

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 32 OF THE CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 28, 2019

To the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council, University of Toronto Scarborough
Your Committee reports that it met on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council
Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

Present:

Brian Harrington, Chair
Mari Motrich, Vice-Chair*
Wisdom Tettey, Vice-President and
Principal, UTSC
Andrew Arifuzzaman, Chief
Administrative Officer
Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student
Affairs*
Katherine Balasingham*
Catherine Bragg*
Nick Cheng
Hanan Domloge*
Soaad Hossain
Mohsin Jeelani
Elaine Khoo*
Paul Kingston
Sylvia E. Mittler
Chandeni Narain
Jack Parkinson
Silma Roddau*
Carly Sahagian

Rajpreet Sidhu
Andrew Tam
Deena Yanofsky*

Non-voting Assessors:

Jeff Miller
Helen Morissette

Secretariat:

Anwar Kazimi, Deputy Secretary
Rena Prashad, Secretary

Absent:

Liza Arnason
Janet Blakely
Keith Chen
William Gough
Kenneth Howard
Tanya Mars
Alice Maurice
Humna Wasim

*Telephone Participants

In attendance:

Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations and Real Estate Partnerships & Vice-
Provost, Academic Operations
Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students
Ayaan Abdulle, Vice-President, Academics & University Affairs, Scarborough Campus
Student's Union
Nicole Brayannis, President, SCSU

Mohsin Bukhari, Manager, Athletics and Recreation
Jennifer Curry, Director, Office of the Vice-President and Principal
Tina Doyle, Director, AccessAbility Services
Arda Erturk, Student Representative, Council on Student Services (CSS)
Kaye Francis, Manger, Family Care Office
Qusai Hassan, President, Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough (GSAS)
Anthony Leung, President, Scarborough Campus Athletic Association (SCAA)
Hassan Mahmood, Senior Budget Analyst
Aaheli Mukherjee, Student Presenter, CSS
Trevor Rodgers, Assistant Vice-President, Planning and Budget
Nadia Rosemond, Senior Manager, Student Life & International Experience
Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost & Student Policy Advisor
Michelle Verbrugge, Director, Student Housing and Residence Life
Larry Whatmore, Associate Director, Business Operations

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and extended a special welcome to Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations and Real Estate Partnerships & Vice-Provost, Academic Operations, and Trevor Rodgers, Assistant Vice-President, Planning and Budget.

The Chair informed members that the Secretariat had received the following four speaking requests from non-members to address the Committee:

- Qusai Hassan, President, Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough (GSAS)
- Aaheli Mukherjee, Student Presenter, Council on Student Services (CSS)
- Anthony Leung, Student Presenter, Scarborough Campus Athletic Association (SCAA)
- Nicole Brayianis, President, Scarborough Campus Student's Union (SCSU)

The Chair informed members that all of the speaking requests pertained to either agenda items 2 or 3 and that they had been granted. He indicated that he would call on each speaker at the appropriate time.

2. UTSC Campus Operating Budget & Allocation of Funds, Presentation by Scott Mabury, Vice-President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships & Vice-Provost, Academic Operations, and Trevor Rodgers, Assistant Vice-President, Planning and Budget

The Chair invited Scott Mabury, Vice-President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships & Vice-Provost, Academic Operations and Trevor Rodgers, Assistant Vice-President, Planning and Budget, to present the 2019-20 institutional budget to the Committee.

The presentation¹ addressed the following themes: 2019-20 Operating Budget, revenues and expenses, enrolment trends, priorities, and risks: The presentation highlights included the following points:

- The budget at the institutional level was balanced at \$2.77 billion of revenues and expenses;
- Budgeted year-over-year revenue growth rate for 2019-20 was 3.5%, however, there was a significant variance among divisional rates, which ranged from -9% to +18%;
- The provincially mandated tuition fee framework would impose a 10% cut to domestic tuition fees for 2019-20, which would result in a \$65 million revenue loss for the University. Fees would remain frozen at that level in 2020-21;
- The Four Corners Strategy was designed to both improve campus amenities and generate revenue for general operations by using the University's real estate holdings. It was estimated that the strategy would create approximately \$50 million in new revenue per year by 2033;
- Compensation continued to be the largest expense in the budget, estimated at \$1.74 billion for 2019-20, which was a \$98 million increase from 2018-19. Compensation was broken down into the following categories: academic compensation estimated at \$905 million; staff compensation estimated at \$720 million; and pension special payments estimated at \$117 million;
- The 2019-20 enrolment plan at UTSC projected an undergraduate incoming class of 3,683 students, including approximately 68% domestic and 32% international students. In 2018-19 the variance for UTSC domestic student intake was -3.4% with a surplus of 9.2% for international enrolment;
- While the University planned to decrease overall domestic enrolment by approximately 2% over the next five years, domestic enrolment at UTSC was expected to increase by 5.4%;
- The University planned to modestly increase its proportion of international undergraduate enrolment from 24.8% in 2018-19 to 25.6% by 2023-24;
- The provincial government changes to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) included a reduction to the family income threshold for qualification, an increase in the length of time parents would be expected to contribute to a child's education (6 years), an increase in parental contribution amounts, and the introduction of interest accrual during the 6-month grace period for loan repayment after completing studies. The University would continue its commitment to financial aid and the Student Access Guarantee (SAG), however, it was noted that, as a result of OSAP changes, fewer students would qualify for OSAP and therefore fewer students would be eligible for University of Toronto Advanced Planning for Students (UTAPS) funding;
- The University Fund would include \$7.1 million to support divisions hardest hit by the tuition fee reduction, ensuring that no division would experience a year-over-year budget cut greater than 3%. The remaining \$10 million would be allocated to various initiatives aligned with the President's Priorities;

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- Over the 5-year period, the University planned 32 academic capital projects at a total cost of \$1.2 billion, and 9 capital projects under the Four Corners Framework at a total cost of \$840 million;
- A need to diversify source regions for international student recruitment continued to be a high priority;
- With respect to the pension plan, the University continued to carry both a going-concern deficit and a solvency deficit, which were subject to significant uncertainty due to investment returns, discount rate and longevity assumptions, and ongoing discussions regarding the creation of a new Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan; and
- The forecasted 2019-20 operating reserve was estimated at \$1 billion, a significant portion of which would be used for down payments on the previously-discussed capital infrastructure projects.

The Chair invited the non-member speaker, whose speaking request had been granted, to make their remarks to the Committee.

Nicole Brayiannis, President, Scarborough Campus Student's Union (SCSU), asked what efforts were being made by senior university administrators to lobby the provincial government on students' behalf with respect to the reduction in domestic tuition fees and its impact on OSAP. In follow-up, Ms Brayiannis commented on the rate of increase in international tuition fees, which could increase between 7%-9% for incoming students. Professor Mabury responded to Ms Brayiannis that the senior university administrators were advocating for the needs of the student body to the provincial government. On the topic of international student tuition fees, Professor Mabury indicated that for the next academic year, international student tuition fees increased by 7% for incoming students and 5% for in program students. He explained that the University had developed the Lester B. Pearson scholarships as a means for international students to attend and study at the University, and although the University had the highest international student tuition fees among Canadian universities, it was comparable to other peer public institutions outside of Canada.

3. Operating Plans and Fees: UTSC Student Affairs and Services

- a. Advice from the Council on Student Services (CSS)**
- b. Operating Plans and Fees**

The Chair reported that Committee members would have received correspondence from the Secretary, Rena Prashad, that a procedural error had been made at the last UTSC Campus Affairs Committee (CAC) meeting on February 14th to divide the motion for the Operating Plans and Fees- UTSC Student Affairs and Services into three separate motions. As a consequence, the item was left off of the March 7th UTSC Campus Council (CC) agenda and would be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the CAC on March 27th. He explained that under *By-Law Number 2*, section 72 b., “*an amendment which contravenes the sense of the motion to which it is proposed or negates it shall be out of order*”. Voting on the fees separately contravened the sense of the motion because the Committee was being asked to recommend the Operating Plans: UTSC Student Affairs and Services — not individual fees for Health & Wellness, Athletics & Recreation, and Student Services Fees. Separating out the individual fees

changed the substance of the proposal. Therefore, the motions at the last CAC meeting were deemed out of order. The Chair remarked that it was important to note that the principle had underpinned the governance approach to the respective proposals at the University of Toronto Mississauga CAC and at the University Affairs Board (UAB) – and should be the principle at UTSC as well. In addition, he noted that the proposal was coming forward to the Committee from the administration after having been approved by the Council of Student Services (CSS)-- a means by which students could be involved in the decisions to increase compulsory non-tuition-related fees or to introduce new ones as outlined in the “Protocol”². Finally, he advised members that they were permitted to vote in favour or against the proposal, but reminded them that the representative body of students had already approved the proposal through the CSS process and that should be taken into account within the university governance processes.

The Chair invited Varsha Patel, Assistant Dean, Student Success, to present the proposal to the Committee. Ms Patel outlined the purpose of the operating plans, which included: continuance of strong core programming and services (e.g. Counselling, Mental Health, Advising and Career Development, Accessibility accommodations), efficiencies in service delivery, and modest inflationary increases to support student services, initiatives, clubs, and events. She described the priorities across the Student Affairs and Services portfolio and the robust CSS process, which began in September 2018 and concluded in February 2019. In conclusion, Ms Patel shared the outcome of the CSS vote with the Committee and the proposed budget increases for Health and Wellness, Athletics and Recreation, and the Student Services Fee.

A member asked for clarification on the number of users of the services, as outlined in documentation from the administration. Andrew Arifuzzaman, Chief Administrative Officer, remarked that UTSC had approximately 11K students counted as undergraduate full-time equivalents, however part-time and graduate students were not included in the total. Ms Patel added that the services were also available to UTSC alumni for up to two years after graduation.

In response to a comment regarding the marketing strategy for CSS student opportunities to be represented on the various advisory committees, Ms Patel explained that these student roles for representation were advertised on the Career Learning Network (CLN), which provided students an opportunity to apply.

A member suggested that as an alternative to investing in a Family Care Office that the administration allocate more funding to mental health services and offer financial aid to students who were in challenging family situations. Wisdom Tettey, Vice-President and Principal, commented that the Family Care Office and mental health resources were complementary and would serve students differently. He remarked that the administration was committed to ensuring that mental health resources were available to the student body.

The Chair invited the non-member speakers whose speaking requests had been granted to make their remarks to the Committee.

² *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”)

Qusai Hassan, President, Graduate Students' Association at Scarborough (GSAS) expressed support for the *Plans* and articulated that the majority of students involved in the CSS process were in favour of the Student Services Fees—especially the Family Care Office. Mr. Hassan conveyed that it was disappointing that UTSC did not already have a Family Care Office to serve the student population, which could benefit all students, not only graduate students.

Aaheli Mukherjee, Student Representative, CSS, expressed support for the *Plans* and described her positive experience serving on the CSS over the past two years. She shared with the Committee that the administration facilitated a process whereby students were encouraged to raise questions and be curious in order to make an informed decision. In addition, she noted that the fee increases were generally inflationary and that the services were a good value to the student body at UTSC.

Anthony Leung, President, Scarborough Campus Athletic Association (SCAA), expressed support for the *Plans*. Through a personal narrative, he shared that he could have benefited from a Family Care Office at UTSC after a family member was diagnosed with a critical illness. He indicated that during that time he exhausted the vast array of resources at UTSC, but none of the resources could help him during that difficult period where he was managing his studies and demanding family obligations.

The Chair granted an additional non-member speaking request. Arda Erturk, Student Representative, CSS spoke in opposition to the *Plans*. He expressed that the Student Services Fees, which included the Family Care Office would not serve the undergraduate student body well and that the Office on the St. George campus was available if students were in need of its services. He also suggested that a number of members of the CSS were graduating and that the fee increases would not affect them.

Ms Patel articulated that the fee associated with the Family Care Office under the Student Services Fee was \$0.34.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS,

THAT, the 2019-20 operating plans and budgets for the UTSC Student Affairs and Services (including the Health & Wellness Centre, Athletics & Recreation, and Student Services), as presented in the documentation from Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs, be approved; and

THAT the sessional Health & Wellness Fee for a UTSC-registered or UTSC-affiliated full-time student be increased to \$70.37 (\$14.07 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$1.38 (\$0.27 for a part-time student) or 2.0 %;

THAT the sessional Athletics & Recreation Fee for a UTSC-registered or UTSC-affiliated full-time student be increased to \$145.93 (\$29.18 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$2.86 (\$0.57 for a part-time student) or 2.0 %;

THAT the sessional Student Services Fee for a UTSC-registered or UTSC-affiliated full-time undergraduate student be increased to \$188.81 (\$37.76 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$5.81 (\$1.16 for a part-time student) or 3.17 %

4. Reports of the Presidential Assessors

There were no Presidential Assessor reports.

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 5) be approved.

5. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 31 –Thursday, February 14, 2019

6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

7. Date of the Next Meeting –Monday, May 6, 2019 at 4:10 p.m.

8. Other Business

No other business was raised.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

April 9, 2019