

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

**REPORT NUMBER 200 OF  
THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD**

**May 1, 2017**

To the Governing Council,  
University of Toronto

Your Board reports that it met on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in the Debates Room, Hart House, with the following members present:

Mr. Andrew Szende, Chair  
Ms Catherine Riddell, Vice-Chair  
Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost,  
Students  
Mr. Nathan Chan  
Ms Sandy Chang  
Ms Katherine Dunlop  
Mr. Aidan Fishman  
Mr. Adam Fox  
Professor Ira Jacobs, Dean, Faculty of  
Kinesiology and Physical Education  
Professor Mark Lautens  
Professor Joseph Leydon, Chair, UTM  
Campus Affairs Committee  
Mr. Jorge May  
Mr. John F. Monahan, Warden, Hart House  
Ms Christine Moon  
Ms Sylvia Mwangi  
Mr. David Alex I. Nyikos

Mr. Ron Swail  
Mr. W. Keith Thomas  
Mr. Larry Whatmore, Chair, UTSC Campus  
Affairs Committee

**Non-Voting Assessors:**

Mr. Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs,  
University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM)  
Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs,  
UTSC  
Ms Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the  
Vice-Provost, Students and Student Policy  
Advisor

**Secretariat:**

Mr. David Walders, Secretary

**Regrets:**

Mr. Vikram Sainadh Chadalawada  
Ms Lucy Fromowitz  
Mr. Modele Kuforiji  
Ms Sherice Robertson  
Professor Elizabeth Smyth  
Professor Salvatore Spadafora  
Mr. Mark Henry Rowswell

**In Attendance:**

Ms Yolanda Alfaro, Innis College Students Society	Mr. Mike LeSage, Coordinator, Student Policy Initiatives, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students
Mr. Andrea Carter, Assistant Dean, Student Wellness, Support & Success, UTM	Mr. Mathias Memmel, University of Toronto Students Union
Ms Brienne Berry-Crossfield, University of Toronto Graduate Students Union	Mr. Ben Poynton, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Officer
Mr. Paul Faumeni, Executive Director, Digital and Creative Services	Mr. Richie Pyne, Association for Part-Time Undergraduate Students.
Ms Joan Griffin, Acting Manager, Student Policy Initiatives and High Risk	Mr. Jonathan Swyers, University of Toronto Engineering Society
Ms Mala Kashyap, Association for Part-Time Undergraduate Students.	Ms Danielle Sandu, Association for Part-Time Undergraduate Students

ITEMS 1 IS REPORTED FOR APPROVAL AND ALL OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Pursuant to section 33 (ii) of By-Law Number 2, consideration of item 1 was *in camera*.

**THE COMMITTEE MOVED *IN CAMERA*.****1. Appointment: Chair of the Complaints Resolution Council for Student Societies**

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the following individual be appointed as Chair of the Complaints Resolution Council for Student Societies, effective immediately, until June 30, 2018:

Mr. Marshall Schnapp

**The Committee returned to open session.**

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

Professor Welsh reminded members that each year, a number of student societies received compulsory non-academic incidental fees. These fees were charged to students and collected on behalf of the organizations by the University. Fee-receiving student societies were required to submit financial statements audited by a licensed accountant or seek exemption from the audit requirement. Fees were withheld from organizations that failed to submit statements until such time as the statements were received in good order. The Student Life offices on each campus worked with such organizations to ensure that proper statements were eventually received. Significant auditors' qualifications and other concerns were noted if they arose and, if appropriate, Student Life

staff worked with the society during the summer months to address the inadequacies. All outstanding 2014-15 audit reports had been received by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students, with the exception of the Student Teachers' Union. The Office of the Vice-Provost Students was working with the Student Teachers' Union to assist them in compliance with the *Policy*.

In reply to a members' question, Mr. LeSage provided details on the role of internal auditors for those student societies who apply for exemption from the audit requirement. In reply to members' questions regarding the Student Teachers' Union, Professor Welsh and Mr. LeSage report that the Union, in its current iteration, was winding down and the Office of the Vice-Provost Students would continue to work with the Union with respect to their future structure and the collection and use of fees.

### **3. Student Societies: Requests for Fee Increases**

The Chair reminded the Board that compulsory non-academic incidental fees for representative student committees and divisional Student Societies at UTM and UTSC were approved by the respective Campus Councils on the recommendation of the Campus Affairs Committees. The increases were reported to the University Affairs Board for information.

Several members raised questions and concerns related to the low voter turnout for votes on referenda to increase student society fees. Notably, discussion centred on fee increases related to the Scarborough Campus Community Radio Inc. (SCCR, also known as Fusion Radio) which, despite a significant fee increase, resulted in an eligible voter turnout of 0.6%. Mr. Whatmore indicated that discussion at the UTSC CAC meeting included the promotion of the referendum across a variety of media and that the results of the referendum were valid. Discussions also included the low voter turnout and the role of administration and student societies to improve student engagement. In the discussion that followed, Committee members raised various suggestions on approaches to increasing voter turnout and acknowledged the role and responsibility of the student society themselves to engage their membership.

#### **(a) University of Toronto Mississauga**

The requests for fee increases were approved by the UTM Campus Council on March 2, 2017 and confirmed by the Executive Committee on March 28, 2017.

#### **(b) University of Toronto Scarborough**

The requests for fee increases were approved by the UTSC Campus Council on March 1, 2017 and confirmed by the Executive Committee on March 28, 2017.

**(c) University of Toronto, St. George and Multiple-Campus**

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$5.42 per fall and winter session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee; and
- (c) an increase of \$4.53 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the Engineering Society fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of the society portion of the fee of \$0.38 per fall and winter sessions (\$0.35 part-time);
- (b) the continuation of the Blue Sky Solar Car Team portion of the fee at \$2.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (c) the continuation of the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee, and increase of \$0.35 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (d) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Concrete Toboggan Team at \$1.50 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (e) the continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee and increase of \$0.25 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (f) the continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee at \$2.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (g) the continuation of the Human Powered Vehicle Design portion of the fee and increase of \$0.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (h) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for Robotics for Space Exploration at \$1.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (i) the continuation of the University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee and increase of \$0.07 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19.
- (j) the continuation of the University of Toronto Robotics Association portion of the fee and increase of \$0.50 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the Innis College Student Society fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$3.50 per fall and winter session in the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the Master of Information Student Council and the Museum Studies Student Association fees be increased as follows:

- (a) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Tech Fund levy at \$25.00 per fall and winter session (\$12.50 part-time).

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.01 part-time);
- (b) an increase of \$0.12 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee (\$0.06 part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$0.05 per fall and winter session in the OPIRG portion of the fee (\$0.03 part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.01 part-time);
- (e) an increase of \$5.36 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full- and part-time); and
- (f) an increase of \$14.13 per fall and winter sessions in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee (\$14.18 part time<sup>1</sup>);

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU, legally the Students' Administrative Council) fees be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.37 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, the establishment of a designated Accessibility Resources Fund portion of the fee of \$0.50 per fall and winter session;
- (c) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.16 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee;
- (e) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- (f) for full-time undergraduates on the UTM Campus only, an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- (g) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.93 per session in the Student Commons portion of the fee;
- (h) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee;
- (i) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only the establishment of a designated University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee of \$2.77 per fall and winter session; and
- (j) an increase of \$6.93 per fall and winter session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee; and
- (k) an increase of \$1.45 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the Varsity Publications Inc. society fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.04 per session in the society portion of the fee.

#### **4. University's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Annual Report**

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<sup>1</sup> Owing to a student society administrative error, full-time and part-time students were charged \$137.06 and \$137.01, respectively, for the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the UTGSU fee. This year's separate increase amounts of \$14.13 and \$14.18 re-align the two fees.

Mr. Poynton offered a presentation, appended here, on the Annual Report which covered the following main points:

- All Standards as part of the *Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation* (the *Regulation*) were now in effect for the University
- Under the new requirements of the Ontario Building Code and the Design of Public Spaces Standards, the University was meeting its obligations with respect to the built environment. Initiatives were underway on all three campuses to increase accessibility within the current built environment and consider accessibility as part of the design for new construction
- To promote accessible communications, communicators, web designers and developers across the University were working to address information and communications barriers specific to web accessibility.
- As part of its outreach and training function, the AODA Office was focused on going out into the University community to assist in understanding and appreciating the requirements of the *Regulation*. This has involved in-person sessions, workshops and lunch and learns. Currently the University had various services in place to ensure accessible service was delivered, including Health and Wellbeing Programs and Services.
- Finally, the University had engaged external partners, such as the Council of Ontario Universities and the National Education Association of Disabled Students to ensure compliance with the *Regulation*.

In reply to a members' question, Professor Welsh confirmed that the increase in student engagement with Accessibility Services had largely been in the area of mental health, which could be due to a number of factors including", the reduction of stigma surrounding assistance for mental health issues and the increase in services offered to students suffering from these conditions. In reply to another members' question, Mr. Poynton confirmed that funding to increase accessibility in existing buildings on the St. George Campus was in place for the next fiscal year.

The Chair thanked Mr. Poynton for his presentation.

#### **5. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 199, March 6, 2017**

Report number 199, from the meeting of March 6, 2017 was approved.

#### **6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**

There was no business arising from the report of the previous meeting.

#### **7. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

The Chair informed members that the next meeting was scheduled for June 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

## 8. Reports of the Senior Assessor

### Departure of Ms Lucy Fromowitz:

Professor Welsh informed members that Ms Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice President, Student Life, would be moving to a new role as Vice Provost, Students at York University beginning July 1, 2017. There would be further comments about Ms Fromowitz at the next meeting the Board on June 1, 2017.

### The University's to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Professor Welsh announced that Mr. Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo had been named Director, Indigenous Initiatives at the University. In his role, Mr. Hamilton- Diabo would work towards the implementation of initiatives that support reconciliation between the University and Indigenous people and communities. Also, on display at Hart house was an installation called Words to Form, an architectural model for a potential memorial that would put the words of reconciliation into a physical form – designed by UofT student Mr. James Bird. Members were encouraged to view it. Mr. Monahan added that *Canada by Treaty: Negotiating Histories* co-curated by Laurie Bertram, Heidi Bohaker and James Bird were also on display.

### New Policy Development

Finally, Professor Welsh updated the Board on a new student leave Policy that was currently under development. The proposed *Policy*, would provide a transparent process to have students in very specific conditions step out of their registered status. Initial consultations with registrars, academic administrators, deans of students and health & wellness staff have highlighted that this would be a welcome *Policy*, in part because it provided a transparent, non-disciplinary and compassionate process for the few students in this situation every year. Work would continue on the creation of the *Policy* over the spring and summer months and would be brought forward to the Board in the Fall, 2017.

## 9. Other Business

There were no matters of other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair

May 2, 2017