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AGENDA ITEM: 7 (b)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

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”.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. UTSC Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 10, 2023)
2. **University Affairs Board [For Information] (May 31, 2023)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The report is presented annually to the Board.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In accordance with the University's *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for groups based on the UTSC campus for the 2022-23 academic year.

There are 217 groups listed in this memorandum that have been granted recognition from a total of 17 new group applications and 201 returning group applications.

Student group membership data are provided in this report revealing that the cumulative number of UTSC members of all recognized student groups is 8,605 and the average number of UTSC members per group is 39.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The report is presented for information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

University of Toronto Scarborough Recognized Student Groups, 2022-23

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

From: Neel Joshi, Dean of Student Experience & Wellbeing

Date: April 25, 2023

Subject: Scarborough Campus Recognized Student Groups, 2022-23

The size and diversity of the student community at the Scarborough 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 groups 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 organizations 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 organization 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.

2023 Student Groups Portfolio

- Changes to timeline for Renewal and Recognition
- Increase in number of Clubs Fairs
- Implementing a Club Leaders Retreat (Summer 2023)

Changes to the timeline for renewal and recognition were made to encourage groups to be recognized during the first two months of each semester, then staff can focus on supporting groups with their programming (bookings and risk assessment) for the remainder of their year. The increased number of Clubs Fairs during this return-to-in-person year provides groups with more opportunities to showcase their programming, and events and visibility for students at large to join a group. Lastly, we are looking forward to implementing a new Club Leaders Retreat this summer in hopes to build the leadership skills

for club executives and build community and collaboration between all clubs. In accordance with the University's *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups (the Policy)*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for groups based on the Scarborough campus in this academic year. The student groups listed below have been granted recognition until September 30, 2023.

All groups that have been granted recognition for the 2022-23 academic year are listed in this memorandum.

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 the Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing 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 non-profit 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 *Policy*, 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, course unions, and departmental student associations.

Recognition Granted

As of March 31, 2023, recognition has been granted by The Office of Student Experience and Wellbeing to the following organizations for the 2022-23 academic year. More information about these organizations is available online at sop.utoronto.ca:

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| 1. ACE | Association at University of Toronto |
| 2. Afghan Student's Association | Scarborough Campus |
| 3. African Impact Initiative | 27. Chinese Undergraduate Association |
| 4. African Students' Association | 28. Christians on Campus at the University of Toronto Scarborough |
| 5. Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Student Association | 29. Co-op Students' Association |
| 6. Anthropology Departmental Student Association | 30. Copts on Campus |
| 7. Armenian Student Alliance (ASA) | 31. Counterpose |
| 8. Asian Christian Fellowship | 32. Culture at UofT |
| 9. Association of Accountancy | 33. Dance The Night Away Studio (DTNA Studio) |
| 10. Association of Mathematical and Computer Science Students (AMACSS) | 34. Data Science and Statistics Society (DS3) |
| 11. Bangladeshi Students' Association UTSC (BSAUTSC) | 35. Diversity in STEM |
| 12. Because I am a Girl- UTSC Chapter | 36. Emergency Medical Response Group |
| 13. Best Buddies UTSC Chapter | 37. Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders Association |
| 14. Biology Students' Association | 38. Entrepreneurship Association |
| 15. Black Students In Business | 39. EnviroCare Organization (ECO) |
| 16. Blankets for T.O. | 40. Environmental and Physical Sciences Students' Association |
| 17. Brazilian Student Association University of Toronto Scarborough (BRASA UTSC) | 41. Etherwave Performance Hub |
| 18. BreakThru | 42. Filipino Student Association of Scarborough |
| 19. Buddhist Student Association (BSA) | 43. FinTech Society (FTS) |
| 20. Campus Church | 44. Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders |
| 21. Career Advising Group | 45. Future Black Physicians |
| 22. Charitable Organization of the Speech and Auditory Disorders (University of Toronto) | 46. Geography and City Studies Students Association (GCSA) |
| 23. Cheer Team | 47. GLOBAL YOUTH IMPACT – UTSC Chapter |
| 24. Chemistry Society UTSC (CSU) | 48. GlobalMedic UTSC (GMUTSC) |
| 25. Chinese Language And Culture Club | 49. Graduate Management Consulting |
| 26. Chinese Students and Scholars | |

- Association at the University of Toronto
Scarborough
50. Graduate Students Association at Scarborough
 51. Green Path Association
 52. Hack The Valley
 53. Health and Society Students' Association
 54. Health Occupation Students of America UTSC
 55. Hindu Students' Council
 56. Horizons
 57. Human Resources Alliance
 58. Humanity First Club – University of Toronto
 59. Humanity in Humanities (HinH)
 60. Iberoamerican Students Organization
 61. Indian Students' Association (ISA)
 62. Indonesian Students' Association
 63. International Development Studies Students' Association
 64. International Networking Club
 65. International Scientists and Biomedical Research Association (ISBRA)
 66. Iranian Students' Organization
 67. Islamic Relief at UTSC
 68. Jack.org at the University of Toronto Scarborough
 69. Know Your Rights
 70. Korea Fever UTSC
 71. Law and Business Association
 72. Law Society of UTSC
 73. Let's Talk Science (LTS)
 74. Linguistics Student Association
 75. Literary Society for Students (LSS)
 76. LIVE Competition
 77. Management and Economics Students' Association
 78. Management and International Business Association
 79. Management Consulting Group
 80. Management Technology Association Constitution
 81. Mandarin Christian Fellowship
 82. Maternal And Natal Health Initiative
 83. Medical Education Initiative Organization
 84. Medicine, Education and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere
 85. Middle Eastern Student Society
 86. Middle Eastern Students' Association (MESA)
 87. Mixed Martial Arts Club
 88. Molecular Biology & Immunology Students' Association (MIMSA)
 89. Music 303
 90. Neuroaxis at the University of Toronto Chapter
 91. North American Chinese Social Club
 92. Novelty: The Cantonese Students' Association
 93. Orthodox Christian Student Association
 94. Pakistani Students Association
 95. Physicians of Tomorrow
 96. Political Science Students' Association
 97. Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Students' Association (PCOSSA)
 98. Power to Change-UTSC
 99. Pre-Optometry Students Association
 100. Pre-Pharmacy Student Association (PPSA)
 101. Prestige - Student Fashion Organization of UTSC (PFO)
 102. Pre-Vet Outreach (PVO)
 103. Project START! Science
 104. Promotion of Animal Welfare Student Society of U of T
 105. Psychological Health Society
 106. Psychology and Mental Health Student Association
 107. Psychology and Neuroscience Departmental Students' Association (PNDA)
 108. Pursuit of Philosophy (POP)
 109. Quantitative Finance Lab
 110. Radio FWD
 111. Rare Diseases Foundation (RDF)
 112. Regensis Scarborough
 113. Relay For Life UTSC Student Chapter
 114. Rise Dance Company
 115. Rotaract UTSC Chapter
 116. Roundtable UTSC Student Club
 117. Scarborough Chinese Christian Fellowship (SCCF)
 118. Scarborough Bookworms Society (SBS)

119. Scarborough Campus Hockey Players Association (SCHPA)
120. Scarborough Campus OUT
121. Scarborough Campus Residence Council
122. Scarborough Campus Residence Council
123. Scarborough Campus Students' Union
124. Scarborough Campus Tabletop Club
125. Scarborough College Athletics Association (SCAA)
126. Scarborough Graduate Students' Association
127. Scarborough Ismaili Students' Association
128. Scarborough Pre-Med Society
129. Self Improvement Club
130. Sexual Trauma & Assault Resource Team (START - Scarborough branch of PEARS)
131. South Asian Mental Wellness Association (SAMWA)
132. South Asian Students Society
133. South Asian Women's Society
134. Spanish Student Organization (SSO) – UTSC
135. Startup Ventures Association
136. Step It Up Committee
137. Student Led Neuroscience Research
138. Student Life Chat
139. Students for Epilepsy Awareness
140. Students for Shelters UTSC
141. Students of English Literature and Film at UTSC
142. Students of Sociology at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
143. Students Supporting UHN
144. StudyHub UTSC
145. Sudanese Student Association of North America
146. Sustainable Collaboration Initiative
147. Sustainable Innovation Group
148. SYMBIO 華
149. Symbiosis Biology Journal Club at the University of Toronto Scarborough
150. Synapse: Transmitting Awareness in Neuropathology (SYNAPSE)
151. Syzygy Production Lab (SPL)
152. Taiwan Republic of China Student Association at the University of Toronto (ROCSAUT)
153. Tamil Students' Union (TSU)
154. Teamfight UTSC
155. Thaqalayn Muslim Association
156. The Blood Donors Student Association at UTSC
157. The Citizens Foundation - University of Toronto Scarborough Chapter (TCF UTSC)
158. The Critical Student Collective
159. The Diabetes Awareness Society
160. The Marketing Group (TMG)
161. The Mental Unity Group
162. The Neuroscience Foundation (NF)
163. The Refugees and Immigrants Organization
164. The Underground
165. The University of Toronto Hong Kong Student Club
166. The University of Toronto Mental Health Student Association (UofTMHA)
167. The University of Toronto Scarborough Alzheimer's Society Student Group
168. The University of Toronto Scarborough Dragon Boat Team Crimson Dragons
169. The Volleyball Club (The VBC)
170. Translation Studies & Career Path Association (TSCPA)
171. Twelve65
172. United for Literacy Student Group at UTSC
173. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund UTSC Student Club
174. United Team for Fusion in Study and Entertainment
175. University Bible Fellowship (UBF)
176. University Chess Club (UCC)
177. University of Toronto 021 Entrepreneurs Group
178. University Of Toronto Jhalak Student Club
179. University of Toronto Preventive

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| | Health Advocacy Association (UofT PHAA) | 195. UTSC Glee Club |
| 180. | University of Toronto Scarborough Badminton Club (UTSCBC) | 196. UTSC Good2Talk Student Group |
| 181. | University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Conservatives (UTSCC) | 197. UTSC HOUSE OF OLIVES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP |
| 182. | University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Fighting Game Community (UTSC FGC) | 198. UTSC Improv Student Group (UTSCI) |
| 183. | University of Toronto Scarborough Card Games Club | 199. UTSC Japanese Student Community |
| 184. | University of Toronto Scarborough Vietnamese Students Association (UTSC VSA) | 200. UTSC Lifting Club (UTSCLC) |
| 185. | University Of Toronto Scarborough Turkish Student Association (TUSA) | 201. UTSC Micrologic Club |
| 186. | University of Toronto Ski and Snowboard Club (UTSSC) | 202. UTSC Parks Canada Club |
| 187. | Unwind@UTSC | 203. UTSC Pre-Dental Students Society |
| 188. | UofT Scarborough Socialists Club (UTSSC) | 204. UTSC Project Sunshine |
| 189. | UTSC Catholic Student Chaplaincy | 205. UTSC Real Estate Student Club(UREC) |
| 190. | UTSC Chess Student Club | 206. UTSC Roundnet Student Club (UTSC RDNT) |
| 191. | UTSC Chinese Students Art Troupe (UTSCCSAT) | 207. UTSC Student Rock Climbing Club |
| 192. | UTSC CRICKET CLUB | 208. UTSC Visual Arts Club |
| 193. | UTSC Fitness Club | 209. UTSC Women's and Trans Centre |
| 194. | UTSC Football Association | 210. Valley Cat Coalition (VCC) |
| | | 211. Web 3 Student Group at University of Toronto (W3B) |
| | | 212. Women in Business Association (WIBA) |
| | | 213. Women in Computer Science, Statistics and Mathematics |
| | | 214. World Research Organization |
| | | 215. World University Service of Canada |
| | | 216. X-Hit Dance Club |
| | | 217. Yayra Si Youth Foundation Canada |

Recognition Denied

As of March 31, 2023, 0 student groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of March 31, 2023, 0 student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

Recognition Statistics for UTSC (as of March 31, 2023)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total number of applications: 255

Recognition granted: 217
Recognition withdrawn: 0
Recognition denied: 0

Applications withdrawn by the student group: 0
Applications terminated by the University: 0
Applications under review: 38

Membership Data¹:

Cumulative total number of members of all Scarborough Campus recognized student groups: 8,605
Average number of members per Scarborough Campus recognized student group: 39
Number of Scarborough Campus groups with fewer than 20 members: 138
Number of Scarborough Campus groups with 20 to 100 members: 65
Number of Scarborough Campus groups with greater than 100 members: 14

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.