

FOR RECOMMENDATION

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TO:	UTSC Campus Affairs Committee
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DATE:	January 27, 2025, for February 5, 2025
AGENDA ITEM:	5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: SCSU UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.1. of the *Terms of Reference* provides that student societies and compulsory non-academic incidental fees are within the responsibility of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee. Sections 5.4.1. and 5.4.2 state that fees for UTSC representative student committees and campus student societies “are approved by the UTSC Council on the recommendation of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee”.

Student society fees are subject to the terms and conditions of the *Policy on Ancillary Fees* (Category 2.0, “Student organizations and services provided by such organizations”, and Category 3.0, “Student levies for specific, limited projects”) and the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*.

Increases that are greater than the cost of living must be supported by referendum. Other increases must be supported by a previous referendum approving the concept of annual increases by the cost of living or an explicit inflation factor. The administrative procedures are outlined in the *Handbook for Student Societies*, which is published by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **UTSC Campus Affairs Committee [For Recommendation] (February 5, 2025)**
2. University Affairs Board [For Information] (February 26, 2025)
3. UTSC Campus Council [For Approval] (March 4, 2025)
4. Executive Committee [For Confirmation] (March 25, 2025)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The UTSC Campus Affairs Committee last considered changes to the SCSU UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy on February 7, 2024.

HIGHLIGHTS:

A referendum was held from March 17 to 19, 2010, in which all UTSC undergraduate students were asked to support the establishment of the new designated portion of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union's (SCSU) fee for the UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy. The SCSU UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy was subsequently approved by the University Affairs Board on April 20, 2010.

Pursuant to the provisions of the original referendum question, which has been included in this item's documentation for reference, annual increases to the Levy of 4% over a 25-year period following the implementation of the Summer 2014 increase are required. The referendum question is considered an agreement among the students, the SCSU, and the University, in respect of the Levy.

If approved, the Levy, charged to all UTSC undergraduate students, will increase by \$8.29 per session (from \$207.23 to \$215.52) for full-time students and by \$1.66 per session (from \$41.44 to \$43.10) for part-time students; and the total fall/winter SCSU fee will increase from \$544.84 to \$553.13 per session for full-time students and from \$61.80 to \$63.46 for part-time students.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no net implications for the campus' operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Recommended:

THAT, beginning in the Summer 2025 session, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union fee be increased by \$8.29 per session (\$1.66 for part-time students) in the UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy portion of the fee.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

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From: Tim Tang, Dean of Student Experience & Wellbeing
Date: January 27, 2025
Re: Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: SCSU UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy

Overview

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Pursuant to the provisions of the original referendum question, included as Appendix A below for reference, annual increases to the Levy of 4% over a 25-year period following the implementation of the Summer 2014 increase are required. The referendum question is considered an agreement among the students, the SCSU, and the University, in respect of the Levy.

Since the beginning of the Summer 2024 session, the SCSU UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy has been \$207.23 per session for full-time students and \$41.44 per session for part-time students.

Section B, 4 of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* outlines the University's expectations regarding establishing and increasing student society fees:

Requests to change the fee collected on behalf of a student society and requests for new fees shall be approved only when evidence has been presented that the request has been authorized by due constitutional process in the organization. The procedures to request approval of a new fee or an increase to an existing fee shall be published in the Handbook for Student Societies.

Cost of Living Increases

(a) Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is not greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices for Ontario as measured by Statistics Canada (December-over-December) as of December 31 of the previous year, the request must be supported by the results of a previous referendum approving the principle of a cost-of-living adjustment. In special circumstances (e.g., when a portion of a student society fee is designated for a health plan or capital project), other inflation indexes or predetermined inflation factors may be used, provided that the request is supported by the results of a previous referendum approving the use of the specific inflation index or predetermined inflation factor.

Referendum Requirement

(a) Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices, the request must be supported by the majority of the society's members voting in a recent referendum.

Proposed Fee Increase

As in previous years, and pursuant to the provisions of the original referendum question, it is proposed that the SCSU UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy be increased by 4%, beginning in Summer 2025.

If approved, the Levy, charged to all UTSC undergraduate students, will increase by \$8.29 per session (from \$207.23 to \$215.52) for full-time students and by \$1.66 per session (from \$41.44 to \$43.10) for part-time students; and the total fall/winter SCSU fee will increase from \$544.84 to \$553.13 per session for full-time students and from \$61.80 to \$63.46 for part-time students.

Recommendation

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Appendix A: Original Referendum Question (For Reference)

Preamble

The SCSU proposes to establish a new Special Levy representing the student contribution of \$30 million (being 18% of the total \$170 million capital costs -- all costs in 2008 figures) of the Pan Am Games legacy facilities to be located on University of Toronto Scarborough and adjacent City of Toronto lands. It is well known that physical and mental wellbeing are intricately related. A major sports and recreation complex will promote wellness and a healthy lifestyle amongst our students. In recognition for this investment and in concert with other partners, UTSC students will replace the current aging Recreation Centre built 38 years ago for 4000 students with one of the best University sports complexes in Canada built to International standards. This new Sports and Recreation Complex is expected to feature, amongst other facilities:

- multi-purpose gymnasias
- fitness/cardio/weights/training centre
- sports medicine clinic
- 200 metre indoor running track
- racquet sports
- teaching studios (dance fitness/martial arts)
- 2 x 52 meter competition pool (with spectator seating)
- 10 metre dive tank
- women-only spaces

In parallel, UTSC will pursue a plan to create a self-funded, covered all-season turf field and twin ice pad multi-venue arenas, which are envisioned as an additional but complementary part of the Complex.

Special Levy

The Special Levy is to be collected on behalf of the SCSU and provided by it to the University as the full and total UTSC student capital contribution to the new Sports & Recreation Complex. It will be compulsory and will be assessed per session but only for the sessions in which a student is registered as follows:

- Beginning in the Summer 2010 session, until and including the Winter 2014 session, \$40 per full-time student, and \$8 per part-time student, both increased annually at 4%, to assist with initial capital costs. All these contributions can be credited in full toward a future Alumni membership.
- Beginning in the Summer 2014 session, until and including the Summer 2039 session, \$140 per full-time student, and \$28 per part-time student, both increased annually at 4% over the course of a 25-year mortgage period (the period over which internal and/or external University financing will be required).

The Special Levy will be subject to University approval processes and will be irrevocable, and bind SCSU and its successors and will apply to all future full and part-time students registered during the specified time-frame.

The SCSU will also work with the UTSC administration to explore expansion of student activity space on campus, including the optimization of the use and assignment of existing spaces.

Question

Are you in favour of establishing a new Special Levy as the student contribution to the UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex as set out in the preceding Preamble?