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Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, University of Toronto Scarborough

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 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 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. UTSC Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 8, 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:

In accordance with the *Policy on Recognition of Student Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for groups based at UTSC for the 2024-25 academic year. There are 281 groups listed in this report that have been granted recognition from a total of 306 applications received (comprising new and returning groups). No student groups were denied recognition and no groups have had recognition withdrawn.

Membership data provided in this report show that the cumulative number of UTSC members of all recognized student groups is 6,043 and the average number of UTSC members per student group is 22.

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 Scarborough Recognized Student Groups, 2024-25



То:	Members of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee
From:	Tim Tang, Dean of Student Experience & Wellbeing
Date:	April 28, 2025
Subject:	UTSC Recognized Student Groups, 2024-25

The size and diversity of the student community on the UTSC 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.

At UTSC, the staff in the Student Groups Portfolio run multiple orientation sessions to help student group leaders transition successfully into their roles and to understand UTSC resources and processes for student-led programs. Additionally, staff run weekly Club Hub drop-in sessions where student group leaders have their questions answered and brainstorm problems face-to-face; these sessions also give the staff the chance to get to know the student group leaders.

This year, the Student Groups Portfolio also expanded their student group leadership training offerings to include a Clubs Leadership Retreat in August and transition workshops on leadership turnover and mitigating conflict.

In accordance with the University's <u>Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups</u> (the <u>Policy</u>), this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for student groups based on the UTSC campus for the 2024-25 academic year. The student groups listed below have been granted recognition until July 31, 2025.

This is the first year that student group recognition will expire on July 31 instead of September 30. This amendment to the <u>Tri-Campus Guidelines on the Recognition of Campus Groups</u> 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 well in advance of the very active period of

orientation programming and recruitment activities that accompanies the return to campus as the University transitions from the summer to the fall academic session.

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 Student Life Programs 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 nonprofit 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 <u>Policy</u>, 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 14, 2025, recognition has been granted by Student Life Programs to the following organizations for the 2024-25 academic year. More information about these organizations is available online at <u>sop.utoronto.ca</u> and <u>utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/campus-groups</u>.

- 1. ACE (+)
- 2. ACE
- 3. Afghan Student's Association
- 4. African Impact Initiative
- 5. African Students' Association
- 6. Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Student Association
- 7. AIESEC Toronto
- Armenian Students' Association (ASA)
- Arts, Culture, and Media Departmental Student Association (ACMSA)
- 10. ARTSIDEOUT (ASO)
- 11. Asian Christian Fellowship (ACF)
- 12. Association of Accountancy (AOA)
- 13. Association of Biology and Beyond for Students (ABBS)
- Association of Mathematical and Computer Science Students (AMACSS)
- 15. Association of Philosophy Students (APS)
- 16. Balkan Students' Association
- 17. Bangladeshi Student's Association
- 18. Because I am a Girl: Champions Of Change.
- 19. Best Buddies UTSC Student Chapter
- 20. Bets and Bluffs Poker UTSC Club
- 21. Beyond Profit (BP)
- 22. Biochemistry Student Association (BCSA)
- 23. Biodiversity and Conservation Students' Association
- 24. Biology Students' Association

- 25. Biotechnology And Computer Science Association (BACSA)
- 26. Black Students In Business
- 27. BlackBox Coding
- 28. Blankets for T.O.
- 29. BookQuest
- 30. Buddhist Student Association
- 31. Build-A-Kit (BAK)
- 32. Builders Campus Fellowship
- Business in Europe Association (BEA)
- 34. Campus Church
- 35. Capital Group (CG)
- Caribbean Community Association (CCA)
- 37. Carpe Diem Dance Club
- 38. Carrom Strikers Society (C Strikers)
- 39. Charity Fashion Show (CFS)
- 40. Chemistry Students' Society UTSC (CSU)
- 41. Child and Youth Mental Health Initiative (CYMHI)
- 42. Chinese Students and Scholars Association at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
- 43. Chinese Undergraduate Association University of Toronto Scarborough
- Christian Student Group at UTSC (CSUTSC)
- 45. Collaborative Realm for Entrepreneurship, Academia, and Technology Exchange (C.R.E.A.T.E.)
- 46. Computer Science Enrichment Club (CSEC)
- 47. Cortex Collective (CC)

- 48. CounterPose
- Data Science and Statistics Society (DS3)
- 50. Desi Student Association
- 51. Dialogues at 1265
- 52. Diversity in STEM
- 53. Emergency Medical Response Group
- 54. EmpowART UTSC Student Chapter (EmpowART UTSC)
- 55. EmpowerED Collective (EEC)
- 56. Entrepreneurship Association
- 57. Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association
- 58. Ethics in Business Association (EBA)
- 59. EVOLVERE Mental Health UTSC Chapter (EMH @ UTSC)
- 60. Filipino Student Association of Scarborough (FSAS)
- 61. FinTech Society (FTS)
- 62. Food and Culture Association (FCA)
- 63. Food Security Analytica (FSA)
- 64. Food Studies Students' Association (FSSA)
- 65. Future Black Physicians
- 66. Future SLPs and Audiologists
- Generation Screwed University of Toronto Scarborough (Student Group)
- 68. Global Citizen Student Club
- 69. Google Developer Student Club (GDSC) – UTSC
- 70. Graduate Management Consulting Association at the University of Toronto Scarborough Student Club
- 71. Graduate Students Association at Scarborough
- 72. Greek Student Association (GSA)
- 73. Green Path Association
- 74. Gujarati Student Association (GSA)
- 75. Gym Girlies

- 76. Hack The Valley
- 77. Happy Hearts (H.H)
- 78. Headquarters Grooming Services
- 79. Health and Society Students' Association
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- 81. Hindu Students' Council
- 82. Historical and Cultural Studies Student Association
- 83. HOUSE OF OLIVES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
- 84. Human Anatomy Club
- 85. Human Biology Students' Association (HBSA)
- 86. Human Resources Alliance
- 87. Humanitarian Action Network of Students
- 88. Indian Students' Association (ISA)
- 89. Indonesian Students' Association
- 90. Infinite Aperture (IAP)
- 91. InnovatED
- 92. International Development Conference
- 93. International Development Studies Students' Association (IDSSA)
- 94. International Scientists and Biomedical Research Association (ISBRA)
- 95. Investment Society (IS)
- 96. Iranian Students' Organization
- 97. Islamic Relief: UTSC Student Chapter
- 98. Jack.Org Chapter at the University of Toronto Scarborough (Jack.org UTSC Chapter)
- 99. Journalism Student Association
- 100. Kavkaz and Eastern European Students Association (KEESA UTSC)
- 101. Koats of Kids

- 102. Korean Organization of Students (KOS)
- 103. Latin American Students Organization (LASO)
- 104. Law and Business Student Association
- 105. Law Society of UTSC Student Group
- 106. Let's Talk Climate
- 107. Linguistics Student Association (LSA)
- 108. Listening Party (LP)
- 109. Literary Society for Students (LSS)
- 110. Management and Economics Students' Association
- 111. Management and International Business Association
- 112. Management Consulting Group
- 113. Management Strategy Council
- 114. Management Technology Association (MTA)
- 115. Mandarin Christian Fellowship
- 116. Maternal And Natal Health Initiative
- 117. Mature and Transitional Year Program Students Association (M &TYPA)
- 118. Medical Education Association (MEA)
- 119. Medicine, Education, and Development for Low-Income Families Everywhere (MEDLIFE)
- 120. Medicine4Youth @ UTSC Student Chapter(M4Y@UTSC)
- 121. Meeting Individuals to Network, Grow, Learn and Engage (MINGLE)
- 122. Merge & Acquisition (M&A)
- 123. Middle Eastern Students' Association (MESA)
- 124. Mission Impossible Student Association UTSC
- 125. Mixed Martial Arts Club (SCMMA)
- 126. Molecular Biology & Immunology Students' Association (MIMSA)

- 127. Muslim Mental Health Association (MMHA)
- 128. Muslims in Academia UTSC: Student Chapter
- 129. NeuroVerse Society (NVS)
- 130. Novelty: The Cantonese Students' Association
- 131. Orphan Care Initiative (OCI)
- 132. Palestinian Culture Club (PCC)
- 133. Physicians of Tomorrow
- 134. Pledge for Pages (P4P)
- 135. Poet's Circle
- 136. Political Science Students' Association
- 137. Politics Unveiled (PLUN)
- 138. Power to Change
- 139. Pre-Optometry Students Association
- 140. Pre-Pharmacy Student Association (PPSA)
- 141. Prestige Student Fashion Association of UTSC (PSFAU)
- 142. Product Lab
- 143. Psychological Health Society
- 144. Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Students' Association (PNDA)
- 145. Quant, Artificial Intelligence, and Fintech Society (QAIFS)
- 146. Radio FWD
- 147. Rare Disease Foundation (RDF)
- 148. Regenesis Scarborough
- 149. Relay For Life UTSC Student Chapter
- 150. Retro Gaming Student Club UTSC
- 151. Revolutionary Communist Party -UTSC Chapter
- 152. Rise Dance Company
- 153. Rotaract UTSC Student Chapter
- 154. RunningStars Run Club
- 155. Scarborough Bookworms Society (SBS)

- 156. Scarborough Campus Archery Club
- 157. Scarborough Campus OUT (SC:OUT)
- 158. Scarborough Campus Residence Council
- 159. Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)
- 160. Scarborough Campus Tabletop Club
- 161. Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship (SCCF)
- 162. Scarborough College Athletics Association (SCAA)
- 163. Scarborough Go Club (SGC)
- 164. Scarborough Graduate Students' Association
- 165. Scarborough Hub for Innovation in Public Policy (SHIPP)
- 166. Scarborough Ismaili Students' Association
- 167. Scarborough Origami Club (SOC)
- 168. Scarborough Pre-Med Society
- 169. Scarborough Student Chess Club (SSCC)
- 170. Scarborough Table Tennis Society (STTS)
- 171. Science Colloquium (SciCol)
- 172. Scleroderma United Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough (SUUTSC)
- 173. Sisters of Sumaiya (SofS)
- 174. Société Francophone (SFR)
- 175. Society for Innovation at the Intersection of Natural and Artificial Intelligence (SIINAI)
- 176. Sociology Students' Association
- 177. Software Skills and Project Development Association
- 178. South Asian Women's Society
- 179. South Indian Student's Association (SISA)
- 180. Student Association for Geriatric Empowerment (SAGE) UTSC

- 181. Student Managed Fund (SMF)
- 182. Students Against Global Femicide (SAGF)
- 183. Students for Epilepsy Awareness
- 184. Students for Seniors' Mental Health (SSMH)
- 185. Students for WCH
- 186. Students of English Literature and Film
- 187. Students with a Testimony
- 188. Sustainable Innovation Group (SIG)
- ${\scriptstyle 189.}$ Swab the World UTSC
- 190. Synapse: Transmitting Awareness in Neuroscience (SYNAPSE)
- 191. Syzygy Production Lab (SZG)
- 192. Taiwan Republic of China Student Association at the University of Toronto (ROCSAUT)
- 193. Tamil Students' Union (TSU)
- 194. Tamils in Finance x UTSC Student Chapter
- 195. TechFounders Club UofT
- 196. TEDxUofTScarborough (Student-Led)
- 197. Thaqalayn Muslim Association
- 198. The Blood Donors Student Association at UTSC
- 199. The Canadian Young Economic Forum (CYEF)
- 200. The Crypto Corner (TCC)
- 201. The Diabetes Awareness Society
- 202. The Gospel of Jesus Christ Campus Fellowship
- 203. The Journal of Natural Sciences (JNS)
- 204. The Marketing Group (TMG)
- 205. The Mental Unity Group (TMUG)
- 206. The Miracle Movement University of Toronto Chapter
- 207. The Nutrition Network

- 208. The Punjabi Students Association (TPSA)
- 209. The Scene Film Club (TSFC)
- 210. The Serpents D&D Society
- 211. The Underground
- 212. The University of Toronto Hong Kong Student Club (UTHKSC)
- 213. The UTSC Student Dragon Boat Team Crimson Dragons
- 214. The Volleyball Club (The VBC)
- 215. The Communist Party of Canada & Young Communist League of Canada UTSC Student Chapter
- 216. Tomorrownomics
- 217. Translation Studies & Career Path Association (TSCPA)
- 218. Twelve65
- 219. Type 1 Diabetes Awareness (T1DA)
- 220. United for Literacy Student Group at UTSC (UFL UTSC)
- 221. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: University of Toronto Scarborough Student Chapter (UNICEF UTSC)
- 222. United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
- 223. University Bible Fellowship (UBF)
- 224. University Of Toronto Jhalak Student Club
- 225. University of Toronto Scarborough Badminton Club (UTSCBC)
- 226. University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Fighting Game Community Club (UTSC FGC)
- 227. University of Toronto Scarborough Card Games Club
- 228. University of Toronto Scarborough Cheerleading Student Group
- 229. University of Toronto Scarborough Chess Tournament Club (UTSC Chess Club)

- 230. University of Toronto Scarborough Chinese Music Club (UTSCCMC)
- 231. University of Toronto Scarborough GO club (UTSC GO)
- 232. University of Toronto Scarborough Model UN (USMUN)
- 233. University of Toronto Scarborough Poker Club
- 234. University of Toronto Scarborough Student Tennis Club (UTSC Student Tennis Club)
- 235. University of Toronto Scarborough Table Tennis Club
- 236. University of Toronto Scarborough Turkish Students' Association (TUSA)
- 237. University of Toronto Scarborough Vietnamese Students Association (UTSC VSA)
- 238. University of Toronto Scarborough's Robotics Student Association (UTSCRoSA)
- 239. University of Toronto Student Association of Malayalees (UTSAM)
- 240. University of Toronto Table Tennis Team – Scarborough Campus Student Group (U4TSC)
- 241. University of Toronto Undergraduate Research Union
- 242. University of Toronto Young Liberals Student Group
- 243. University of Toronto's Black Psychology Student Association
- 244. UofT Drag Club
- 245. UofT Eritrean and Ethiopian Students Association (EESA) Scarborough Campus
- 246. UofT Thunder Club
- 247. UofT's Finance Time Podcast Club
- 248. UTSC Chinese Investment club (TCI)

- 249. UTSC Chinese Students Art Troupe (UTSCCSAT)
- 250. UTSC C-POP Student Band
- 251. UTSC Cricket Club
- 252. UTSC Cycling Club
- 253. UTSC Drama Society
- 254. UTSC Glee Club
- 255. UTSC Golf Club (SCGC)
- 256. UTSC Good2Talk Student Group
- 257. UTSC Hoops Club
- 258. UTSC Improv Student Group (UTSCI)
- 259. UTSC Japanese Student Community
- 260. UTSC KPOP Student Group
- 261. UTSC Latin Dance Club
- 262. UTSC Model United Nations Student Club
- 263. UTSC Muslim Students' Association
- 264. UTSC Pre-Dental Students' Society
- 265. UTSC Project Sunshine Student Chapter
- 266. UTSC Student Catholic Chaplaincy
- 267. UTSC Student Rock Climbing Club

- 268. UTSC Swim Club
- 269. UTSCards Student Club
- 270. Visual Arts Club
- 271. Web3 Student Group at University of Toronto (W3B)
- 272. Women and Trans Centre
- 273. Women in Business Association (WIBA)
- 274. Women in Computer Science, Statistics and Mathematics (WiCSM)
- 275. Women in Social Sciences and Humanities (WISSH)
- 276. Women Leaders of Afrika (WOLA)
- 277. Women's Health Network, WHN
- ^{278.} World is Moe the Second (WIM ${\ensuremath{\mathbb I}}$)
- 279. Yayra Si Youth Foundation Canada
- 280. The Citizens Foundation University of Toronto Scarborough Student Chapter (TCF UTSC)
- 281. University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network (UTERN)

Recognition Denied

As of March 14, 2025, no student groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of March 14, 2025, no student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

Recognition Statistics for UTSC (as of March 14, 2025)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total number of applications: 306

Recognition granted: 281 Recognition withdrawn: 0 Recognition denied: 0

Applications withdrawn by the student group: 0 Applications terminated by the University: 0 Applications under review: 25

Membership Data¹:

Cumulative total number of members of all UTSC recognized student groups: 6043 Average number of members per UTSC recognized student group: 22 Number of UTSC groups with fewer than 20 members: 199 Number of UTSC groups with 20 to 100 members: 69 Number of UTSC groups with greater than 100 members: 13

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.