



May 5, 2020

## **RE: UTM Summer Student Fees**

The University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) has been monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic; we have been assessing information as it becomes available, in order to best support students through this difficult time. We are aware of student concerns regarding the summer 2020 tuition, ancillary, and incidental fees, as well as access to student services.

As of May 5, there are fees that have been reduced or refunded for the summer 2020 term. In collaboration we have worked alongside Campus Groups and Administration to see incidental fees decreased from approximately \$750 to \$388 for (full-time, domestic) summer students. Fees that are still incurred are for the services offered online or through alternative platforms, such as the Career Centre, International Education Centre, RGASC. Additionally, these services have a reduced cost due to the closure of buildings on campus.

To elaborate, athletic facilities continue to provide access to their services in different formats, such as online instruction, however, the fee has been reduced for the summer session based on access to the physical space. Additionally, in partnership with Mi-Way, UTM Administration and UTM Graduate Students the U-Pass fees have been suspended for summer 2020. In regard to the U of T shuttle services to/from the St. George campus and Sheridan College the summer 2020 fees have also been waived.

Although this is a good start, the UTMSU continues to work with the university regarding the reduction and suspension of ancillary and incidental fees.

We believe that students should not be made to pay the same amount in fees they would have been charged had facilities remained open. Although we understand that there are aspects of these charges that support essential functions, the transition to online platforms, and employment, the portion of fees that do not apply to these functions should not be charged to students.

We will continue to fight for the reduction, refund and suspension of non-essential charges.

We understand how difficult the last few months have been, and we appreciate the perseverance and resilience that students have shown during this time. Moving forward, we encourage students to reach out to the UTMSU for support, questions and assistance by email at [president@utmsu.ca](mailto:president@utmsu.ca). We encourage all members of our community to stay home when possible and practice safe physical distancing.

In student solidarity,  
The UTMSU Executive