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Re: The Council on Student Services

Dear Council Member,

As your Dean of Student Affairs, I am very pleased to extend a warm welcome to the Council on Student Services (CSS). Your leadership and commitment to an exceptional student experience at U of T Scarborough is highly valued. We have celebrated many years of remarkable achievements as a campus. Student leadership and student generosity have been an integral part of those achievements.

CSS is an important meeting place for student leaders, where ideas and creativity can flourish and lead to important initiatives that continue to make this campus a very special place. It allows for a variety of different perspectives to be examined on a wide range of topics such as student success and the quality of student life. Please use this opportunity to engage in those discussions at the CSS table or in the Departmental Advisory committees that many of you will serve on.

This year is a particularly important one given the Ford government’s Student Choice Initiative (SCI). It will require all of us to work together to understand the new landscape, how it is being addressed, and its impact.

The available online resources and manual have been developed to provide context, background, and terms of reference for your deliberations. An interesting and useful feature is the inclusion of a list of previous actions taken that you might find helpful as a way finder for your future discussions. In referring to these resources, one must now also consider them within the new context of the SCI.

Finally, I would encourage you to seize this opportunity by contributing your ideas and support to make a positive difference in the student experience at UTSC. Your predecessors have done so many times over the years. Be creative, imagine the possibilities and the choices that could push us forward toward the student experience of choice, for current and future students at UTSC.

Together, let’s make a difference with eyes firmly fixed on “igniting future legacies” to make this campus, truly a place of Inclusive Excellence.

Sincerely,

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