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Report 2025-2026



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Letter from Interim Co-Executive Directors

Since joining the Union last June, we have had the privilege of working to help revitalize TMSU together with so many incredible people who care about the union and believe in its inherent value as an organization that supports students during a turbulent period of their lives.

At the same time, we have also seen firsthand what can happen when members and a community lose interest or faith in a student union. We are therefore grateful for every student who has continued to participate in the activities of TMSU and supported our efforts to revive the union.

If you are reading this, that includes you: simply in virtue of the fact that you are reading this report, you are fulfilling your most basic responsibility to stay informed.

As we do this work, we encourage you to continue to hold us to account and engage with the Union as we actively collaborate with the Board and staff to offer various pathways for members to become more deeply involved in TMSU's activities and campus life.

Remember: TMSU is YOUR UNION.

Overcoming the many challenges faced by TMSU in recent years will require shaking off the cynicism and apathy that had allowed self-interested parties to negatively impact the Union. Turning TMSU around will ultimately depend on the active ongoing participation of passionate, service-minded students committed to making positive change, not only for a more vibrant campus community, but for a more just world.

In Solidarity,

Sally Lee & Scott Miller Berry



TMSU Interim Co-Executive Directors



Organizational Updates

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors represent students of each Faculty at TMU. Board Members introduce and vote on motions to determine the direction of the TMSU.

The current Directors' terms are scheduled to end April 30, 2026:

Jennifer Baini & Lev Rudovskiy, Creative School Directors

Rana Ak & Raiyan Mirja, Arts Directors

Mateen Saleem & Abraham Ahmad, Community Services Directors

Omar Ahmed & Eisa Kapadia, Engineering & Architectural Science
Directors

Abdullah Saiyid & Sakina Haider, Science Directors

Shayan Obaid, International Director

Hetavi Shah & Mezghan Siddiqui, Ted Rogers School of Management
Directors

Prabhkirat Kaur & Nabeel Mansuri, School of Medicine Directors

The 2 positions available for Lincoln Alexander School of Law Directors were vacant during the 2025-2026 term.

External Directors

External Directors bring an independent, professional voice to the Board, providing guidance, mentorship, and community oversight to support TMSU as a high-performing, student-driven union.

They are non-voting members of the Board of Directors but play a central role in Board Committees, including the opportunity to vote on matters before those committees. As the inaugural cohort, these five External Directors will



help lay the foundation for how this model works in practice and were elected by the Board to staggered one-, two-, and three-year terms to establish long-term continuity. TMSU's inaugural cohort of External Directors includes:

Dave Bulmer, President & CEO of AMAPCEO – Ontario's Professional Employees Union. (2-year term)

Scott D'Cunha, CEO of Branksome Consulting & Ventures, former Vice President, eCommerce, LCBO. (1-year term)

Francis Pineda, former Community Legal Worker supporting injured workers navigating the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board. (3-year term)

Kayla Stephenson, Principal, Kaye Legal & Mediation Services, specializing in adjudication, mediation, and arbitration for administrative justice, dispute resolution, and community governance. (2-year term)

Audrey Wubbenhorst, Board director and Professor of Communications and Business Strategy at Humber Polytechnic. Formerly at BMO Financial Group. (3-year term)



Elections

The TMSU hosted the Fall 2025 By-Elections during the Fall semester to elect an Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Due to an extraordinary number of complaints and overwhelming evidence of improper interference with Members' votes, the Executive By-Election results were declared null and void and no Executives were elected. The Director Elections were not impacted by this decision and the current Board Members have been elected.

The TMSU hosted the 2026 General Elections from March 16 to March 18, 2026 to elect the TMSU Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Due to outstanding complaints and investigations, the unofficial results of the 2026 General Elections will only be released after all complaints and appeals are adjudicated. No unofficial or official results are available as of this writing.

The ratification of the by-election results will occur as soon as unofficial results are available. It is expected that the new Executive Committee and Board of Directors will take office following ratification by the current Board.

For current rulings and appeals, please visit: yourtmsu.ca/election.



Policy and Governance

The TMSU by-laws were most recently rewritten and adopted by the membership at the December 1, 2022 Semi-Annual General Meeting. The by-laws included a long-overdue re-working that ultimately reduced the size of the Board of Directors, introduced External Directors, established new committees and archived or reworked existing committees, established membership rights and responsibilities and clarified procedures for General Meetings, Board Meetings and Committee Meetings, amongst other major changes.

The TMSU recently updated its Policies Handbook, which went into effect on January 1, 2026. Both the by-laws and Handbook are available on the TMSU website: yourtmsu.ca/policy

The TMSU recently updated its Campus Groups Policy, which went into effect in December 2025. The Campus Groups Manual is available on the TMSU website: yourtmsu.ca/policy



Human Resources

TMSU currently has 3 Management Staff, 9 Full-Time unionized staff members and 20 part-time student staff.

We have been focused on filling key positions, and for the first time in years, we have filled all of our full-time unionized positions, some of which had been left vacant for years.

Good Food Centre (GFC) Coordinator: Rob Howard started November 2025. Since Rob joined TMSU, the GFC has been made more accessible and organized, increasing its capacity for service users. The GFC has also established partnerships to expand students' access to food and other living necessities across campus.

Finance Coordinator: Abidoun (Abbey) Morenikeji started November 2025. Abbey has worked in post-secondary environments along with financial positions at non profits and for profits. With Abbey on the team, financial operations have been made more secure and streamlined.

Internal Coordinator: Carolina Angarita started January 2026. Carolina has since streamlined administrative operations and has improved and expanded TMSU front desk services.

Communications Coordinator & Graphic Designer: Jay Ashdown started February 2026. Jay has since improved TMSU's newsletter, social media, and on-campus communications, expanding our capacity to reach out to students and raise awareness of our services.

Events and Sponsorships Coordinator: Russ Adade started March 2026. Russ previously coordinated student clubs for the George Brown College Student Association and has extensive experience managing events and promotions. We're thrilled to have Russ on the team to expand our events and sponsorship capabilities!



Staff Appreciation

TMSU's services, campaigns and events would not be possible without the help of our incredible staff members. We thank you all for your commitment to students and willingness to engage in all of the tasks necessary for a well-functioning students' union that stays true to the needs of its members.

We would like to express a very enthusiastic thank you to all of our part-time staff members, for their deep commitment to TMSU's mandate and programs. Thank you for creating an engaged office culture at TMSU this fall. Your presence is appreciated.

Thank you to Rob Howard and the Good Food Centre team for your outstanding commitment to food security on campus. This is not just keeping the food bank operating, but doing so equitably and taking on collaborations, seeking out donations, and planning events and activities beyond job expectations.

In the area of student services and Health & Dental Benefits, we would like to thank Aqib Masood and team for their outstanding frontline work and commitment to creating a warm and approachable space for members.

In addition, thank you to our in-house lawyer, Bill Reid, for aiding students in their legal concerns and making himself easily available to the members who need advice.

Thank you to Hector Flores for his knowledge and support in representing students who need guidance in advocating for their academic rights with the University, and creating better outcomes that help students to succeed.

Thank you to Ashlee Verma, our Equity & Campaigns Organizer for her invaluable organizational knowledge (not to mention passions for print and design!).

Thank you to Danielle Beckford for your ongoing dedication to the hundreds of TMSU's campus groups' operations, and for being such an invaluable link between the groups and their access to funds and space.



Thank you to Yumna Hussain, our Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support Coordinator for leading with creativity and compassion and for always providing a space that is comforting for students and staff alike.

Thank you to Carolina Angarita for all the care she puts into overseeing internal operations, dexterously coordinating staff and making the office as organized as it's ever been.

Thank you to Jay Ashdown for doing such a great job of ensuring that members stay informed about, and feel connected to, everything going on at TMSU.

Thank you to Russ Adade for jumping into action on the AGM and bringing his invaluable campus experience to the TMSU.

TMSU would also like to recognize the significant work of Taimoor Ali Kureshi, who has been a steady guiding force this past year not only in his role as Financial Controller but also regarding operational stability. His efforts keeping TMSU up and running in the absence of an Executive and with modest staff cannot be overstated. Thank you Taimoor for going over and above and making your expertise accessible to the organization.

Thank you all for an amazing year!



Communications

Outreach

The TMSU has worked to do as much outreach as possible, with campaign activities focusing on getting students out to General Members Meetings; encouraging participation in the Fall By-Election and Winter Election; and protesting against OSAP cuts, increases to tuition fees, and the passage of Bill 33.

The TMSU is regularly conducting outreach inside and outside of the SCC, including deploying staff and student leaders to conduct classroom talks, and continues to employ a dedicated Street Team to assist with outreach in popular spaces around campus.

E-Newsletter

The TMSU recently relaunched our weekly e-newsletter. This is an effective messaging tool to ensure that members are aware of the events, campaigns and services of the TMSU as well as important governance updates.

Social Media

The TMSU primarily functions through Instagram (22.5K followers) and will explore having a presence on other outlets like LinkedIn, TikTok and Discord.

The recent General Election gave us an opportunity to debut our first ever Reddit AMA with the help of our Chief Returning Officer (CRO).

Website

The TMSU website is the primary location for updates on all TMSU programs and services. The updated TMSU Policy Manual, Audited Financial Statements, and Board Minutes are all posted on the website for members to access easily and to ensure transparency.

With a new Communications Coordinator on board, we will continue improving the look and navigability of the website.



Volunteers and Street Team

The TMSU continues to use an in-house Street Team which has historically been effective at promoting the work of the students' union and creating engaging and creative outreach tools for the members to get involved in. The Street Team is typically led by three Executive members who oversee a team of up to thirty Street Team members to help with everything from outreach to events to social media to marketing.

Throughout the year, the TMSU recruits members to join a number of important volunteer teams related to Orientation & Week of Welcome, Good Food Centre, Equity Service Centres and the Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support.

We greatly appreciate all of the support that members lend to running these programs with their dedicated energy.



Finances

The TMSU has been working closely with the accounting arm of MNP to finalize our 2024-25 fiscal year financial statements and we are pleased to report that they are currently in the audit stage with our auditors, BDO. We expect to present the audited financial statements to the board for approval in May, and then for member approval at the Fall SAGM.

We can confirm that TMSU has a healthy reserve on hand, and that once our finances from last year (24-25) are finalized, we will be revising the budget to ensure that the essential functions of the Union continue to be supported so that the incoming Executive and Board will be able to properly fulfill their mandate to support their fellow students with programs and services that are appropriately resourced and professionally managed.

Our financial processes are focused on maintaining accountability within the organization which means there are several approval steps and control involved. TMSU continues to implement new policies, which include a segregation of duties amongst TMSU staff members. This extra precaution protects the organization from financial fraud and keeps Management and Executives accountable with the hundreds of transactions we track per week.

In 2026 we have upgraded our financial systems with new bookkeeping software, payment systems, and banking platform, which is already improving our security and efficiency.

We continue to encourage campus groups and our events' teams to submit their requests early, to ensure there is time to meet the requirements of our financial policy. Management is working on balancing our strict financial processes while shortening the turnaround time for payments.



Sponsorships and Partnerships

We have partnered with a number of sponsors in 2025 to support the operation of our services and events.

These sponsors include:

- **Canada Unites (formerly Brands for Canada)**, which has provided a number of giveaways throughout the year
- **Recognized corporate businesses and brands** including Rexall, Excel Gum, Scotiabank, TD Canada Trust and CIBC
- **Local businesses** including University Avenue Dental Clinic
- **Oakham Cafe**, which has donated refreshments for SCC atrium events like our pre-rally lunch before the most recent OSAP
- **Gallivan/Alumo** has donated back to TMSU
- **The Palin Foundation** has donated space for countless meetings and events, with the support of their amazing event and facilities staff.



Advocacy

Hands Off!

Since Spring 2025, TMSU has responded to the Ontario Government's legislation and policy changes which threaten to restrict students' access to education and rights on campus: cuts to OSAP grants, tuition fee hikes, and the passing of Bill 33: Supporting Children and Students Act.

The TMSU has facilitated students' participation in public actions, including campus rallies and marches. The union has also conducted on-campus (flyering, tabling) and online (mass emails, Instagram) outreach to educate members on these political issues and inform them of actionable next steps. All of this has been made possible with the solid support of TMSU's student staff and volunteers.

This ongoing work is in collaboration with the Toronto Metropolitan Association of Part-Time Students (TMAPS) and the Toronto Metropolitan Graduate Students' Union (TMGSU). We are also grateful for the guidance and collaboration of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario and the Student Mobilization Committee, as well as the input of TMSU members on these issues.

You can learn more about the CFS-ON province-wide Hands Off! campaign at HandsOffOurEducation.ca.



Policy Advocacy

A priority of the TMSU is to advocate for improving all aspects of our education at the university and on a larger level for all students across Ontario and Canada. This ranges from advocating for free / affordable education to supporting students with challenges in the classroom. The TMSU participates in a number of campus working groups.

TMU / Campus Committee work

C3SVS Coordinator Yumna Hussain sits on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Memorial Committee.

Our Interim Co-Executive Directors are on the Board of the Palin Foundation, who manage the Student Campus Centre and Oakham House in the 55 Gould Street Building, as well as sitting on the Ombudsperson's Committee.

We look forward to filling our designated seats on University and TMU community organization committees and Boards with TMSU reps in the coming months.

Post-Secondary Education Coalition (PSE)

The Interim Co-Directors have been participating in the PSE coalition to contribute to advocacy, organizing, and engagement regarding student-led services and campaigns at TMU.

In the wake of unprecedented student voter turnout in the 2025 Federal Election, and attacks on students' right to organize, the PSE mobilized to ensure our voices translate into real change — starting with a Post-Secondary Education Act that enshrines a universal, publicly funded education system in Canada. We also contributed to the recent advocacy and outreach around Ontario Bill 33, working closely with student leaders to share literature and gather petition signatures on campus in collaboration with TMAPS and TMGSU.



All-Union Coalition

The TMSU continues to meet regularly to strengthen relationships with an All-Union Coalition to achieve greater advocacy success for students and workers on the TMU campus. The Coalition is made up of students' union and labour union representatives who meet to discuss ongoing issues and points of collaboration, share information, and coordinate collective action.

The Interim Co-Executive Directors also meet regularly with their counterparts at TMAPS and TMGSU to discuss advocacy issues and increasing support for all students at TMU. The Coalition has been active in conversations on health and safety issues, collective bargaining updates and sharing information and perspectives on university budget decision-making.



Services

Members' Health and Dental Plan

Overview

All full-time members of the Toronto Metropolitan Students' Union are automatically enrolled in the TMSU's Health and Dental Plan (unless they opted out in the past). The Plan offers coverage from September 1 to August 31 of each year.

The Plan is designed to offer extended health & dental benefits coverage to students and to provide protection and security for eligible students to minimize the effects of injury or ailments. The Plan supplements any individual health care expenses not covered by the provincial health care plan (OHIP or UHIP). The Health and Dental Plan enhances the basic coverage students require to stay healthy and be well for their studies.

The insurance is provided by Green Shield Canada. Some popular benefits used by our membership include:

- Prescription Drugs
- Counselling Services
- Chiropractic Care
- Registered Massage Therapy
- Dental Check-ups and Cleanings
- Wisdom teeth removal

All full-time students who have successfully opted out will be credited on their MyServiceHub account, and the student will not be charged the health and dental fee for future years. If a student loses their alternate coverage they used to opt out of the plan, they can opt back in within 30 days of losing coverage or in the upcoming fall intake, by visiting the benefits plan office or our website.



Marketing and Awareness Campaigns

To ensure that students are well supported and well informed about the Plan's service, outreach was conducted via mass emails to the membership, along with social media campaigns and successful tabling sessions during the orientation weeks. The marketing campaigns not only encouraged students to use the plan but also informed them of their ability to opt out if they had additional coverage by the deadline date.

Events Overview

We held many tabling sessions during Fall 2025 to target all students, especially newly enrolled students. The 2025 Fall tabling events ranged in location from the Student Campus Centre, Kerr Hall Quad, TMU School of Medicine and virtual hosting. Many of these events extended into the afternoon or full day to ensure we reached the widest possible portion of the student population.

As part of our goal to increase the visibility of the TMSU Benefits Plan Office and its services, we prioritized collaboration with other departments throughout the month of events. We partnered with Rexall to highlight exclusive savings on prescription and eligible non-prescription products. Additionally, we tabled alongside TMSU, TMAPS, UHIP, the International Student Support Administrator, and the TMU School of Medicine. These partnerships allowed us to extend our reach, share resources, and provide students with a more comprehensive understanding of available health and wellness supports.

During the month of September 2025, a total of 10 events were held, beginning on September 2nd and concluding on September 26th. Over this period, we interacted with 583 students. Attendance varied by event type and audience reach; some events saw smaller groups of 10 to 18 students, while others provided the opportunity to engage with over 100 students at a time.

The most common questions we received during this time were:

- How do I use my benefits?



- What benefits are included in the plan?
- What services are included in the plan?
- How do I submit a claim?
- Am I eligible?

My Virtual Doctor

This newly added program provides eligible students and their dependents 24/7 access to virtual health care through their smart phone, tablet or computer anywhere in Canada. Through this service, students can consult with a medical professional to address their primary health care needs including; common colds, fevers and chills, headaches or migraines, allergies, eye and ear problems and sexual health such as contraception or infections.

For more information, please visit:

mystudentplan.ca/tmsu/en/myvirtualdoctor



Student Issues & Advocacy

The Student Issues & Advocacy Coordinator (known as Academic Advocacy) provides direct support, guidance, and advocacy services to full-time undergraduate students, students in the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, and undergraduate students in the School of Medicine navigating a wide range of academic and non-academic issues. The role centers on helping students understand university policies, prepare effective appeals, and participate confidently in formal processes.

The Office supports students with internal processes including:

- Complaints
- Standing/grade appeals
- Facilitated and Non-Facilitated Discussions
- Academic misconduct appeals
- Retroactive withdrawal requests
- Fee appeals
- Timespan extensions
- Non-academic conduct issues, general questions, and other academic concerns

We offer one-on-one meetings, review and development of appeal letters, guidance on evidence and supporting documentation, strategic preparation for Facilitated or Non-Facilitated Discussions and hearings, advocacy services, and referrals to appropriate university offices as needed.

Service Usage and Updates

Our numbers for the fiscal year are consistent with reporting patterns over the past years. Since May 1st, 2025, approximately **900 students** have consulted the Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator's office.

The vast majority of student members using our services (approximately 50% of all service users) needed assistance in the preparation of their grade and standing appeals. The second category of consultation (approx. 30%) relates to



academic misconduct cases. During this period, the Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator has seen an increase of consultations related to Progressive Discipline. These are students facing additional penalties for repeated policy violations. Remaining appointments (approx. 20%) discussed fee appeals, retroactive withdrawal requests, support in Human Rights investigations, complaints against professors and general policy, or procedure-related questions.

Advocacy

In addition to providing information to students, the Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator also advocates for students in discussions of policy revisions. Discussions about an important amendment to [TMU Policy 60: Academic Integrity](#) are still ongoing.

The Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator presented an update of a comprehensive, commented document in response to the Academic Integrity Office's proposed amendments to the Office of the Ombudsperson, who will consult the advocates for the Toronto Metropolitan Association of Part-time Students (TMAPS) and the Toronto Metropolitan Graduate Students Union (TMGSU) to submit a joint letter to the Senate, thus providing stakeholders a student perspective to be considered in the policy revisions.

The Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator represents TMSU on the Ombudsperson Committee, to ensure the continuity of the Office of the Ombudsperson, provide advice and guidance to the Ombudsperson when requested, review and approve the annual budget for the office, and respond to procedural breaches. This term, the Coordinator participated actively in the investigation and resolution of a complaint filed against the Ombudsperson and their team.

Outreach and Education

This academic year, outreach was conducted via mass emails, flyering, and webinars to raise awareness of TMSU Advocacy services and provide helpful



information on exam rules and advice, basic appeals and academic standing information, and how to access Student Issues and Advocacy services.

The Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator collaborated with TMAPS, TMGSU, [Fresh Start](#), and the Office of the Ombudsperson, offering workshops at the end of the Spring/Summer 2025 semester on “How to Write Strong Appeal Letters” and “Academic Standing: What are my Options?” Students’ interest in these workshops has shown a sustained increase over the past three years.

For the first time ever, the Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator joined forces with the Academic Integrity Office to offer a webinar to the first cohort of students from the School of Medicine, with 95 attendees. The main concerns that students raised were related to the use of artificial intelligence.



Legal Services

The legal service is operated by Bill Reid, our in-house lawyer. Bill is accessible daily via email, and also meets virtually or in-person when appropriate. Students are able to receive advice and assistance regarding a wide range of legal issues.

Over the past year (since Spring 2025), Bill has served approximately 475 TMSU members, most frequently with respect to the following areas of law:

Housing (approx. 25% of appointments): Students often find that their landlords don't maintain the premises as they should, or that they attempt to increase the rent or evict them unlawfully. Bill helps students to resolve such issues, including helping them to draft correspondence with their landlords and to properly complete Landlord and Tenant Board forms. To a lesser extent, students also experience conflicts with roommates and with neighbours, and sometimes they just need information so that they understand their own responsibilities more clearly.

Family law (approx. 15%): Many students are in relationships, and/or have children, and experience challenges such as separation or abuse. As a first step, they usually need information about their rights. However, Bill also helps them to communicate and negotiate with other parties, and if necessary to complete family court forms.

Employment law (approx. 15%): Because so many students work while attending school, they also experience violation of their workplace rights, and to a lesser extent workplace injuries. Bill also helps them to understand and negotiate employment agreements.

Other civil matters (approx. 10%): Students are sometimes injured in motor vehicle accidents, or in accidental falls, and the legal service helps them to understand their rights and to negotiate appropriate compensation. Students also sometimes lend money to others, or are lent money, and when such debts aren't repaid, Bill helps them to complete small claims court forms, to



negotiate settlements whenever possible, and to navigate the various stages of the court system.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (approx. 15%): Students who qualify to receive OSAP grants or loans are often required to provide sworn affidavits to prove aspects of their personal situations for which they don't have other evidence. Bill drafts and notarizes a large number of such affidavits, and also assists students with other aspects of the OSAP system, such as appeals.

Other administrative matters (approx. 10%): Bill also drafts and notarizes documents for purposes other than OSAP, and assists students in dealing with government agencies, including helping them to complete applications to agencies such as the Human Rights Tribunal of 15 Ontario. He also cooperates with the University's international services department to ensure that international students are aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Criminal and Provincial Offences (approx. 5%): Students are sometimes charged with crimes, and also with provincial offenses such as Highway Traffic Act offenses. Bill helps them to understand their options, and depending on their respective situations, helps them to negotiate an appropriate resolution without the need for a trial, or to represent themselves at trial.

Corporate and Commercial Law (approx. 5%): Many students express an interest in starting a business, either while attending school or upon graduation. I help them to understand the different forms that a business may take and to establish their businesses in whatever is the best way for them, and also help them to create contracts and other documentation for use in their businesses.



Emergency Grants

The Emergency Grants program is the TMSU's main financial support for students who express and demonstrate financial need as a result of a loss of income, illness or other unexpected emergencies. The program is administered by a committee that includes 2 Board members and 2 TMSU staff. Each applicant is eligible for up to \$500 per semester.

For the third time, the Emergency Bursary was opened over the Spring/Summer semester (May to August 2025). For the summer semester, the Emergency Bursary was increased to award up to \$1,000 per request, with room to increase based on demand.

After delays due to staffing and By-Election concerns, we successfully relaunched the Winter Emergency Grant Program on January 5, 2026. We have reached our bursary limit and thus the application period closed early on March 25, 2026.

The Spring Emergency Grant Program will re-open for applications on May 1, 2026.



Front Desk Services

Reimbursement cheques pick-up

Over 300 cheques have been securely given to students between January and March 2026.

Lost & Found

TMSU manages Lost & Found drop-offs and retrievals at the front desk, on the third floor of the SCC building. People who have lost their belongings around campus can find them through this service.

Graduation Photos

The TMSU facilitates graduation photos with [Lassman Studios](#) at a discounted price, as well as a free class composite. Students can book their photo appointment on the studio's website.

Fall, Winter and Spring Composites are distributed at the convocation ceremonies in June. They can also be collected at the TMSU front desk once the convocation ceremonies are over.

Tax Clinic

The Tax Clinic is a service to help students file their taxes for free. This initiative helps students navigate tax season while also giving volunteers the opportunity to gain valuable training and experience. This clinic is offered in collaboration with TMAPS under the [Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program \(CVITP\)](#).

The service is provided at the TMSU office, and an alternative online option is available for students who cannot attend the clinic in-person.

Other Office Operations updates

A new cold and hot water cooler is available to staff and members on the second floor (next to the C3SVS office).

Space organization and cleanliness are continuously improving.



Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support

About

The Centre for Safer Sex & Sexual Violence Support serves as a peer-run, community-based, safer space for knowledge-sharing, educational opportunities, and empowerment with the intention to prevent & respond to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence on our campus and in our communities. We also serve as the Toronto Metropolitan University community-hub for FREE safer sex & menstrual hygiene supplies.

The Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support is committed to amplifying the voices and experiences of students from marginalized communities, including those who identify as LGBTQIA+, as Indigenous and/or as a person of colour, as a woman and/or as a trans person, and/or those who have a physical or mental disability.

Staff

The Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support is run by a full-time Coordinator. Alongside the Coordinator, C3SVS operates with alumni and student staff working part-time, including; an Operations lead, an Outreach Lead, and a Programming Support. The centre maintains 5 general volunteers, and increased volunteers for the Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line (SASSL) from 18 volunteers in April 2025 to over 35 volunteers in March 2026.



Education & Knowledge-Sharing

In efforts to raise awareness of and reduce sexual violence, C3SVS has focused on building consent culture at TMU while empowering students with safer sex knowledge. Students have shown they want to have more knowledge of reproductive health. Combining the three avenues C3SVS focuses on (safer sex, menstrual/reproductive health, and sexual violence prevention/support), this has been achieved through campaigns, education and prevention based events, outreach efforts, and C3SVS staff attending and/or speaking at local events for youth.

C3SVS has made outreach efforts to ensure as many students as possible are aware of our services and can access support if they need it. C3SVS created spaces, events and made efforts to attend or participate in events to educate students about consent and give out safer sex and menstrual supplies.

Outreach events are listed below:

- [Pride Mix and Mingle](#) - August 26th, 2025 | 7:00-9:00pm
- [Fiesta del Fuego](#) - August 27th, 2025 | 7:00-10:00pm
- [Drag Brunch](#) - August 29th, 2025 | 11:00am-1:00pm
- [FCSS Campus Groups Fair](#) - September 2nd, 2025 | 12:00-3:00pm
- [TMSU Carnival](#) - September 3rd, 2025 | 12:00-5:00pm
- [Cirque du TMSU Pub Night](#) - September 5th, 2025 | 9:00pm-1:00am
- [BIPOC BBQ](#) - September 9th, 2025 | 2:00-5:00pm
- [Kikki in the Quad](#) - September 10th, 2025 | 7:00-11:00pm
- [TMSU Campus Groups Fair](#) - September 11th, 2025 | 12:00-4:00pm
- [Queercore Pub Night](#) - September 12th, 2025 | 9:00pm-12:00am
- [Fall into Success \(SLC Tabling\)](#) - October 20th, 2025 | 12:00-3:00pm



- No Time to Wait Conference: Youth Advocacy Panel - 15th, 2025
(Let'sStopAids)
- SLC Tabling - November 4th, 2025 | 3:00-5:00pm
- SLC Campus Service Fair - January 14th, 2026 | 10:00am-3:00pm
- TMSU Service Fair - January 16th, 2026 | 12:00pm-3:00pm
- Safer Choices Week: Safer Choices Service Fair - March 11th, 2026 |
10:00am-2:00pm (in collaboration with TMU Health Promotion
Programs)
- The Winning Seed Competition - March 26th, 2026 | 5:00pm-7:00pm
(Let'sStopAids)
- Sex Lives Report Launch Panel - April 10th, 2026 | 3:00pm-5:00pm
(Let'sStopAids)



Campaigns

C3SVS uses campaigns to change narratives and challenge norms. Our campaigns are meant to engage students, help them unlearn, and stimulate critical thinking and reflexivity on safer sex, menstrual/reproductive health, and sexual violence prevention/support.

Campaigns for this year have included;

Consent Action Week Campaign: Fall 2025

C3SVS partnered with Consent Comes First at the Office of Sexual Violence Support and Education and LetsStopAids for 3 education and self-care based events for Consent Awareness Week on September 15th-19th.

- Consent Trivia Night - September 16th, 2025| 4:30-6:30pm (in collaboration with Consent Comes First)
- Trauma Informed Yoga - September 17th, 2025| 3:30-6:30pm (in collaboration with Consent Comes First)
- Sex Ed 101 Workshop - September 18th, 2025| 4-6pm (in collaboration with Let'sStopAids)

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

As part of the national campaign, C3SVS conducted a digital campaign on our instagram, collaborating within TMSU, posting educational content around themes of gender-based violence. Posts included threats of AI, menstrual stigma, risks of reporting, and survivor focused healing. With daily prompts for students to engage with the content through posting their thoughts in the comment section, students were incentivized to do so with a chance to win self-care/fun prizes. Part of this campaign is our contributions to the TMU December 6th Memorial, held on in-person on December 5th, 2025.

Safety Over Shame Self-Harm Safety Kits

C3SVS partnered with the Trans Collective to bring harm reduction kits from Safety Over Shame to students throughout various points in the year. Each kit



contained items for safe ways to engage or treat self-harm, providing hope to students struggling with a loss of control. Kits were given during drop-ins, scheduled campus drops, and even tabling for Safer Choices Week.

Consent Action Week Campaign - Winter 2025

C3SVS partnered with multiple different departments and organizations to promote campus consent culture during the Winter 2025 Consent Action Week. During the third week of January the following events were offered to students;

- **Somatic Movement Workshop** (in collaboration with Student Access Collective)
 - Women's Session - January 19th, 2026 | 12:00pm-2:30pm
 - All Gender Session - January 19th, 2026 | 3:30pm-6pm
- **P2P Harm Reduction, HIV Stigma & Mental Health Workshop** - January 20th, 2026 | 4-5:30pm (in collaboration with Let'sStopAids)
- **Sex Trivia** - January 21st, 2026 | 3:30pm-6:00pm (in collaboration with Consent Comes First)

Valentine's Week Campaign - Winter 2025

C3SVS sought to change the norms this Valentine's day with inclusive education programming. We hosted 4 events with varying educational opportunities for numerous student communities. Our BDSM event featured a sex and pleasure coach who spoke about boundaries and consent in regards to kinks. Our Trans and Queer Sex Education event was an effort to challenge heteronormative ideologies of Valentine's Day. Sexy Science Bingo was an inclusive educational and fun event for all to learn about pleasure between partners or one's self. Finishing with a Valentine's Origami which included PG love notes to phallic creations that defied safer sex stigmas.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

C3SVS is working on a digital campaign to be posted in April for education around Sexual Assaults during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and to



promote our Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line. At the time of this report, this campaign is still in progress with potential ideas of a collaborative march and/or potential video campaign with student poetry.



Events & Outreach

C3SVS hosted and/or tabled at various events and outreach initiatives to raise awareness of our services and educate students.

The following allowed C3SVS to engage students to promote consent culture on campus, and prioritize student wellbeing, knowledge-sharing and educational opportunities within C3SVS areas of advocacy (sexual violence support, safer sex and menstraul/reproductive health);

- Pride Picnic - September 16th, 2025| 4:30-6:30pm (in collaboration with Queer Space)
- Block Party - September 16th, 2025| 4:30-6:30pm (in collaboration with BIPOC)
- Sex Ed Bingo - September 9th, 2025| 6:00-8:30pm
- Consent Trivia Night - September 16th, 2025| 4:30-6:30pm (in collaboration with Consent Comes First)
- Trauma Informed Yoga - September 17th, 2025| 3:30-6:30pm (in collaboration with Consent Comes First)
- P2P Sex Ed 101 Workshop - September 18th, 2025| 4:00pm-6:00pm (in collaboration with Let'sStopAids)
- Menstrual Tea Making Workshop - October 20th, 2025 | 3:00pm-5:00pm
- Heating Pad Making Workshop - November 5th, 2025 | 3:00pm-5:30pm
- No Time to Wait Conference - November 14th & 15th, 2025 | All day (in collaboration with Let'sStopAids)
- Trauma-Informed Pole Dancing Lessons - November 21st, 2023 | 11:00am-5:00pm
- C3SVS x Marlee Liss: Does Cancel Culture Work? Humane Strategies for Responding to Harm Keynote - November 25th, 2025 | 12:00pm-2:00pm
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Memorial - December 5th, 2025 | 12:00pm-1:30pm (in collaboration with TMU)
- Somatic Movement Workshop (in collaboration with Student Access Collective)



- Women's Session - January 19th, 2026 | 12:00pm-2:30pm
- All Gender Session - January 19th, 2026 | 3:30pm-6pm
- P2P Harm Reduction, HIV Stigma & Mental Health Workshop - January 20th, 2026 | 4-5:30pm (in collaboration with Let'sStopAids)
- Sex Trivia - January 21st, 2026 | 3:30pm-6:00pm (in collaboration with Consent Comes First)
- PPT: Advocating for Yourself in the Healthcare System Workshop - January 27th, 2026 | 7:00pm-9:00pm (in collaboration with Trans Collective and TMAPS)
- C3SVS x Marlee Liss: Trauma-Informed and Restorative Justice Approaches to Sexual Harm Training - February 3rd, 2026 | 3:00pm-5:30pm
- BDSM 101 - February 9th, 2026 | 4:00pm-6:30pm
- Trans & Queer Sex Education - February 10th, 2026 | 4:30pm-6:00pm (in collaboration with Trans Collective and Queer Space)
- Sexy Science Bingo - February 11th, 2026 | 6:00pm-8:30pm
- Valentine's Origami - February 12th, 2026 | 3:00pm-5:30pm
- PPT Dealing with Dysphoria and Transphobia Workshop - February 25th, 2026 | 7:00pm-9:00pm (in collaboration with Trans Collective and TMAPS)
- IWD Self-Deference Series Workshops (in collaboration with Centre for Women and Trans People & Trans Collective)
 - Women's Self Defense Class - March 5th, 2026 | 10:00am-1:00pm
 - Women's Self Defense Class - March 26th, 2026 | 1:00pm-4:00pm
 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Self Defense Class - March 5th, 2026 | 1:00pm-4:00pm
 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Self Defense Class - March 26th, 2026 | 10:00am-1:00pm
- IWD Paint and Sip - March 9th, 2026 | 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Safer Choices Week: Safer Sex and Menstrual Health Bingo - March 10th, 2026 | 4:00pm-5:30pm (in collaboration with TMU Health Promotion Programs)
- IWD Heating Pad Making - March 11th, 2026 | 3:00pm-6:00pm



- Somatic Movement Workshop
 - Women's Session - March 25th, 2026 | 12:00pm-2:30pm
 - All Gender Session - March 25th, 2026 | 3:30pm-6pm



Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line (SASSL)

Hours: 10am to Midnight; 365 days a year

The Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line (SASSL) is a free, anonymous, and confidential support line for survivors (or friends of survivors) of sexual or gender based violence that gives students access to our team of peer support volunteers trained in providing judgement free support and directing them to any on- or off-campus resources they may benefit from.

SASSL continues to be run by a team of 35+ peer support volunteers, all of whom have completed our 10 hour training program. This year we have run two training sessions and will run another session during April to May to increase and maintain the numbers of volunteers we have.

Additional Survivor Supports

C3SVS recognizes that our chat line service doesn't meet the needs of every survivor, and therefore offers several additional survivor supports beyond SASSL.

These include:

- Weekly Drop-In Office Hours (Fall: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-3pm & Winter: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-4pm, Wednesdays 12pm-3pm)
- One-on-One Support Meetings with the C3SVS Coordinator or staff
- Advocacy and Navigation Support Meetings with the C3SVS Coordinator
- Long Term Counselling Support Through the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre and Achev
- A Resource Guide With 105 Pages of Easily Searchable Local Support Services



- 30+ Regularly Updated Pamphlets/Brochures Detailing Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About Survivor Experiences, Coping Strategies, and The Journey to Healing
- Crisis Intervention Emergency Bags (also known as Go Bags)



Financial Aid (Reimbursements)

Trans Wellbeing Fund

We partnered with the Trans Collective to bring back the Trans Wellbeing Fund, formerly known as the Gender-Affirming Gear Grant. The Trans Wellbeing Fund ensures trans students are able to access important gender affirming gear and/or funding for Trans Wellness in an equitable and safe way.

There are 2 streams of this Fund, a (up to) \$100 reimbursement and a (up to) \$500 reimbursement. The \$100 reimbursement can be used by students once a year for gender affirming gear. The \$500 reimbursement can be applied to once during their TMU education for non-medical related expenses for gender affirmation surgery.

Emergency Contraceptives

To support safer sex and student survivors, C3SVS offers reimbursements to students for emergency contraceptives. This includes emergency contraceptives, IUDs, pregnancy tests, etc.



Safer Sex & Menstrual Supplies

C3SVS offers all students access to safer sex supplies and menstrual health supplies. In order to ensure everyone can access these supplies in a safe and comfortable way, we offer a wide variety of products and pick-up options.

Product List:

- External (traditional) condoms (20+ varieties including different sizes, brands, materials, and flavours)
- Insertive condoms
- Dental dams (latex and latex-free)
- Lubricant (8+ varieties with different ingredients, possible allergens, and main uses)
- Menstrual pads (4+ different brands including various styles, absorbency, etc., with specific requests available)
- Menstrual liners (2 varieties)
- Tampons (2 different brands with various sizes, specific requests available)
- Menstrual cups (3 sizes)
- Menstrual disks (2 sizes)
- Reusable pads (2 varieties, 4 sizes)
- Menstrual underwear (sizes XS-6XL)
- Pregnancy tests (2 varieties)
- HIV testing kits

Pick-Up Options:

- Order online, pick up confidentially in sealed, unlabeled paper bag
- Drop by during office hours/by appointment
- Monthly menstrual kit pickups the first Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the Fall and Winter semester months (no registration required)
- Cheque reimbursements



Service Usage Statistics

We are seeing an across the board increase in students utilizing our safer sex and menstrual health supply services, likely related to both increased awareness of the Centre and cost of living increases.

While we anticipate the following statistics to increase based on trends, the following numbers are accurate from May 1st 2025 to March 24th 2026, including a total of 1,120 orders on the C3SVS website and counting.

- Emergency Contraceptive Reimbursements: 80+
- Trans Wellbeing Fund Reimbursements: 10+
- Online Orders
 - Safer Sex supply orders: 140+
 - Menstrual Health supply orders: 660+
 - Safer Sex & Menstrual Health supply orders: 280+
- Menstrual Kit Pick-Up: 350+ every month during Fall and Winter Semesters
- Drop-ins/Pick ups: 25+ every week



2026-2027 Advancements and Improvements

C3SVS will continue to offer a safe and confidential space (through C3SVS and SASSL) for students, providing support, services and products to students within our mission at discounted and/or for free. C3SVS will represent our values and offer education and advocacy to increase consent culture on campus and empower student survivors. C3SVS plans to grow its team in both SASSL volunteers and student input with the Programming Support position and with TMU Social Work placement student(s).

C3SVS plans to balance front line services, survivor support, advocacy and events/outreach in the 2026-2027 academic year. As the year starts C3SVS will be prioritizing updating policies and internal procedures to provide students with service rooted in best practices and reflective of student needs. C3SVS also hopes to add a potential new funding stream for students to help alleviate financial burden(s) as a result of sexual violence.



Good Food Centre

About

The Good Food Centre (GFC) is the union's food bank for TMU students under the TMSU, TMAPS, TMGSU or TMUIC umbrella. Any TMU student facing any level of food insecurity (the inability to obtain food that meets your dietary needs) is able to use our services.

To access the GFC, you must register as a member. Students can register in-person at the GFC or book an appointment online:

yourtmsu.ca/services/food/intake

Impact Highlights

The first quarter of 2026 has been marked by a significant surge in demand and a successful restructuring of member registration. Since November 2025, the Good Food Centre has seen an 156.9% increase in weekly visits.

Our current focus is on enhancing outreach to high-risk student populations and finalizing the comprehensive Annual Hunger Report for May.

Service Growth & Usage Statistics

Since November 2025, the demand for GFC services has more than doubled. This increase is attributed to a renewed outreach program as well as the successful re-launch of registration in January 2026, resulting in **320 members** registered into the program.

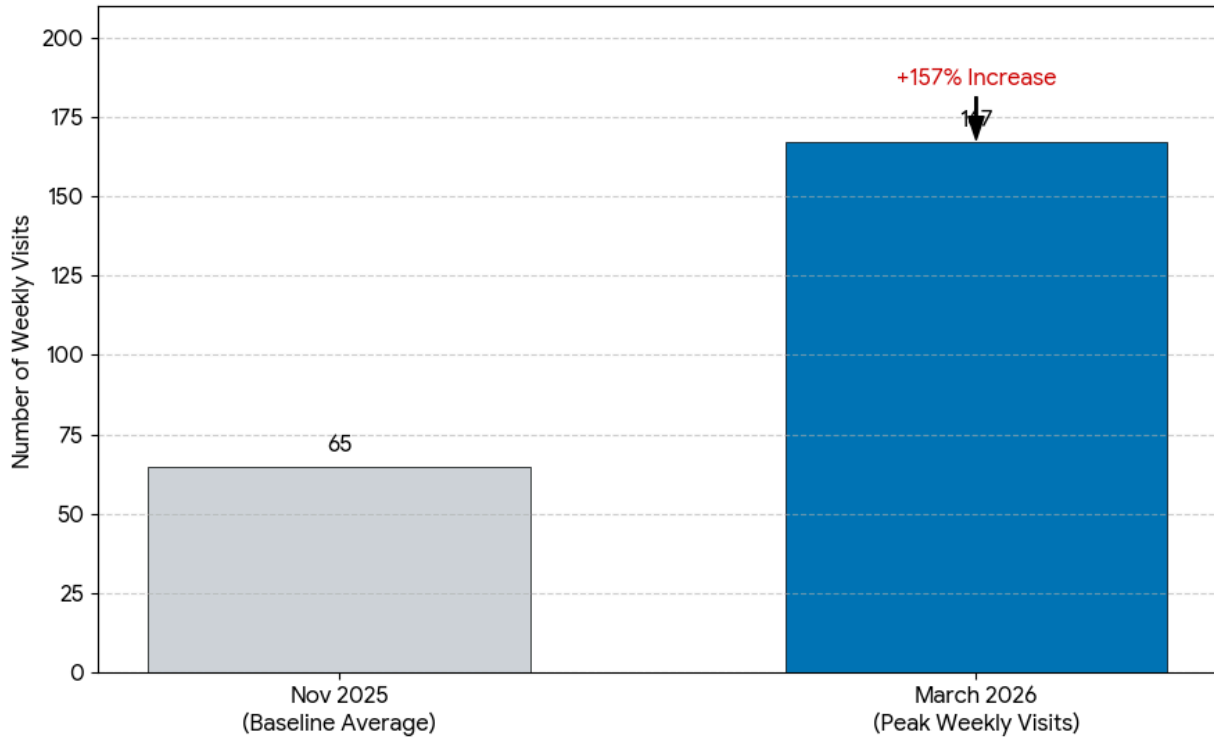
Weekly Visit Trends:

- **November 2025:** 60–70 weekly visits (Average: 65)
- **March 2026:** 167 weekly visits (156.9% increase)



The **Growth in Weekly Visits** chart (below) highlights the rapid scaling of our operations to meet student needs over this four-month period.

Growth in Weekly GFC Visits: Nov 2025 vs. March 2026



Total Volume of Service (Jan–March 2026):

- **Total Households Served:** 1094 (Duplicated Count¹)
- **Total Individuals Served:** 1,510 (Duplicated Count)

¹ These numbers do not represent the totals of individuals who access the GFC, but rather the total number of visits to the GFC. “Duplicated Count” indicates that these numbers include visits from individuals who access the GFC repeatedly.



Demographic Insights

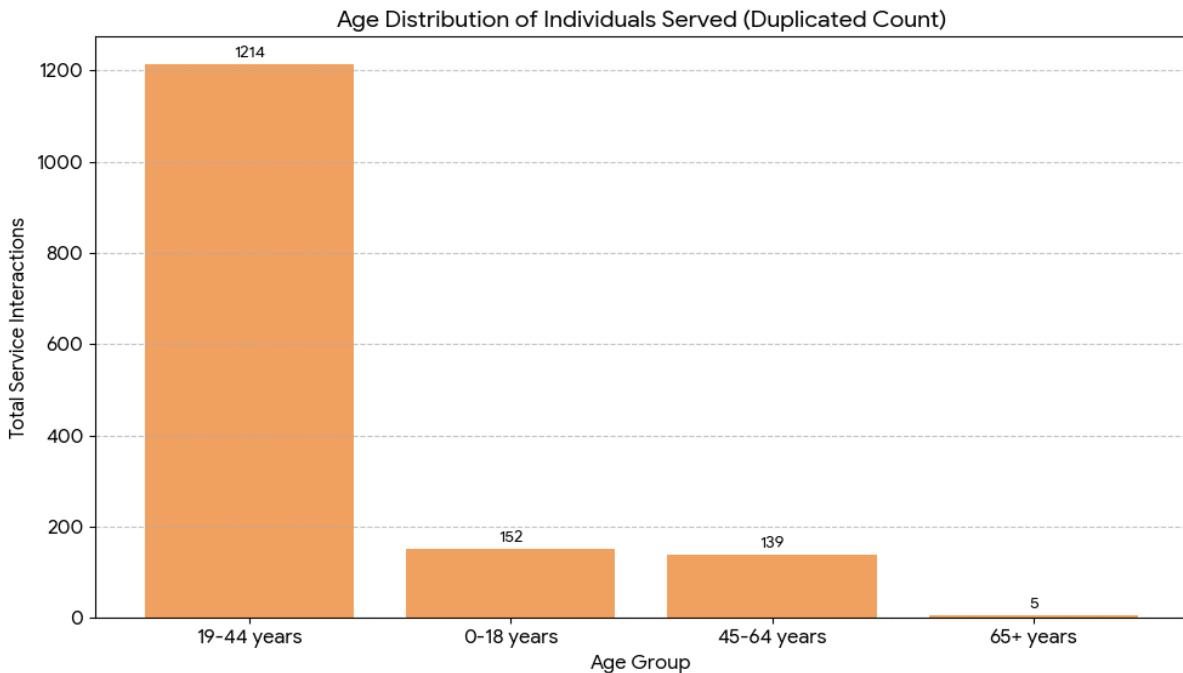
Analysis of the **Age Distribution of Individuals Served** (based on 1,510 service interactions) (below) reveals that the vast majority of our community falls within the young adult to middle-aged range.

- **19–44 years:** 1,214 interactions (80% of total)
- **0–18 years:** 152 interactions
- **45–64 years:** 139 interactions
- **65+ years:** 5 interactions

Heightened Risk Identification: Data indicates that food insecurity disproportionately impacts specific groups within our student body (1,2).

Future outreach will prioritize:

- Racialized students.
- Non-binary and gender-diverse students.
- Students living independently from parents or guardians.
- Students with disabilities.



Supply Chain & Economic Impact

Our ability to meet rising demand is anchored by our foundational partnership with the Daily Bread Food Bank (DBFB).

- **Total Food Volume:** Since 2023, DBFB has supplied 191,048 lbs of food to the GFC.
- **Estimated Value:** Based on DBFB's valuation of \$1.00 per pound, this partnership represents a total economic contribution of \$191,048.00 in food supplies to our center.



Community Initiatives & Research

Winter Break service: Distributed fresh produce boxes (sourced from The Odd Bunch) to 65 members, maintaining service during the annual winter break.

The Common Pot: In addition to food bank services, the GFC sponsors this student-led initiative, providing a weekly hot lunch to 100 students.

Academic Collaboration: We are in the planning stages of a research collaboration with Yukari Seko from the **School of Professional Communication** (The Creative School). This study aims to optimize our communication channels to ensure all students are aware of available support.

Go Bag Program (C3SVS): In a key partnership with C3SVS, the GFC provided **60 Metro/Food Basics gift cards** (valued at \$50 each) to be distributed as part of the Centre's "Go Bag" program, offering immediate flexible support to students in need.

Community Closet: We have partnered with this Toronto-based nonprofit to provide students with a circular clothing access model. By challenging fast fashion and textile waste, this partnership allows low-income individuals to register for **free personalized wardrobes**, ensuring access to fresh, functional, and seasonally appropriate clothing.

Future Initiatives

Annual Hunger Report: Currently in development, this report will provide a comprehensive examination of the trends for 2025-2026. **Publication Date:** Late May 2026.

Rooftop Garden Resumption: Starting in **late May**, the GFC will begin the 2026 season for its rooftop garden. This established project is a key source of



local, fresh produce for our membership, significantly enhancing our seasonal nutritional offerings.

TMU Urban Farm (Seasonal Partnership): We are resuming our annual partnership with the TMU Urban Farm for the upcoming growing season. This collaboration is vital for sourcing culturally appropriate fresh produce that reflects the diverse dietary needs of our student body.

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Equity Service Centres

About

The Equity Service Centres are student-led collectives dedicated to supporting and advocating for diverse communities across campus. Each centre plays an active role in developing and delivering a range of initiatives, including events, campaigns, and services that respond to the needs and interests of their members.

These student-led collectives work to address systemic barriers, promote equity, and foster community across campus through a combination of advocacy, educational initiatives, social programming, and accessible drop-in spaces. Each centre offers a unique approach tailored to the needs of its members, while collectively contributing to a more inclusive and supportive TMU environment.

The six Equity Service Centres are: the Centre for Women & Trans People, the BIPOC Students' Collective, the Trans Collective, The Queer Space, the Student Access Collective, and the SHIFT Centre. Together, they offer students opportunities to connect with peers, access resources, engage in meaningful advocacy, and participate in community-building events that celebrate identity, promote belonging, and empower all members of the TMU community.



The Queer Space

The Queer Space serves queer and trans students by promoting community care, visibility, and advocacy. Its mission is to confront queerphobia, heterosexism, and transphobia while offering students a space to learn, organize, and support one another.

The Queer Space runs educational programs, workshops, and campaigns to advance awareness and inclusion. Its drop-in space facilitates peer support and resource access. Social events and community programming throughout the year encourage identity celebration, networking, and active participation in a welcoming and affirming environment that is otherwise difficult to find on-campus.

Spring/Summer 2025

Tubi Tuesdays Movie Bingo: Every week of June 2025

Church Street Pub Crawl: June 6, 2025

Beginner's Voguing Class (in collaboration with the BIPOC Collective and Trans Collective): June 12, 2025

Pride Picnic and Vendor Market (Equity Centres collaboration): June 20, 2025

Pride Prep and Zine Workshop (in collaboration with the Trans Collective): June 26, 2025

BLOCKSHAKE on the Lake (in collaboration with the BIPOC Collective and Trans Collective): June 27, 2025

Toronto Pride Parade 2025 (Equity Centres collaboration): June 30, 2025

DisOrientation 2025

Kiki in the Quad (in collaboration with BIPOC Collective): Sept. 10, 2025



2SLGBTQ+ Zine Workshop (in collaboration with the Trans Collective): Sept. 10, 2025

QUEERCORE — Queer Indie Music Night (in collaboration with the Trans Collective): Sept. 12, 2025

Fall 2025

Queer Halloween Pub Night: Oct. 27, 2025

BOO-lesque — Intro to Burlesque Workshop (in collaboration with TMU Recreation): Oct. 30, 2025

Lip Sync Smackdown for Trans Awareness (in collaboration with the Trans Collective and the SLC): Nov. 3, 2025

Winter 2026

2026 Bingo! Crafting Session: January 30, 2026

Combining arts and crafts with self-motivation, making an interactive 'to-do' list to check off throughout the year.

Queer & Trans Sex Ed (in collaboration with C3SVS): February 10, 2026

Educational session on safer sex practices for 2SLGBTQ+ people. Facilitated by Eva Bloom (@whatsmybodydoing).

2SLGBTQ+ Speed Dating: February 12, 2026

Speed dating at the Met Campus Pub, with a drag show! In collaboration with the Trans Collective and hosted by Ella Mayo (@EllaMayoReally) at The Met campus pub.

Power in the Overlap: Healing across Black identities (in collaboration with BIPOC Students' Collective): February 27, 2026



A virtual healing circle for Black women and 2SLGBTQ+ people, discussing intersectionality and everyday oppression in a safer space facilitated by a psychotherapist.

2SLGBTQ+ Journalism - Ethics and Reducing Harm (in collaboration with the Trans Collective and Journalism Course Union): April 1, 2026

A panel of 2SLGBTQ+ local journalists Arvin Joaquin, Cal Campos, and Saima Desai. Students learned how to respectfully approach sources, avoid extractive reporting, deal with tough topics, and the importance of research.

Future Plans

The TMSU will once again be part of the TO Pride Parade on June 28, 2026. The Queer Space will host a number of events during June to commemorate Pride Month, in collaboration with other TMSU Equity Service Centres.



Trans Collective

The Trans Collective is committed to supporting trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit (2STNB+) students, offering a student union space that affirms identity and provides resources for advocacy and community engagement. Its mission is to challenge transphobia, cissexism, and transmisogyny while creating opportunities for visibility, empowerment, and leadership.

The Collective hosts educational workshops, advocacy campaigns, and peer support programs, while its drop-in space provides a safe environment for students to access guidance and connect with peers. Social and community-building events throughout the year foster connection, resilience, and celebration of 2STNB+ identities. Alongside this work, the Collective maintains a dedicated drop-in space that offers trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit (2STNB+) students a place to access support and build community.

Campaigns

Trans Awareness Month: November 2025

Created educational materials on trans rights and safety, including shareable infographics, pamphlets and posters that were/are shared across campus.

Stop Bill 33!: *October 2025*

Trans Collective supported TMAPS and Performance Students' Union with outreach and education to promote CFS-ON' campaign against the passing of Bill 33.

Year-Long Programs

Self-Harm Safety Kits (in collaboration with C3SVS): September 2025-onward

A mental health self-care and recovery tool for students dealing with self-harm urges and practices.



Study Hall: Mondays & Wednesdays, 4-6pm

A reliable space for 2STNB+ students to work and study together. Students get to socialize, talk with leads about trans issues on campus, and take free snacks.

Peer Support Office Hours: Every Tuesday, TC Office

Office hours for students to speak with staff about academic and emotional issues.

Fall 2025

DisOriented, Not Alone: September 8, 2025

2SLGBTQ+ Zine Workshop: September 10, 2025

Queercore: Queer indie music night: September 12, 2025

Trans Art Fair: September 23, 2025

Lip-Sync Smackdown for Trans Awareness (in collaboration with TMU SLC):
November 5, 2025

Let's Talk Healthcare: Peer Support Group: November 20, 2025

Holiday Movie Night: November 26, 2025

Winter 2026

Advocating For Yourself in the Healthcare System: January 27, 2026

A virtual workshop for 2-Spirit, Trans and Non-Binary People, in collaboration with Planned Parenthood Toronto.

Dealing with dysphoria and transphobia: February 25, 2026



A virtual workshop for 2-Spirit, Trans and Non-Binary People, in collaboration with Planned Parenthood Toronto.

Collaborations with the Centre for Women and Trans People and C3SVS during International Women's Month (Women's Self-Defence Classes and 2SLGBTQIA+ Self-Defence Classes): March 5 and March 26, 2026



BIPOC Students' Collective

The BIPOC Students' Collective centres the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and racialized students, creating a space within the student union that addresses systemic racism and xenophobia. Its mission is to empower racialized students, amplify their voices, and advocate for equity across campus.

Programming includes community-led workshops, public campaigns, and educational initiatives that raise awareness and foster dialogue. The Collective's drop-in space supports peer connection and resource access, while social and cultural events throughout the year celebrate diversity, build networks, and create a sense of belonging for racialized students and allies.

Spring/Summer 2025

The BIPOC Student's Collective assisted in all Pride programming alongside the Queer Space and Trans Collective.

Fall 2025

BIPOC Kickback (in-partnership with UBSA: United Black Students' Association): September 9, 2025

With catering provided by Biggs Ribs, serving 50+ students.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Tabling: September 29, 2025

In collaboration with TMAPS, discussing and handing out booklets about the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's 94 Calls To Action to students on campus.



Winter 2026

Black History Month 2026

The Tea About Being a Black Law Student (in collaboration with Black Law Students' Association): February 6, 2026

Cornrow Braiding Workshop: February 23, 2026

Hurricane Melissa Relief Drive: February 26, 2026

In collaboration with Biggs Ribs and CONNEK JA, a grassroots, resource center supporting queer Caribbean people in Jamaica and the U.S. This fundraiser collected donations for 2SLGBTQ+ Jamaicans recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Melissa.

Power in the Overlap - Healing Across Black Identities (in collaboration with The Queer Space): February 27, 2026

A virtual healing circle for Black women and 2SLGBTQ+ people centred on intersectionality, mental health and collective care; hosted by Jade Giff.



Student Access Collective

The Student Access Collective (SAC) has undergone a period of significant revitalization following a transitional phase in mid-2025. With the appointment of a new Lead in late-November 2025, the Collective has successfully shifted from a period of maintained basic services to a proactive, high-impact model for the Winter 2026 semester. This report outlines our recent achievements, the alignment of our programming with our core anti-ableist mission, and our strategic trajectory moving into 2027.

The Student Access Collective focuses on creating an inclusive campus by supporting disabled students. Operating within the student union, its mission is to reduce barriers, advocate for systemic change, and foster equitable participation in campus life.

Programming includes workshops, awareness campaigns, and advocacy initiatives that highlight accessibility challenges and solutions. The Collective's drop-in space provides resources, peer support, and networking opportunities, while social and educational events throughout the year allow students to connect, share experiences, and strengthen an accessible community at TMU.

Year-Long Programs

Enhanced Office Hours: New office hours displayed on SAC's social media were introduced for the Winter 2026 semester. Current hours are held Mondays and Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Specialized Support: Office hours are evolving to include themed sessions such as: 'Sensory Quiet Hours', 'Tech Triage Drop-in', and 'Peer Advocacy Power-up' to provide targeted accessibility support.

Winter Term

TMSU Services Fair: January 16, 2026



SAC assisted in planning and participated in the winter semester kickoff to increase visibility and connect students with accessible resources.

Somatic Movement Session (in collaboration with C3SVS): January 19, 2026

This event for women featured a 1.5-hour movement session followed by a community-building "Body Mapping" activity hosted by SAC. To ensure comfort and access, SAC provided reflection journals and made yoga pillows and chairs available for those requiring specific seating support.

Wick & Wax Candle Making (in collaboration with CWTP): March 27, 2026

In collaboration with the Centre for Women & Trans People (CWTP), this workshop celebrated International Women's Month through tactile, low-stim creativity.

Whistledown's Tinsel Tales - A High Tea Soiree: April 13, 2026

Our semester finale, held in the Margaret Laurence Room, transformed everyday crafting into a Bridgerton-themed social.

Event goal: by creating 'everlasting blooms' through wire-work and faux bouquets, this event provides a low-pressure, sensory friendly environment that fosters community belonging, a core-goal of SAC's 2026 strategic plan.

Future Plans

Global Accessibility Awareness Day: May 2026

Launching the "Infinite Access" digital campaign to celebrate neurodiversity and disability pride on a large scale.

Accessible Pride: June 2026

Partnering with the Trans Collective and Queer Space to host low-stim, sensory-friendly Pride gatherings.

Disability Arts & Culture Festival: July 2026



A multi-day festival featuring accessible performances and a community resource fair.

Systemic Advocacy: Ongoing

Establishing quarterly meetings with University Accessibility Coordinators to review and enhance campus-wide accessibility policies.

Resource Development:

Moving into 2027, SAC plans to launch the "Accessible Funding Navigator Program" to assist students with disability-related grants and financial literacy.



SHIFT Centre

The SHIFT Centre supports students navigating mental health and wellness challenges, providing practical resources, peer support, and advocacy opportunities.

The Centre's drop-in space offers students a welcoming place to access guidance, connect with peers, and participate in wellness-focused activities. Through ongoing social and wellness programming, the SHIFT Centre builds community, encourages self-care, and ensures that students have opportunities to thrive both personally and academically.

Social and wellness-focused events throughout the year create opportunities for students to build resilience, engage with supportive networks, and cultivate a sense of belonging within the TMU community.

Fall 2025

Halloween Pumpkin Carving: October 31, 2026

Future Plans

Paint & Sip: April/May 2026

Paint & Sip is a collaborative painting workshop designed to bring students into the SHIFT Equity Centre for a relaxed, social, low-pressure creative session. The finished artworks will be displayed on the SHIFT centre's walls.

Community Aquarium Rebuild: April/May 2026

The Equity Centre tank has been empty/ignored for a long time. This project will introduce a real, healthy freshwater aquarium that becomes a living centrepiece for the space—built with students, not just for them.

Exam De-Stress Kits: Mid-April



Exam De-Stress Kits are curated care packages designed to support students through the pressures of exam season with simple, practical tools. Each kit includes snacks, wellness items, and study aids to help students recharge, refocus, and stay grounded.

Affordable and accessible, they offer a small but meaningful way to prioritize student well-being. It's a tangible reminder that the students' union is here to support them every step of the way.



Centre for Women and Trans People

The Centre for Women & Trans People is dedicated to supporting, empowering, and amplifying the voices of women and trans-identifying students within the Toronto Metropolitan University Students' Union. Its mission is to create a safe, accessible, and inclusive space where students can engage with issues affecting their communities, develop leadership skills, and participate in advocacy for gender equity. Within the student union context, the Centre plays a critical role in ensuring that the perspectives and needs of women and trans students are represented in campus decision-making, policy development, and programming.

Beyond advocacy and educational programming, the Centre organizes social and community-building events throughout the year, offering opportunities for students to celebrate identity, share experiences, and strengthen connections. By centering the experiences of women and trans students and creating a student union space that prioritizes inclusion, the Centre contributes to a more equitable, engaged, and empowered campus community.

Fall 2025

Disoriented, Not Alone (in collaboration with Trans Collective): Sept. 4, 2025

A peer advice session for women and trans students to prep for the semester. A safe space to discuss stress, study advice and campus life, and pick up free self-care kits and food.

Trauma-Informed Yoga (in collaboration with Consent Comes First): Sept. 17, 2025



Winter 2026

Trauma Informed Yoga (in collaboration with Consent Comes First): January 20, 2026

As part of our Consent Awareness Week programming, CCF and C3SVS welcomed [@project.ahimsa](#) to lead a trauma-informed yoga class.

International Women's Month 2026

Self Defence Classes (in collaboration with C3SVS and Trans Collective): March 5 and March 26, 2026

Two separate sessions on each day - women's self defence classes and 2SLGBTQIA+ self defence classes hosted by Leslie Allin from [Wen-Do](#).

Cozy Corner: March 10, 2026

A space for women, non-binary and trans students to slow down, connect and create through colouring, journaling and crafts.

Wick & Wax Candle-Making Workshop (in collaboration with Student Access Collective): March 27, 2026

Pottery Painting: *will be rescheduled to mid April due to weather conditions.*



Events

Pre-Orientation Events

TMSU x TMU Residence Council: August 25, 2025

The TMSU was thrilled to collaborate with the TMU Residence Council for a concert in the Kerr Hall Quad. The event featured an electrifying performance by DJ Sophie Jones, and TMSU provided free ice cream to members.

This successful collaboration reflects our ongoing commitment to hosting vibrant pre-orientation events and strengthening partnerships across all faculties.

Orientation and Week of Welcome

Free Breakfast & Giveaways: August 25 to 28 & September 2 to 5, 2025

TMSU staff and volunteers had the pleasure of welcoming incoming students with free breakfast outside the SCC during the Fall Orientation and Week of Welcome.

Offerings included pastries, Krispy Kreme donuts, and coffee and tea. During this time, staff and volunteers also engaged with students through outreach, promoting upcoming events and distributing swag bags.

Campus Service Fair: August 25, 2025

The Campus Service Fair kicked off Orientation Week, featuring several of TMSU's long-standing sponsors, including University Dental Avenue and Rexall. Attendees received \$5 Rexall gift cards and a leaflet highlighting the 20% discount on prescription drugs available to TMSU students. The event also offered free ice cream and slushies.

Rodeo Party on the Block: August 26, 2025



The Rodeo Party On The Block marked the kickoff of the TMSU Stampede event series and took place outside the Student Campus Centre (SCC). TMSU staff and volunteers 33

welcomed students with free breakfast and swag giveaways, followed by lively music, a free photobooth inside a Stampede-inspired tent, and delicious mocktails that kept students coming back for more, creating a fun and festive start to the week.

Fiesta Del Fuego: August 27, 2025

TMSU collaborated with TMU Student Life & Learning Support to host Fiesta Del Fuego inside Kerr Hall Quad. The event featured performances by DJ Flavia, Queen Priyanka, and Anna Sofi a, creating a lively and memorable atmosphere. TMSU provided free sliders, a complimentary photobooth for attendees to capture memories, and cotton candy, with the support of dedicated staff and volunteers. Attendees also received free swag bags, adding to the excitement and celebration of the event.

Power and Presence: August 28, 2025

The Power & Presence tote bag painting session was a collaborative event with TMU Student Life & Learning Support, held inside the Daphne Cockwell Complex (DCC). TMSU provided free tote bags, and students enjoyed a creative and interactive experience designing custom bags to take home, making the event both fun and memorable.

SLC Live: August 28, 2025

SLC Live is an event hosted by TMU's central O-Team, activating the 5th floor of the Student Learning Centre with activities, games, music, and food in collaboration with faculties and departments across campus.

During Orientation, TMSU shared the space and provided attendees with free pizza, pastries, swag giveaway prizes, and a Mario Kart-themed photobooth.

Carnival in the Quad: September 3, 2025



During Week of Welcome, TMSU, with the support of staff and volunteers, hosted a vibrant Carnival inside Kerr Hall Quad. The event featured activities and inflatables provided by Superior Event Rentals, free hot dogs and funnel cakes, a photobooth, mocktails, swag bag giveaways, and face painting, giving incoming students an engaging and interactive way to connect.

Attendees enjoyed live music from DJ Essence, and a NOCTA shoe giveaway generously provided by TMSU sponsor Canada Unites. Several other sponsors, including Scotiabank, University Dental, and more, also had tables at the event.

Mystique on Wheels: September 4, 2025

An outdoor roller-skating experience held at Lake Devo. TMSU staff and volunteers provided attendees with free skates, ice cream, and slushies. The event also featured a live DJ and concluded with a free NOCTA shoe giveaway.

Soiree La Nuit: September 5, 2025

In collaboration with The Met Campus Pub, TMSU hosted its first pub night event, featuring a live DJ, music, and free food. Students also had the chance to win a free NOCTA shoe giveaway, making it a fun and memorable evening on campus.

Campus Groups Fair: September 4, 2025

The Campus Groups Fair took place at the Kerr Hall Quad, providing an open space for student groups and course unions to come together and showcase their communities. The event featured a variety of clubs and organizations, live music and food, creating an inviting atmosphere for students to explore their opportunities to get involved on campus.

TMSU's Fall Voyage: September 18, 2025

The annual Fall Voyage, hosted by River Gambler, is a highly anticipated TMSU boat cruise that students look forward to each year. This year's cruise featured TikTok influencer Yves, free food, a live DJ, and stunning city views. TMSU staff and volunteers also hosted a live NOCTA shoe giveaway on board.



Fall Semester Events

TMSU Halloween: October 30-31, 2025

This year, TMSU hosted a two-day outdoor walk-through experience outside the Student Campus Centre. The event included live performers, free hot beverages, and trick-or-treat goodie bags for attendees.

A major highlight was the kickoff of the TMSU x Canada United partnership, which provided swag bags filled with Sephora products and other treats.

Winter Week of Welcome 2026

Maker Matcha: January 12, 2026

Description: A wellness-focused kickoff event featuring premium matcha tea service and DIY crafting stations. Provided high-quality matcha and bamboo whisks and small bowls for approx. 50 students.

Paint Night: Jan 13, 2026

Description: A guided social painting session where students created winter-themed canvases in a relaxed environment. Highlights: Provided all professional art supplies including canvases, acrylics, and brushes, for 48 students. Approx. Attendees: 48 students.

Therapy Puppies Wellness Break: January 14, 2026

A mental health initiative bringing certified therapy dogs to campus to help students de-stress during the first weeks of the term. We partnered with a local therapy animal organization to provide multiple 15-minute rotation sessions to over 100 students.

Pancake Station: January 12-16, 2026



Mini pancakes and waffles served for students throughout the Winter Week of Welcome. We offered unlimited pancakes with toppings and syrups to approx. 200 students per day.

Mocktail Bar: January 12-16, 2026

A professional mobile non-alcoholic bar service provided premium themed hot and cold drinks during the WWOW festivities.

Skating at Lake Devo: January 15, 2026

Provided skate rentals at Lake Devo and hosted an after-skate pub night with food, music and a photo booth. Coordinated professional DJ services for both the skating rink and the Met Campus Pub.

Cupid's Corner Valentine's Pub Night: February 13, 2026

A pub night to celebrate Valentine's Day, including a raffle, mocktails, food, and a Valentine's card station. Featuring curated prizes for students, including a Fujifilm Instax camera, a vinyl record, and various retail gift cards.



Campus Groups

About

The TMSU oversees a large number of Campus Groups (formerly divided into Student Groups, Course Unions, and Affiliate Groups) that revolve around a multitude of faculties, interests, cultures, and more.

During our 2025-2026 term we've totaled **265 Campus Groups**, including **182 active Student Groups, 48 Course Unions and 35 Affiliate groups**.

Grant Funding

As of the end of February 2026, Campus Groups had received over \$136,000 in adjudicated funding during the 2025-26 year, an increase from the \$114,000 for the same period in the previous year.

Updates to Campus Groups Funding

In December 2025, TMSU updated the funding process to increase capacity to support events and exceptional circumstances. The updated [Campus Groups Manual](#) which lays out these policies is available to read at yourtmsu.ca/policy.

Student Groups, Course Unions, and Affiliate Groups are now all considered as Campus Groups falling under the same funding model.

All Campus Groups are now eligible to apply for funding under three categories:

- **Base Funding:** \$600 per year to cover the base cost of running a group.
- **Event Funding:** Up to \$6,000 in event funding for the entire year, with a cap of \$3,000 per event.
- **Exceptional Circumstances Funding:** Up to \$3,000 per year



The maximum funding a Campus Group can receive is capped at **\$8,000 annually**, which can be spread across multiple funding categories. Compared to the previous funding model, this is an increase of \$1,500 in funding for Student Groups, \$1,800 for Course Unions, and \$3,000 for Affiliate Groups.

Campus Group Activations

To establish a new Campus Group, students must submit an application to the Campus Groups Coordinator for approval. Application information, including instructions, documents and deadlines, is regularly updated at yourtmsu.ca/groups.

Accredited Campus Groups are eligible to apply for funding and agree to abide by TMSU policies. The updated policies for 2026/27 state that Campus Groups must apply for renewal every year.

Student Groups Fair

The Student Groups Fair and Course Union/Service fair is a tabling event that is focused around ensuring students know about the various student groups, course unions, and services that are on campus so that they can sign-up and become involved in the ones that interest them and seek services they need. This event is essential for student groups and course unions under the TMSU umbrella to have the opportunity to increase membership and for students to find a safe space on campus.

This year's Fair was held on-campus on September 6, 2025. It was our biggest turnout thus far, totaling 143 participating Campus Groups. We were happy to witness the large turnout and Groups' successful engagement with students.



