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AGENDA ITEM: #5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: Individual Requests from Student Societies for Increases Beginning Fall, 2003

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The terms of reference of the University Affairs Board provide that the Board approves the establishment of and changes to compulsory non-academic incidental fees including those collected on behalf of student societies.

The administrative procedures are outlined in the *Policy on Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and the *Handbook for Student Societies* (published by the Office of Student Affairs).

All requests for increases to fees must be supported by due constitutional and fair processes within student societies.

Increases which are greater than the cost of living must be supported by a positive result in a recent referendum. Requests for increases which are less than or equal to the cost of living must be supported by a previous referendum approving annual increases by an established inflation factor.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

Requests for changes to existing fees and/or the establishment of new fees are brought forward to the Board on a number of occasions each year. This is the second set of requests on behalf of a student societies brought forward this year.

The requests have been reviewed by the Office of Student Affairs and are recommended for approval.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The following student societies have requested the noted increases to the fees charged on their behalf by the University:

Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS): an inflationary increase in the accident and prescription drug plan portion of the fee (from \$21.64 to \$19.68 per session, including provincial sales tax). The total APUS fee would increase to \$32.14 per session in the fall and winter sessions. The accident and president drug plan portion of the APUS fee is not charged in the summer session.

Engineering Society: a cost of living increase in the society's portion of the fee (from \$19.32 to \$19.86 per session); a decrease in the Engineering Career Office portion of the fee (from \$12.50 to \$10.00 per session) with a new mandate to charge this portion of the fee through the 2004-05 fall/winter academic period; and the establishment of a new portion of the fee of \$1.00 per session for the Formula SAE Racing Team with a mandate to charge this portion of the fee through the 2004-05 fall/winter academic period. The total Engineering Society fee would decrease to \$87.74 per session. The Engineering Society fee is not charged in the summer session.

Graduate Students' Union (GSU): a cost of living increase in the society's portion of the fee (from \$26.27 to \$27.01 per session for full-time students and from \$13.14 to \$13.51 per session for part-time students); and a cost of living increase in the Canadian Federation of Students / Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario (CFS/CFS-O) portion of the fee (from \$6.27 to \$6.42 per session for full-time students and from \$3.13 to \$3.21 per session for part-time students). The total GSU fee would increase to \$102.48 per session for full-time students and to \$18.72 per session for part-time students. The supplementary health coverage portion of the fee is not charged in the summer session.

Faculty of Information Studies Student Council (FISSC): continuation of the technology upgrade fund portion of the fee through the 2004-05 fall/winter academic period. The FISSC fee would remain \$50.00 per session for full-time students and \$25.00 per session for part-time students. The FISSC fee is not charged in the summer session.

University of Toronto at Mississauga Residence Council (UTMRC): the establishment of a new fee of \$10.00 per session for the UTMRC. The fee would not be collected in the summer session.

Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU): a cost of living increase in the society's portion of the fee (from \$10.00 to \$10.28 per session for full-time students and from \$1.13 to \$1.16 per session for part-time students); a cost of living increase in the student centre portion of the fee (from \$30.33 to \$31.18 per session for full-time students and from \$9.10 to \$9.35 per session for part-time students); and continuation of the refugee student program portion of the fee (\$0.75 full-time / \$0.25 part-time) through the 2007-08 fall/winter academic period. The total SCSU fee would increase to \$42.21 per session for full-time students and to \$10.76 per session for part-time students. All portions of the SCSU fee are charged in the summer session.

Students' Administrative Council (SAC): a cost of living increase in the society's portion of the fee (from \$10.62 to \$10.92 per session); an inflationary increase in the

accident and prescription drug plan portion of the fee (from \$37.80 to \$41.58 per session, including provincial sales tax); an inflationary increase in the dental plan portion of the fee (from \$53.89 to \$59.28, including provincial sales tax); an increase in the Downtown Legal Services fee (from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per session for SAC members on the St. George Campus and from \$0.00 to \$0.50 for SAC members on the U of T at Scarborough (UTSC) and U of T at Mississauga (UTM) campuses); and the establishment of a new portion of the fee of \$0.25 per session for the U of T Environmental Resource Network. In addition, SAC is requesting that the radio portions of the SAC fees be eliminated and that: a new separate fee of \$2.50 per session (St. George) and \$0.50 per session (UTM and UTSC) be established for University of Toronto Community Radio (CIUT-FM); and that a new separate fee of \$2.00 per session (UTM only) be established for VIBE (Radio Erindale). The total SAC (St. George) fee would increase to \$117.51 per session, the SAC (UTM) fee would increase to \$117.76 per session and the SAC (UTSC) fee would increase to \$115.76 per session. Only the society's portions of the SAC fees are charged in the summer session.

Additional information is provided in the attached memorandum from Jim Delaney, Assistant Director, Student Affairs.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the University Affairs Board approve:

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students fee be increased by \$1.96 per session, from \$30.18 to \$32.14, charged to all part-time undergraduate students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Engineering Society fee be decreased by \$0.95 per session, from \$88.69 to \$87.74, charged to all full-time Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Graduate Students' Union fee be increased by \$0.89 per session, from \$101.59 to \$102.48, charged to all full-time School of Graduate Studies students and by \$0.45 per session, from \$18.27 to \$18.72, charged to all part-time School of Graduate Studies students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Faculty of Information Studies Students' Council technology upgrade fund fee of \$50 per session charged to all full-time Faculty of Information Studies students and \$25.00 per session charged to all part-time Faculty of Information Studies students be continued through the 2004-05 fall/winter academic period.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, a new fee of \$10.00 per session be established for the University of Toronto at Mississauga Residence Council charged to undergraduate residents at the University of Toronto at Mississauga.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union fee be increased by \$1.13 per session, from \$41.08 to \$42.21, charged to all full-time University of Toronto at Scarborough students and by \$0.28 per session, from \$10.48 to \$10.76, charged to all part-time University of Toronto at Scarborough students; and that the student refugee program portion of the fee of \$0.75 full-time and \$0.25 part-time be continued through the 2007-08 fall/winter academic period.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Students' Administrative Council (St. George Campus) fee be increased by \$7.72 per session, from \$109.79 to \$117.51, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Students' Administrative Council (University of Toronto at Mississauga) fee be increased by \$7.72 per session, from \$110.04 to \$117.76, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto at Mississauga Campus.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, the Students' Administrative Council (University of Toronto at Scarborough) fee be increased by \$7.72 per session, from \$106.04 to \$115.76, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto at Scarborough Campus.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, a new fee of \$2.00 per session be established for the VIBE (Radio Erindale) charged to all full-time undergraduate students at the University of Toronto at Mississauga.

THAT beginning in the fall 2003 session, a new fee of \$2.50 per session on the St. George Campus and \$0.50 per session on the U of T at Mississauga and U of T at Scarborough campus be established for the University of Toronto Community Radio (CIUT-FM) charged to all full-time undergraduate students.