

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

**REPORT NUMBER 15 OF THE CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**January 11, 2016**

To the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council, University of Toronto Scarborough

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

**Present:**

Ms Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair  
Professor Bruce Kidd, Vice-  
President and Principal, UTSC  
Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman, Chief  
Administrative Officer, UTSC  
Professor William A. Gough, Interim  
Vice-Principal (Academic) and  
Dean  
Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of  
Student Affairs, UTSC  
Ms Janet Blakely  
Mr. Harvey Botting\*  
Mr. Keith Chen  
Ms Ludmila Elias  
Ms Lydia V.E. Lampers-Wallner  
Ms Bobbi McFarlane  
Mr. Scott McRoberts  
Dr. Mandy Meriano  
Mr. James Pritchard  
Mr. Azeem Shaikh  
Dr. Helen Wu

**Non-voting Assessors:**

Ms Liza Arnason  
Ms Helen Morissette

**Secretariat:**

Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw  
Ms Rena Prashad (Parsan)

**Regrets:**

Ms Nourhan Ahmed  
Dr. Jonathan S. Cant  
Ms Kathy Fellowes  
Ms Kirsta Stapelfeldt  
Dr. Sarah D. King  
Professor Paul Kingston  
Ms Tanya Mars  
Professor Alice Maurice  
Ms Vienna Phung  
Mr. Michael Rebic  
Mr. George Quan Fun  
Mr. Achala H. Rodrigo  
Ms Kirsta Stapelfeldt

\*Telephone participant

**In attendance:**

Ms Shannon Howes, Manager, Student Policy Initiatives & High Risk  
Ms Michelle Verbrugge, Director, Student Housing & Residence Life

## **1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the first Committee meeting of the calendar year, and introduced the member who participated in the meeting by teleconference. She also welcomed the newest member of the Committee, Mr. Keith Chen and explained that a seat had become vacant as a result of Mr. Larry Whatmore's appointment to the UTSC Campus Council and that Mr. Chen had been recommended to the Committee during the nomination and appointment process.

## **2. Assessors' Reports**

The Chair invited the Assessors to present their reports.

Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman, Chief Administrative Officer, UTSC, reported that five bids for the Renovation and Expansion of the Recreation Wing (R-Wing)– the new Highland Hall project were received. He commented that the project was yet to be awarded to a bidder.

### **a. Presentation- Student Services Fees Process**

Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs, reported that the Student Services, Health and Wellness, and Athletics and Recreation fees' budgets would be presented to the Committee at its next meeting on February 8, 2016 for recommendation to the UTSC Campus Council for approval. He added that these budgets followed the Council on Student Services (CSS) process, which was governed by the *Policy on Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*, otherwise known as the "Protocol". Mr. Pouyat reported that CSS normally met from September through March, with the budget vote scheduled for the end of January, and commented that in order for the budget to pass, a simple majority vote from students was necessary. Mr. Pouyat also described the situation and process that would occur if any of the budgets failed, which was also governed under the "Protocol". He acknowledged the hard work of the campus' Financial Services Department and Department of Student Life in the process. To conclude, Mr. Pouyat reported that the Committee would also consider Student Societies Fees and the Student Housing and Residential Life ancillary operating plan at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A member asked whether student members of CSS were familiar and comfortable voting on the budgets in January when the Council primarily met between September and January. Mr. Pouyat explained that students were well prepared to vote on the budgets based on the information presented to them by the advisory committees and finance committee. In addition, Mr. Arifuzzaman added that the budgets were presented in a clear and logical format to facilitate review and analysis.

## **3. Strategic Topic: Moving the Master Plan into Secondary Planning**

The Chair invited Mr. Arifuzzaman to present the strategic topic. Mr. Arifuzzaman reported that the UTSC Campus Master Plan was approved by the Governing Council in 2011. The

Master Plan was a vision document that set out the growth plans for the campus over the next 50 years, and the secondary plan was intended to be a working document used to capture specific details outlined in the Master Plan. Mr. Arifuzzaman explained that UTSC did not operate in isolation and planning decisions were being guided by the area's Highland Creek Plan. He added that the final draft of the campus' secondary plan would require local community consultation and City approval. The presentation<sup>1</sup> included the following key points:

- The implementation of the secondary plan would develop a campus community with an academic zone, partnerships/industry zone, and residential zone at UTSC;
- Current projects in the planning stage included: a parking structure, student residence, and a hotel and conference centre;
- The general principles and vision of the secondary plan included:
  - i. To support the growth of UTSC as a mixed-use, transit supportive, and connected centre of education, research, and employment
  - ii. To permit a wide range of uses, including ancillary uses, that support the university's dynamic institutional role, and provide flexibility for growth and adaptation.
  - ii. To establish a university mixed use centre at the intersection of Military Trail and Ellesmere, and support integration with the surrounding community
  - iv. To protect and enhance the public realm and natural features on campus
  - v. To realign the Military Trail roadway in order to create a cohesive academic district that would support transit implementation.
- Some of the component to be included in the secondary plan were: movement and circulation, open space, environmental stewardship, sustainable design and land use;
- As the largest University of Toronto campus, addressing transportation issues would be critically important to the successful implementation of the secondary plan; and
- In order to move forward with the secondary plan, UTSC required support from the City to create a platform for city building in the eastern part of the GTA. Support was already present from local organizations, including the Scarborough Business Association and local rotary clubs.

In response to a question regarding the timeline for the secondary plan, Mr. Arifuzzaman reported that the campus was seeking final approval of the plan by early 2017, followed by approval of zoning amendments and urban design guidelines in spring 2017.

A member commented on the impressive outline of the secondary plan presented to the Committee and asked whether the campus received advice from external experts. Mr. Arifuzzaman reported that the campus worked with the consulting firm, Urban Strategies. However, he commented that the vision was built upon collaborative work that occurred during the consultative process which included faculty, students and staff.

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<sup>1</sup> Presentation- Strategic Topic: Moving the Master Plan into Secondary Planning

In response to a question from a member regarding the potential displacement of residents from the surrounding community during the implementation phase of the secondary plan, Mr. Arifuzzaman confirmed that the secondary plan incorporated only space and grounds that belonged to UTSC.

The Chair thanked Mr. Arifuzzaman for his presentation.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that the item requiring approval (item 4) be approved.

- 4. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 13** –Tuesday, November 17, 2015
  - 5. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**
  - 6. Date of the Next Meeting** –Monday, February 8, 2016 at 4:10 p.m.
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**7. Other Business**

No other business was raised.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair