



**Re: Assault of Student in the UTM CCT Building**

**Content Warning: Assault, Violence, and Police\***

On Sunday, August 4th, a female student, who wishes to remain anonymous, experienced a violent act of assault by an unidentified man in the Communication, Culture, and Technology building (CCIT) building near the Multi-Faith Space in the second floor of the building. The suspect was arrested on August 7th by Peel Police.

The UTM population is deeply disturbed by the assault, which has left many students, especially our women-identifying and Muslim students, feeling unsafe. We, the University of Toronto Mississauga Students Union (UTMSU), urge the University and the authorities to focus all resources on ensuring the safety of the people who navigate these spaces on campus.

After the fact, the UTMSU met with the Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion alongside the Muslim Students' Association (MSA), Campus Safety, and the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) to further understand the incident and explore possible next steps.

In response to the assault, the University stated that they plan to increase campus safety presence on campus grounds while being mindful not to over-police the campus. They have also asked that all students download the [UofT Campus Safety App](#), and engage with services of Campus Safety such as the Friendly Walk Program.

The UTMSU will also be opening a temporary prayer space at the Student Centre with constant supervision during prayer times for our Muslim community, as additional support to students in the Muslim community.

The University owes our community reassurance and a commitment to safety measures. Thus, the UTMSU will continue to pressure the University to offer additional support to our students and community members. We encourage any student who needs support or has concerns about their safety to reach out to the UTMSU or other resources they might feel more comfortable with.

Every student has the right to feel safe on campus, and we are committed to upholding this right.