



RE: Separation of the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) and the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU)

Since 2008, full-time undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) campus have been represented by two students' unions, the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) and the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU). As of 1 January 2019, UTM students will be represented exclusively by the UTMSU. The following outcomes are worth noting:

- All fees currently paid by UTM students to the UTSU will instead be paid to the UTMSU.
- The UTMSU will assume sole responsibility for the representation of UTM students on campus and off of it.
- The UTMSU will assume sole responsibility for the provision of essential services, including health and dental insurance.
- The UTSU will continue to provide health and dental insurance to UTM students until the end of the policy year ending 31 August 2019.

Ten years after a contractual agreement was signed between the UTSU and UTMSU, both unions committed to evaluating the relationship between the respective organizations. After careful consideration, it was soon concluded that a model of joint representation and service delivery was no longer the best solution for UTM students. In the last decade, the population of the UTM campus has grown from 8,000 to more than 14,000 students, and it is clear that these students will be best served by a more independent UTMSU. Moving forward, the UTMSU will be recognized by the University as the sole representative of UTM students. In every respect, the UTSU and the UTMSU will be equals—and partners.

Members of both respective organizations were asked to approve the proposed course of action. The new model—separation and independence—was approved by the UTSU membership on 30 October 2018 at its Annual General Meeting, and by the UTMSU membership on 29 November 2018 at its Annual General Meeting.

We understand that many students will have questions. An evolving Q&A section touching on critical points of interest will be available at utsu.ca/utmsu-separation. UTM students are encouraged to contact the UTMSU at president@utmsu.ca. UTSU students may contact the UTSU at president@utsu.ca. All students, however, can expect a process that is orderly, transparent, and minimally disruptive.

Here, we mark the end of an era—and the beginning of something better.

Yours in service,

The UTSU Executive



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About the University of Toronto Students' Union

Founded in 1901, the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) is the official student government of more than 50,000 students at the University of Toronto. If you're a full-time undergraduate student at the St. George Campus or the Mississauga Campus, you're automatically a member of the UTSU. As a student government, we operate independently of the University and strive to be a democratic, member-driven organization.

The UTSU is led by a President and six Vice-Presidents, all of whom report to a council called the Board of Directors. The President, the Vice-Presidents, and the Board of Directors are all elected directly by the members.

The UTSU has two essential functions: 1) advocacy and 2) service provision. Our advocacy work includes lobbying the government and the university administration, organizing public education campaigns, and supporting student initiatives. Our services include grants for students in need, funding for student clubs, and the student health insurance plan. Finally, all of our work is guided by a commitment to equity.

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