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TO: University Affairs Board

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DATE: February 20, 2024, for February 28, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 6 (a)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Advice from the Council on Student Services

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 4 of the *Terms of Reference* provides that the University Affairs Board is responsible for “policy of a non-academic nature and matters that directly concern the quality of student and campus life”. Under Section 5, the Board is responsible for compulsory non-academic incidental fees for the University, as well as St. George and University-wide student services and co-curricular programs, services, and facilities. Section 5.2.1 states that compulsory non-academic incidental “[f]ees for St. George campus... and University-wide fees that apply to the St. George, UTM and UTSC campuses, are approved by the Board”.

Pursuant to the terms 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 Council on Student Services reviews in detail the annual operating plans, including budgets and proposed compulsory non-academic incidental fees, of St. George and University-wide student services and offers its advice to the Board on these plans.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **University Affairs Board [For Information] (February 28, 2024)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

This report is compiled and presented annually and was last presented to the University Affairs Board for information on March 1, 2023.

HIGHLIGHTS:

At its meeting, held on February 12, 2024, the Council on Student Services (COSS) considered the following proposals from the administration for the 2024-25 budget year:

Increase the Health & Counselling fee by \$5.02 (\$1.00 part-time) per session, from \$91.14 (\$18.23 part-time) to \$96.16 (\$19.23 part-time).

This fee increase received the support of the majority of COSS student members present and voting. Pursuant to the terms 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 administration will be presenting plans which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

Increase the Student Services fee by \$5.81 (\$1.16 part-time) per session, from \$109.16 (\$21.83 part-time) to \$114.97 (\$22.99 part-time).

This fee increase received the support of the majority of COSS student members present and voting. Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration will be presenting plans which include a request for a permanent fee increase. An additional fee increase to support the expansion of the On Location Career Services provided by Career Exploration & Education did not receive the support of the majority of COSS student members present and voting and will not be considered by the University Affairs Board for approval.

Increase the KPE Sport & Rec fee by \$10.85 (\$2.17 part-time) per session, from \$212.03 (\$42.41 part-time) to \$222.88 (\$44.58 part-time), for St. George students and by \$1.25 (\$0.25 part-time) per session, from \$24.60 (\$4.92 part-time) to \$25.85 (\$5.17 part-time), for UTM and UTSC students.

This fee increase received the support of the majority of COSS student members present and voting. Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration will be presenting plans which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

Increase the Hart House fee by \$9.86 (\$1.97 part-time) per session, from \$119.53 (\$23.91 part-time) to \$129.39 (\$25.88 part-time), for St. George students and by \$0.30 (\$0.06 part-time) per session, from \$3.67 (\$0.74 part-time) to \$3.97 (\$0.80 part-time), for UTM and UTSC students.

This fee increase received the support of the majority of COSS student members present and voting. Pursuant to the terms of the *Protocol*, the administration will be presenting plans which include a request for a permanent fee increase.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Recommendations for approval of each division's operating plans and budgets are outlined in the documentation provided to the University Affairs Board. The proposed operating plans and budgets meet the requirements for approval by the Governing Council, pursuant to the *Protocol* and are presented for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Advice on Fees and Operating Plans from the Council on Student Services



To: Members of the University Affairs Board
From: Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students
Date: February 14, 2024
Re: Advice on Fees and Operating Plans from the Council on Student Services

Included in this package are detailed annual reports and operating plans for St. George campus and University-wide co-curricular services for 2024-25. The operating plans and budgets have been prepared with input from the managers of the services, from student users of the services, from various advisory and governing bodies, and from the Council on Student Services (COSS) established under the terms 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)*.

Pursuant to the *Protocol*, a key duty of COSS is to provide advice to University Affairs Board (UAB) in respect of the services' operating plans, budgets and changes in fees governed by the *Protocol*. Decisions of COSS (i.e., approval or the absence of approval) related to operating plans and fees are conveyed to the UAB when the service's plan is under consideration by the Board. If COSS does not approve a fee increase, the administration is entitled to seek approval by the UAB based on two indices: the Consumer Price Index and the University of Toronto Index.

This memorandum summarizes the outcomes of COSS' consideration of the operating plans and budgets.

COSS Voting on Operating Plans, Budgets & Fees

For the operating plans, budgets, and associated compulsory non-academic incidental fees to be approved by the Council on Student Services (COSS), they require the support of a majority of students present and voting at the meeting when the votes are held.

At its meeting, held on February 12, 2024, COSS considered the five resolutions listed below. The results of each vote are provided for the information of members of the University Affairs Board.

1. Hart House 2024-25 Operating Plans and Budget

Hart House proposed that the sessional Hart House fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased from \$119.53 (\$23.91 for a part-time student) to \$129.39 (\$25.88 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$9.86 (\$1.97 for a part time student) or 8.25%, and that the sessional Hart House fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased from \$3.67 (\$0.74 for a part-time student) to \$3.97 (\$0.80 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$0.30 (\$0.06 for a part time student) or 8.25%.

Be It Resolved:

THAT the 2024-25 operating plans and budget for Hart House regarding the Hart House fee, as presented by David Kim, Stan Xiao and Jiaqi Sun on January 16, 2024, be approved and recommended to go to the University Affairs Board.

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 14 (including 7 students)

Opposed: 2 (including 2 students)

Abstentions: 0

Resolution Passed

2. Division of Student Life 2024-25 Operating Plans and Budget: Health & Counselling Fee

The Division of Student Life proposed that the sessional Health & Counselling fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased from \$91.14 (18.23 for a part-time student) to \$96.16 (\$19.23 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$5.02 (\$1.00 for a part-time student) or 5.5%.

Be It Resolved:

THAT the 2024-25 operating plans and budget for Student Life regarding the Health and Counselling fee, as presented by David Newman on January 25, 2024, be approved and recommended to go to the University Affairs Board.

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 14 (including 7 students)

Opposed: 2 (including 2 students)

Abstentions: 0

Resolution Passed

3. Division of Student Life 2024-25 Operating Plans and Budget: Student Services Fees

The Division of Student Life proposed that the sessional Student Services fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased from \$109.16 (\$21.83 for a part-time student) to \$114.97 (\$22.99 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$5.81 (\$1.16 for a part-time student) or 5.3%. An additional \$3.54 per session (\$0.71 for a part-time student) was also proposed to support the expansion of the On Location Career Services provided by Career Exploration & Education. This additional proposal did not receive the support of the majority of COSS student members present and voting and will not be considered by the University Affairs Board for approval.

Be It Resolved:

THAT the 2024-25 operating plans and budget for Student Life regarding the Student Services fee, as presented by David Newman on January 25, 2024, be approved and recommended to go to the University Affairs Board

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 14 (including 7 students)

Opposed: 2 (including 2 students)

Abstentions: 0

Resolution Passed

Be It Resolved:

THAT the 2024-25 operating plans and budget for Student Life regarding the Career Exploration and Education ask to be added to the Student Services fee, as presented by the Career Exploration and Education Team on January 25, be approved, and recommended to go to the University Affairs Board.

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 10 (including 3 students)

Opposed: 6 (including 6 students)

Abstentions: 0

Resolution Failed

4. Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education: Sport & Rec 2024-25 Operating Plans and Budget

The Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education proposed that the sessional Sport & Rec fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased from \$212.03 (\$42.41 for a part-time student) to \$222.88 (\$44.58 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$10.85 (\$2.17 for a part-time student) or 5.12%, and that the sessional Sport & Rec fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased from \$24.60 (\$4.92 for a part-time students) to \$25.85 (\$5.17 for a part-time student), which represents a year-over-year increase of \$1.25 (\$0.25 for a part-time student) or 5.12%.

Be It Resolved:

THAT the 2024-25 operating plans and budget for KPE Sport and Rec regarding the KPE Sport and Rec fee, as presented by Beth Ali on January 31, 2024, be approved and recommended to go to the University Affairs Board.

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

In favour: 13* (including 7 students)

Opposed: 2 (including 2 students)

Abstentions: 0

Resolution Passed

*One voting member left the meeting before it had concluded; quorum was retained.