

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
**REPORT NUMBER 121 OF**  
**THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD**

**April 28, 2004**

To the Governing Council,  
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it met on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Mr. Muhammad Basil Ahmad, Chair  
Dr. Robert M. Bennett, Vice-Chair  
Professor David Farrar, Vice Provost,  
Students  
Ms. Anne Macdonald, Director, Ancillary  
Services  
Mr. John Badowski  
Mr. Christopher M. Collins  
Dr. Shari Graham Fell  
Mr. Mike Foderick  
Ms. Margaret Hancock  
Mr. Jason Hunter  
Professor Bruce Kidd  
Ms. Karen Lewis  
Mr. Sean Mullin  
Ms. Maggy Stepanian  
Professor John Wedge

**Regrets:**

Ms. Lisa Aldridge  
Ms. Murphy Browne  
Professor Michael Marrus  
Dr. John P. Nestor  
Ms. Parissa Safai  
Ms. Rebecca Spagnolo

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Jim Delaney, Assistant Director, Student Affairs  
Mr. Darcy Griffith, Manager of Police Services, University of Toronto at Scarborough  
Mr. Daniel Hutt, Superintendent/Manager of Police Services, Campus Police  
Ms. Rae Johnson, Coordinator, Student Crisis Response Programs  
Mr. Ashley Morton, President, Students' Administrative Council  
Mr. Len Paris, Manager of Police Services, University of Toronto at Mississauga

**Non-voting Members:**

Ms. Susan Addario, Director of Student Affairs  
Professor Ron Venter, Vice-Provost, Space  
and Facilities Planning  
Professor Kwong-Loi Shun, Vice-President  
and Principal, University of Toronto at  
Scarborough

**Office of the Governing Council:**

Mr. Andrew Drummond, Secretary  
Ms. Susan Girard

ITEM 9 IS RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

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ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE REPORTED TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION

**1. Report of the Previous Meeting**

Report Number 120 of March 23, 2004 was approved.

**2. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**

**(a) Operating Plans – Service Ancillaries: Charles Street Family Residences**

The Chair noted that, at its meeting of March 23, 2004, the Board had referred the Operating Plan for the Charles Street Family Residences back to the administration, with the advice that it seek every effort to reduce the proposed rent increase and seek to maintain equity in rent increases. He then invited Professor Farrar to introduce the matter.

Professor Farrar noted that the revised proposal called for an across-the-board rent increase of 2.9% and that he was confident that the revised proposal would still allow the University to address the serious issue of deferred maintenance at the Charles Street Family Residences.

Ms. Macdonald noted that the long-term issue of financing much-needed improvements remained, and that with the lower rent increase, the operating reserves would be exhausted within two years; as a result, the Board would almost certainly be asked to look at increases in the longer term. She noted that the residence would continue to undergo the planned capital renewal and that improvements were underway already.

Members asked whether the tenants were in favour of the proposed increase. Ms. Macdonald noted that the communication between the residents and the administration had been enhanced significantly, and although rent increases were not desired, there was greater recognition of their necessity. Ms. Macdonald noted that there remained major challenges with the facility in the future.

A member congratulated all parties in arriving at a satisfactory decision.

On a motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

The 2004-2005 operating plan and budget for the Charles Street Family Residences, revised as outlined in the memorandum from Ms. Anne Macdonald dated April 19, 2004.

There was no other business arising from the Report of the previous meeting.

3. **Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: Individual Requests from Student Societies for Increases Beginning Fall, 2004**

The Chair invited Professor Farrar to introduce the requests from student societies for compulsory fee increases for the 2004-2005 academic year. He noted that the Board considered such fee increases annually and that all of the requests were supported by the individual societies. He further noted that the last proposed motion allowed for SAC Student Society fees charged to students at the University of Toronto at Scarborough to be transferred to the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) directly rather than through the Students' Administrative Council (SAC).

The Chair recognized Mr. Ashley Morton, SAC President, who noted that SAC was in support of the fee realignment. In addition, he highlighted the fact that the establishment of the 89 Chestnut Residence Fee reflected the hard work of many students in establishing a Residence Association and in working diligently to provide programming for the residents of that facility, which was completing its first year in operation as a residence. He offered his congratulations on behalf of SAC.

On a motion duly moved and seconded,

**YOUR BOARD APPROVED**

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, a new fee of \$9.00 per session be established for the 89 Chestnut Residence Council charged to residents of the 89 Chestnut Residence;

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students fee be increased by \$2.16 per session, from \$32.14 to \$34.30, charged to all part-time undergraduate students;

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, a new fee of \$5.00 per session be established for the Cardiovascular Sciences Collaborative Program Student Association charged to all students registered in Cardiovascular Sciences Collaborative Programs;

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, the Engineering Society fee be increased by \$0.60 per session, from \$87.74 to \$88.34, charged to all full-time Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering students;

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, the Graduate Students' Union fee be increased by \$4.42 per session, from \$102.47 to \$106.89, charged to all full-time School of Graduate Studies students and by \$3.24 per session, from \$18.72 to \$21.96, charged to all part-time School of Graduate Studies students;

3. THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union fee be increased by \$0.62 per session, from \$42.21 to \$42.83, charged to all
- 3. Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: Individual Requests from Student Societies for Increases Beginning Fall, 2004 (cont'd.)**

full-time University of Toronto at Scarborough students and by \$0.28 per session, from \$10.76 to \$10.92, charged to all part-time University of Toronto at Scarborough students;

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, the Students' Administrative Council (St. George Campus) fee be increased by \$2.83 per session, from \$117.51 to \$120.34, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus;

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, the Students' Administrative Council (University of Toronto at Mississauga) fee be increased by \$0.33 per session, from \$117.76 to \$118.09, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto at Mississauga Campus;

THAT beginning in the fall 2004 session, the Students' Administrative Council (University of Toronto at Scarborough) fee be increased by \$1.33 per session, from \$115.76 to \$117.09, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto at Scarborough Campus; and

THAT all fees currently charged to University of Toronto at Scarborough students on behalf of the Students' Administrative Council (with proposed increases as approved above) be henceforth charged on behalf of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, effective beginning in the fall 2004 session.

#### **4. Student Crisis Response Programs: Annual Report**

The Chair welcomed Ms. Rae Johnson, Coordinator, Student Crisis Response Programs, and invited her to make a presentation in the context of her annual report. Prior to the presentation, Professor Farrar noted that the programs provided an excellent and often necessary service that was able to respond very well to crisis situations.

Ms. Johnson gave a presentation highlighting the services provided by the Student Crisis Response Programs and summarized her Office's role in handling several real cases to provide Board members with a 'flavour' of the types of services provided. In response to questions, she noted that she and her staff were able to liaise with numerous offices not only to solve individual cases, but to help set procedures that would minimize possibilities of future crises developing and to educate individuals in the appropriate handling of future cases. Ms. Johnson further noted that she provided her services to all three campuses.

**4. Student Crisis Response Programs: Annual Report (cont'd.)**

A member asked whether the program had sufficient resources. Professor Farrar noted that funding remained a challenge, and indicated his concern that resources were low, given that the program had started as a pilot project relatively recently.

The Chair thanked Ms. Johnson.

**5. University of Toronto Police: St. George Campus Report 2003, University of Toronto at Scarborough Report 2003, University of Toronto at Mississauga Report 2003**

The Chair noted that the University Affairs Board annually received reports from the Campus Police Services. He then welcomed Mr. Daniel Hutt, Campus Police, St. George Campus; Mr. Len Paris, Campus Police, UTM; and Mr. Darcy Griffith, Campus Police, UTSC to the meeting. He then invited each of them in turn to present their annual reports.

**(a) St. George Campus**

Mr. Hutt noted that the main concern for Campus Police, in an otherwise safe community, was a significant increase in property crimes. Mr. Hutt then noted that he was pleased to report a decline in the number of hate crimes occurring on campus. He further noted that the implementation of a community service model of policing continued to provide benefits to the community and that efficiencies in training and allocation of resources continued to grow. In response to a question, he indicated that the University of Toronto Police had no desire to pursue the ability to use pepper spray, noting that in no case would it have assisted the Police.

**(b) University of Toronto at Mississauga Campus**

Mr. Paris noted that the Campus Police at the University of Toronto at Mississauga continued to deal with the implementation of the double cohort and the resulting expansion of the campus. He noted that 2003 saw the addition of a constable, with two more to be added in 2004 and 2005. He noted that the community policing model was very effective and that the main concern was property theft, especially of computers.

**(c) University of Toronto at Scarborough Campus**

Mr. Griffith noted that the Campus Police at the University of Toronto at Scarborough, like that at UTM, continued to re-evaluate its service; in particular, it had harmonized its dispatch service and its records management system with the St. George Campus Police, moves which improved both service and efficiency. He noted that because of the

temporary lack of gate controls on a remote parking lot, the incidence of car thefts had been relatively high, but that the problem had since been solved.

**5. University of Toronto Police: St. George Campus Report 2003, University of Toronto at Scarborough Report 2003, University of Toronto at Mississauga Report 2003 (cont'd.)**

Following the reports, members applauded the Police Services for their dedication and service to the University community.

**6. Student Societies: Report on Financial Statements and Internal Auditor's Opinion**

The Chair invited Professor Farrar to introduce the report on the financial statements of student societies. Professor Farrar noted that among the accountability measures put in place by the governing arrangement was a report on the financial statements of student societies along with the report of the Internal Auditor.

A member asked why the Arts and Science Students' Union (ASSU) had not reported. Mr. Jim Delaney of the Office of Student Affairs noted that a delay had occurred in the preparation of the report and that it was not yet available.

**7. Report of the Task Force on Student Housing and Administrative Response**

Professor Farrar noted that the report before members was for information, and that actions resulting from the report would be brought forward at future meetings. He then noted that housing was central to academic life at the University of Toronto, in addition to being an important tool for the recruitment of good students. He noted that the task force, struck before the advent of the double cohort, had completed its work in November of 2003, and was unanimous in supporting the report.

He noted that the Provost's response included a statement that a committee would be formed in order to develop a new housing policy in line with the report's recommendations. He further noted that recommendation 10, that every student have a residence experience, was problematic in that its implementation would be extremely costly.

A member questioned whether the task force had considered the cost of mandatory meal plans, noting that some students had complained to him of price gouging. Professor Farrar noted that although the task force had not considered the issue directly, he did note that the bulk of complaints rested on the quality of food. The same member then asked if the growth in enrolment affected rental prices in Toronto. Professor Farrar responded that the effect was probably not significant, given the significant expansion of residence spots to meet demand. The same member then asked about the state of off-campus accommodation. Professor Farrar and Ms. Addario noted that students did have the support to inform themselves about their rights as tenants.

## **8. Senior Assessor's Report**

Professor Farrar's report had been distributed to members with their agenda packages. There were no questions.

## **9. Other Business**

### **(a) Scarborough Campus Students Union: Recognition as a Representative Student Committee**

On a motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR BOARD ADDED TO ITS AGENDA

Consideration of the addition of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) as a designated student committee under the terms of the *University of Toronto Act* (1947) and continued under the terms of the *University of Toronto Act* (1971).

The Chair then invited a member to introduce the item; the member noted that the recognition of the SCSU represented a further stage in the evolution of student government at the University of Toronto and a natural outgrowth of the tri-campus model. He noted that the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) supported the recognition and felt that it could not represent undergraduate students at Scarborough as well as its mandate suggested. He noted further that full-time undergraduate students at UTSC had voted in a referendum to move towards the recognition of SCSU as a designated student committee. He noted that the initiative was fully student-driven, and had been developed for many years.

Mr. Ashley Morton, President, Students' Administrative Council, reiterated the points made by the member and noted that SAC would be unable to provide the level and scope of services that SCSU would, and that both parties recognized SAC's deficiencies regarding student representation at Scarborough. He reiterated that in his opinion, the SCSU was a competent, comprehensive and well-structured student government that could well handle the responsibilities inherent in being a designated student committee.

Professor Farrar indicated that the administration would support the recognition, but that four key points would need to be addressed: that for the purposes of the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Toronto, the Students' Administrative Council (SAC), the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) and the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS) for a Long-Term Protocol on the Increase or Introduction of Compulsory Non-Tuition Related Fees (the "Protocol"), the Students' Administrative Council should continue to represent full-time undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto at Scarborough until such time as a new or revised Protocol is approved; that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union would undertake, in consultation with the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, to address the representation of part-time undergraduate UTSC

students; that the Students' Administrative Council would undertake, in consultation with the appropriate student societies, to address the representation of University of Toronto at

**9 (a) Scarborough Campus Students Union: Recognition as a Representative Student Committee**

Mississauga students; and that the Students' Administrative Council and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union would undertake to advise the administration of their progress in addressing these matters in the Spring of 2004. Professor Farrar agreed to pass along progress reports to the Board.

Members were agreeable with these conditions.

On a motion duly moved and seconded,

**YOUR BOARD RECOMMENDS**

THAT the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) be recognized as the Representative Student Committee and primary representative body of full-time undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC);

and THAT the Governing Council cease its recognition of the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) as the Representative Student Committee of full-time undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto at Scarborough;

subject to the following conditions and expectations:

1) that for the purposes 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"), the Students' Administrative Council shall continue to represent full-time undergraduate students registered at the University of Toronto at Scarborough until such time as a new or revised Protocol is approved;

2) that the Scarborough Campus Students' Union will undertake, in consultation with the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, to address the representation of part-time undergraduate UTSC students;

3) that the Students' Administrative Council will undertake, in consultation with the appropriate student societies, to address the representation of University of Toronto at Mississauga students; and

4) that the Students' Administrative Council and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union will undertake to advise the administration of their progress in addressing these matters in the Spring of 2005.

**10. Next Meeting (Tuesday, June 1, 2004)**

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair

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