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Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, University of Toronto Mississauga

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

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 5.9 of the UTM 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 but not limited to campus police and campus organizations. These reports are submitted to the University Affairs Board for information".

Section III.c of the *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups* 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. UTM Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 7, 2025)
2. **University Affairs Board [For Information] (May 21, 2025)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

This annual report was last presented to the University Affairs Board on May 29, 2024.

HIGHLIGHTS:

A student group seeking University recognition must submit an annual application and constitution to the UTM Centre for Student Engagement. As of March 28, 2025, for the 2024-2025 academic year, there were 213 student groups recognized. No student groups were denied recognition and no groups have had recognition withdrawn.

In addition, UTM recognizes 17 academic societies, associated with academic departments, and 17 affiliated organizations that offer services to students who subsidize them (such as student governments and student-run media, for which membership is automatic and based on students' registration).

This is the first year that student group recognition will expire on July 31 instead of September 30. This amendment to the *Tri-Campus Guidelines on the Recognition of Campus Groups* was made to better support student group leadership transitions, to align with timelines associated with the Co-Curricular Record, and to grant recognition to student groups to ensure they are able to participate and support orientation programming and recruitment activities that accompanies the return to campus as the University transitions from the summer to the fall academic session.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

- University of Toronto Mississauga Recognized Student Groups, 2024-25

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee

From: Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs & Assistant Principal, Student Services

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

Subject: University of Toronto Mississauga Recognized Student Groups, 2024-25

The size and diversity of the student community on the University of Toronto Mississauga 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 organizations 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 groups 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 group 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.

In 2024-25 we saw a steady increase in student group creation and recognition, with the number of recognized student groups in 2024-25 rising to 214 compared to 140 in 2023-24. This can be attributed to a number of initiatives that were created to promote and encourage student group participation in on-campus programming, such as the availability for student group to lead events for the first time at UTM's Orientation, which took place in September 2024. The Centre for Student Engagement (CSE) worked closely on promoting and encouraging student groups to co-host and host events to welcome new students to campus and promote ways for students to find community amongst peers through Student Groups. This ability for these groups to host events and participate in fairs throughout the orientation events, also ensured that student groups were being re-recognized early, and also allowed for new groups to form creating new student groups. We have also seen an interesting increase in student groups with under 100 student participants¹. This was notable as we recognize that student

groups of smaller sizes encourage community for students in niche areas, looking for specific interests and the ability to connect with others who share these common connections for students.

The CSE continues to offer on-campus space booking privileges to recognized student groups and student group funding with the goal of providing easy and student-led ways for groups to engage with the UTM community and have access to financial supports with hosting events and providing engagement to the campus community. These efforts have also been important in driving student group creation and retention, as the increase of space usage and funding applications mirrored the rise in the number of recognized student groups.

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 student groups based on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus for the 2024-25 academic year. The student groups listed below have been granted recognition until July 31, 2025.

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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 on-campus 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 Centre for Student Engagement 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, academic societies, course unions, and departmental student associations.

Recognition Granted

As of March 28, 2025, recognition has been granted by The Centre for Student Engagement to the following organizations for the 2024-25 academic year. More information about these organizations is available online at sop.utoronto.ca.

1. A Better Day Tomorrow (ABDT)
2. A.I & Cognitive Science Association UTM (AICS)
3. ACE UTM
4. Afghan Students Association
5. African Students Association
6. Ahmadiyya Muslim Students' Association (AMSA)
7. Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Students Association (AMWSA)
8. Armenian Students Association
9. Aspiring Physicians of Tomorrow
10. Association of Palestinian Students (APS)
11. Avad Adventist Christian Fellowship
12. Bangladeshi Students' Association
13. Baptist Student Ministries UTM
14. Because I am a Girl – UTM Chapter
15. Believer's LoveWorld UTM (BLWUTM)
16. Black Future Lawyer's Club (BFL UTM)
17. Black In STEM UTM (BIS)
18. Black Literature and Arts Club
19. Canadian Asian Student Society
20. Cancer Awareness Student Organization (CASO)
21. Caribbean Connections

22. Champions of Change UTM (COCUTM)
23. Channel6ix Film Studio
24. Chemical and Physical Sciences Graduate Student Association (CPS GSA)
25. Chinese students and Scholars Association the University of Toronto Mississauga
26. Chinese Undergraduate Student Association at the University of Toronto Mississauga (CUAUTM)
27. Club Italia
28. Computer Science Student Community (CSSC)
29. CraMCATs
30. Desi Student Association (DSA)
31. DesignUTM
32. Dungeons & Dragons Club
33. Egyptian Students' Association - UTM
34. ENACTUS UTM
35. Erindale Gaming Organization
36. Erindale Music Theatre Productions (EMTP)
37. Erindale Punjabi Association (EPA)
38. EXCELLENCE (X1)
39. Feed the Future UTM
40. Filipino Student Association
41. Fintech Association (UTMFA)
42. Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders) – UTM Chapter (FoMSF-UTM)
43. Harmonix Music Club (HMC)
44. Healing Hearts Initiative (HHI)
45. Health, Law and Business Association at UTM
46. Hearts to hearts student association (HTH)
47. Hemoglobal UTM Chapter
48. Her Campus at UTM (HCUTM)
49. Humanity First UofT
50. Indian Students Association
51. Indus Hospital UTM (IH UTM)
52. Integrated Brain Research Club
53. Iranian Heritage and Culture Society
54. Iraqi Student Community at University of Toronto Mississauga (UTMISC)
55. Islamic Relief at UTM (IR UTM)
56. Japanese Association at Mississauga
57. Jewish Student Association
58. John Tuzo Wilson Geology Club (JTWGEOCLUB)
59. KJH Dance Club (KJHDC)
60. Laadliyan
61. Latin American Students' Association (LASA)
62. Law and Commerce Association

63. Lebanese Student Association
64. Lehra Ke
65. LIFT Church
66. Mandarin International Student Christian Fellowship (MICF)
67. Medicine4Youth UTM Chapter
68. Mending Minds UTM (MMUTM)
69. Menstruation Redefined UTM
70. Middle Eastern Students' Association
71. MKTGx
72. Mood Psychology@UTM
73. Muslim Students' Association
74. New World Association
75. Northern Justice Watch - UTM (NJW – UTM)
76. NuMonic Dance Team
77. Overcoming Educational Barriers (OEB)
78. Pakistan Student Association UTM (PSAUTM)
79. Pakistani-Punjabi Association (PPA)
80. Penny Appeal Advocates
81. Persian Language and Literature Club (PLLC)
82. Pet the Pets (PTP)
83. Polish Student Association at UTM
84. Polish Students' Association at UTM (UTMPSA)
85. Queer Society at UTM (QSU)
86. Raas Khelaiya
87. RCHV Creative Collective
88. Right to Play UTM
89. ROCSAUT
90. Sending Sunshine
91. Serbian Student Association UTM
92. Singaporean Malaysian Student Association (SMSA)
93. South Asians In Law
94. South Indian Student Association (SISA)
95. Start2Finish UTM (S2FUTM)
96. STEM Collaboration for Outreach, Progress, and Excellence (SCOPE)
97. Student Snack Shack (SSS)
98. Students For Action
99. Students for Campfire Circle (SFCC)
100. Students for Health Humanities UTM (SHH UTM)
101. Studio X
102. Sudanese Students' Union (SSU)
103. TEDxUofTMississauga
104. Thaqaalayn Muslim Association UTM
105. The Association for Growth and Peer Experiences (AGAPĒ)

106. The Bhakti Yoga Club
107. The Citizens Foundation UTM
108. The Energy Network
109. The Syrian Students' Association (UTMSyria)
110. The University of Toronto Mississauga Academic Trivia Club (UTMATC)
111. Turkish Students' Association at University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM TSA)
112. Ukrainian Association of UTM
113. UNICEF UTM
114. University of Toronto Mississauga Black Students' Association
115. University of Toronto Band Union
116. University of Toronto Card Game Club (UTC GC)
117. University of Toronto Erindale Hong Kong Students' Association (UTEHKSA)
118. University of Toronto Erindale Table Tennis Club (UTETTC)
119. University of Toronto Finance and Economics Association (UTCFEA)
120. University of Toronto Media Studio (UTMS)
121. University of Toronto Mississauga Neuroscience Club (UTMNC)
122. University of Toronto Mississauga Advocacy and Litigation Team
123. University of Toronto Mississauga Black Students Association (UTM BSA or BSA)
124. University of Toronto Mississauga Chemistry Club (UTMCC)
125. University of Toronto Mississauga Chinese Academic and Professional Society (UTMCAPS)
126. University of Toronto Mississauga Chinese Event (UTMCE)
127. University of Toronto Mississauga Finance Careers Club (UTMFCC)
128. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Brigades (utmgb)
129. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Health Organization (UTMGHO)
130. University of Toronto Mississauga Korean Students' Association (UTMKRSA)
131. University of Toronto Mississauga Mental Health Student Association (UTM MHSA)
132. University of Toronto Mississauga Mock Trial Club
133. University of Toronto Mississauga Neuropsychology Club (UTM NPC)
134. University of Toronto Mississauga Oncology Society (UofTMOS)
135. University of Toronto Mississauga Physics Club (UTMPC)
136. University of Toronto Mississauga Poker Club
137. University of Toronto Mississauga Pre-Medical Club (UTMPMC)
138. University of Toronto Mississauga Sikh Student Association
139. University of Toronto Mississauga Software Hub (UTMSH)
140. University of Toronto Mississauga Student Anime Network (UTM-SAN)
141. University of Toronto Mississauga Young Liberals
142. University of Toronto Social Science Student Association
143. University of Toronto-Nepali Student Association
144. UofT Competitive Programming Club (UofTCPC)
145. UofT Eritrean and Ethiopian Students' Association (UofT EESA)
146. UofT Mapping Club
147. UofT Undergraduate Research Students' Association (UTM)
148. Urbanism Club (UC)

149. UTM Accounting Society (UTM AS)
150. UTM Archery
151. UTM Art Club (UTAC)
152. UTM Barbell (UTMBB)
153. UTM Bollywood Club
154. UTM Book Discovery Club (UTMBD)
155. UTM Breaking Club
156. UTM Campus Christian Fellowship
157. UTM Campus Conservatives
158. UTM Capital (UTMCAP)
159. UTM Car Culture Club (UTMCCC)
160. UTM Catholic Students Club
161. UTM Charity Fashion Show
162. UTM Chess Club
163. UTM Climbing Club (UTMCC)
164. UTM Comedy Club
165. UTM Conservative Club
166. UTM Craft Club (CC@UTM)
167. UTM Creators Club (CC UTM)
168. UTM Cricket Club
169. UTM Crochet Club (UTMCC)
170. UTM Dance Team
171. UTM Debate Club
172. UTM Esports
173. UTM Fight for Hope (UTMFFH)
174. UTM Film Club
175. UTM Ignite!
176. UTM Karting
177. UTM KPOP + SYNIX
178. UTM Martial Arts
179. UTM MedLife
180. UTM Miscarriages of Justice (UTMMJ)
181. UTM Model Parliament
182. UTM Model United Nations (MUN)
183. UTM Moot Court Team (UTM MCT)
184. UTM Naacho (UTMN)
185. UTM NextGen Lifeline
186. UTM Paleontology Club (UPC)
187. UTM PeerMinds
188. UTM Pickleball Club (UTMPBC)
189. UTM Poetry Club (UTMPC)
190. UTM Positive Minds Club (UTMPMC)
191. UTM Pre-Dental Club (utmpdc)

192. UTM Pre-Law Organization (UTMPLO)
193. UTM Regenerative Medicine Club
194. UTM Robotics Club
195. UTM Rotaract Club
196. UTM Running Club
197. UTM Society For Algorithmic Modelling
198. UTM STEM Fellowship
199. UTM Student Society for Algorithmic Modelling
200. UTM Students for Amnesty International
201. UTM Students for Liberty (UTM SFL)
202. UTM Students for SickKids (SFS)
203. UTM Table Tennis Club (UTMTTC)
204. UTM Vietnamese Student Association
205. UTM Wildlife and Ornithology Club (UTWO)
206. UTM Women Student Association (UTM WSA)
207. UTM Women's Health & Wellness Hub
208. UTM Campus Connections (UTMCC)
209. UTMSU Salsa and Bachata (UTMSUSALBAC)
210. Welfare Avenue Toronto (WAT)
211. Women in Law Association
212. Women in Leadership (WIL)
213. Women in Science and Computing

Recognition Denied

As of March 28, 2025, 0 student groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of March 28, 2025, 0 student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

Recognition Statistics for the University of Toronto Mississauga (as of March 28, 2025)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total number of applications: 230

Recognition granted: 213

Recognition withdrawn: 0

Recognition denied: 0

Applications withdrawn by the student group: 2

Applications terminated by the University: 0

Applications under review: 15²

Membership Data¹:

Cumulative total number of members of all University of Toronto Mississauga recognized student groups: 13,628

Average number of members per University of Toronto Mississauga recognized student group: 64

Number of University of Toronto Mississauga groups with fewer than 20 members: 87

Number of University of Toronto Mississauga groups with 20 to 100 members: 89

Number of University of Toronto Mississauga groups with greater than 100 members: 38

Other Campus Student Organizations

UTM has additional student organizations that are not required to renew each year. The organizations are academic in nature, uniting students within a specific program or field of study. Though these groups do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on Recognition of Campus Groups*, they are student run with collaboration between the academic department and the elected student leaders.

All students are represented by each of the academic societies, depending on their program of study.

The list of all academic societies are listed below:

1. Department of Visual Studies and Student Society
2. English & Drama Students Society
3. Erindale Biology Society
4. Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
5. Forensics Society
6. Historical Studies Society at UTM
7. ICCIT Council
8. Innovative Business Association (IBA)
9. Language Studies Academic Society
10. Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
11. Philosophy Academic Society
12. Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
13. Psychology Association of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
14. Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
15. Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)

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

² Applications under review are contacted two times for recognition completion during their initial application period. After this, outstanding applications are contacted again once in early November, and/or once in Early January, and/or once in Mid-March to complete their recognition application.

16. Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
17. UTM Anthropology Society (UTMAS)

Total number of academic societies: 17

Recognized UTM Affiliates

UTM affiliates are groups, subsidized by students, which offer a campus service. Many students participate actively or passively with many of the services during their studies at UTM. Though these groups do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on Recognition of Groups*, they do offer a vital service to students and the broader UTM community. Members, staff, and volunteers of these organizations are students (though some professional staff are hired within the organizations as well).

The list of UTM affiliates is listed below:

1. BikeShare
2. Blue Sky Solar
3. CFRE Radio 91.9M
4. Downtown Legal Services (DLS)
5. Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
6. HOUSE Canada
7. Medical Society
8. Regenesiis
9. Sexual Education Centre
10. Students for Barrier Free Access (SBA)
11. The Medium
12. UTERN
13. UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)
14. UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
15. UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
16. UTM Students' Union (UTMSU)
17. UTM Women and Gender Equity Centre

Total number of UTM Affiliates: 17