim Association
 182. The Blood Donors Student Association at UTSC
 183. The Citizens Foundation – University of Toronto Scarborough Student Chapter (TCF UTSC)
 184. The Critical Student Collective
 185. The Crypto Corner
 186. The Dance Party Club UTSC (DCPUTSC)
 187. The Diabetes Awareness Society
 188. The French Department Student Association
 189. The Holistic Sustainable Development Network International U of T student group
 190. The Journal of Natural Sciences (JNS)
 191. The Living Word Community (TLWC)
 192. The Marketing Group (TMG)
 193. The Mental Unity Group (TMUG)
 194. The Miracle Movement University of Toronto Chapter
 195. The Neuroscience Foundation (NF)
 196. The Punjabi Students Association (TPSA)
 197. The Punjabi Students Association (TPSA)
 198. The Refugees and Immigrants Organisation
 199. The Road
 200. The Underground
 201. The University of Toronto Hong Kong Student Club (UTHKSC)
 202. The University of Toronto Scarborough Alzheimer's Society Student Group
 203. The UTSC Student Dragon Boat Team Crimson Dragons
 204. The Volleyball Club (The VBC)
 205. threads
 206. Translation Studies & Career Path Association (TSCPA)
 207. Twelve65
 208. U of T Rubik's Cube and Puzzles Club (URPC)
 209. United for Literacy Student Group at UTSC
 210. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: University of Toronto Scarborough Student Chapter (UNICEF UTSC)
 211. United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
 212. United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
 213. University Bible Fellowship (UBF)
 214. University of Toronto 021 Entrepreneurs Student Group
 215. University of Toronto Asian Student Alliance (UofT Asian Alliance)
 216. University Of Toronto Jhalak Student Club
 217. University of Toronto Real Estate Association
 218. University of Toronto Scarborough Badminton Club (UTSCBC)
 219. University of Toronto Scarborough Cheerleading Student Group
 220. University of Toronto Scarborough Chess Tournament Club (UTSC Chess Club)
 221. University of Toronto Scarborough Cryptocurrency Community (UTSC CC)
 222. University of Toronto Scarborough Student Tennis Club (UTSC Student Tennis Club)
 223. University of Toronto Scarborough Vietnamese Students Association (UTSC VSA)
 224. University of Toronto Scarborough's Robotics Student Association (UTSCRoSA)
 225. University Of Toronto Scarborough Turkish Student Association (TUSA)
 226. University of Toronto Student Association of Malayalees (UTSAM)
 227. University of Toronto Table Tennis Team – Scarborough Campus Student Group (U4TSC)
 228. University of Toronto Young Liberals Student Group
 229. University of Toronto's Accessibility Awareness Club (UTAAC)
 230. University of Toronto's Black Psychology Student Association
 231. Unwind
 232. UofT Drag Club (DC)
 233. UofT Thunder Club
 234. UTSC Charity Fashion Show Club
 235. UTSC Chinese International Volunteer Organization
 236. UTSC Chinese Investment club (TCI)
 237. UTSC Chinese Students Art Troupe (UTSCCSAT)
 238. UTSC CRICKET CLUB
 239. UTSC Drama Society
 240. UTSC Fitness Club
 241. UTSC Food Education Initiative Club
 242. UTSC Glee Club
 243. UTSC Golf Club (SCGC)
 244. UTSC Good2Talk Student Group
 245. UTSC Improv Student Group (UTSCI)
 246. UTSC Japanese Student Community

- 247. UTSC KPOP Student Group
- 248. UTSC Micrologic Club
- 249. UTSC Muslim Students' Association
- 250. UTSC Parks Canada Club
- 251. UTSC Pre-Dental Students' Society
- 252. UTSC Project Sunshine Student Chapter
- 253. UTSC Psi Chi Honour Society
- 254. UTSC SCC (STUDENT CRYPTO COMMUNITY)
- 255. UTSC Student Debate Club (UTSCDC)
- 256. UTSC Student Rock Climbing Club
- 257. UTSC Swim Club
- 258. UTSC Women and Trans Centre
- 259. UTSC Young Liberals Student group
- 260. VAW Global UTSC Student Chapter

- 261. Visible Women
- 262. Visual Arts Club
- 263. Web 3 Student Group at University of Toronto (W3B)
- 264. Women in Business Association (WIBA)
- 265. Women in Computer Science, Statistics and Mathematics
- 266. World is Moe the Second (WIM II)
- 267. X-Hit Dance Club
- 268. Yayra Si Youth Foundation Canada
- 269. Yoga and Meditation Association at UofT

Recognition Denied

As of April 12, 2024, no student groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of April 12, 2024, no student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

Recognition Statistics for UTSC (as of April 12, 2024)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total number of applications: 289

Recognition granted: 269

Recognition withdrawn: 0

Recognition denied: 0

Applications withdrawn by the student group: 0

Applications terminated by the University: 0

Applications under review: 20

Membership Data¹:

Cumulative total number of members of all Scarborough Campus recognized student groups: 7,154

Average number of members per Scarborough Campus recognized student group: 27

Number of Scarborough Campus groups with fewer than 20 members: 186

Number of Scarborough Campus groups with 20 to 100 members: 64

Number of Scarborough Campus groups with greater than 100 members: 19

¹ Membership figures are provided by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. Membership numbers may include U of T students, staff, faculty, librarians, and alumni, as well as external community members. Student membership numbers are not reported separately.