SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2026 REPORT

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Toronto Metropolitan Students' Union (TMSU) represents over 40,000 full-time undergraduate, School of Law and School of Medicine students at Toronto Metropolitan University.

As the central students' union on campus, TMSU works to build campus life, advocate for its members, organize campaigns and initiatives, provide cost-saving services, and work with students across the province and country for a more affordable and accessible post-secondary education system.

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Tkarón:to continues to be home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island and we are grateful for the chance to live, work, and study on this land.

You can visit native-land.ca to find more information about the traditional territories on which you reside. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action are also available to read online at nctr.ca.

Letter from the President

Dear TMSU Members,

As President for the 2026-2027 academic year, I am honoured to have your trust to lead your students' union. Since our first day in office, the Executive Committee has led a whirlwind term.

Our operations have already expanded this semester, as we continue to re-strategize our essential operations including Emergency Grants, Campus Groups, governance procedures and service centres.

As a crucial part of our administrative responsibilities, we are also rectifying the historical patterns of corruption and fraud that have lost students' trust in their campus representatives. We have introduced By-Law amendments and restructuring measures to eliminate risks of corruption in our elections, governance operations and service provisions.

This is a critical moment for students' rights. Rising tuition, costs of living, mental health challenges and uncertainty about the future remain urgent concerns across our campus. Ongoing government decisions impacting OSAP, education funding, student services and international student policies fail to address the pressing issues facing TMU students.

These large-scale issues require a union that is active, accountable, transparent, and ready to respond. You need a students' union that works for you.

This year, I and the Executive Committee have built up our capacity to advocate for students' needs with collaborations and outreach on- and off-campus. Thus far, we've met with our fellow Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) member locals to discuss and advocate publicly for students' rights at both the Ontario Legislative Assembly and within the Federal Youth Caucus. Just this October, I was honoured to attend the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)'s education summit in Geneva, Switzerland, to speak on behalf of Canadian students on a global scale.

In collaboration with CFS-ON, we've also contributed to the province-wide advocacy efforts of the Hands Off Our Education! campaign alongside thousands of post-secondary students. This General Meeting comes off the heels of our participation in the province-wide walkout on November 5th, where hundreds of students showed up to stand together against OSAP cuts, tuition hikes and risks to student services. Together, after months of campaigning, education and collaborations, we have shown the Ontario Government that we, the students, won't back down for our right to education.

The 2026-2027 TMSU Executive Committee — Polly, Teresa, Megan, Hamde and I — were elected after the union was in operation without student leadership for over a year. With support from our hardworking Board of Directors, Interim Co-Executive Directors, staff and volunteers, we have entered this role to revitalize your students' union and best serve all members.

Though it's hard to put the past 6 months into words, this year's Semi-Annual General Meeting report aims to summarize our operations, initiatives, collaborations and events from our Executive Committee, staff, Board of Directors and volunteers since May 2026.

Read on for our progress updates from the Spring/Summer and Fall 2026 semesters. As always, stay updated on Instagram **@yourtmsu,** at **yourtmsu.ca**, and in your **torontomu.ca** email inbox.

In Solidarity,

Zain Baig



Executive Reports

The 2026-2027 TMSU Executive Committee was elected during the 2026 Spring By-Election and the 2026 Run-Off Election.



Zain Baig
President
TMU Business Technology Management ‘27



Polly Yang
Vice-President Operations
TMU Accounting ‘28



Teresa Baricevic
Vice-President Education
TMU Marketing Management ‘26



Megan Morgan
Vice-President Equity
TMU Business Management ‘27



Hamde Ahmed
Vice-President Student Life
TMU Creative Industries ‘27

President

The President of TMSU, Zain Baig, leads the Executive Committee as the designated representative of the entire students’ union.

The President oversees administrative, legal, financial and external operations and issues, taking direction from the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Administrative Improvements

When I entered this role, there was a lot of work to be done toward improving TMSU’s governance policies and systems. I am proud to have led numerous changes to further secure the union’s reliability as the representative of over 40,000 students.

With the approval of the Board of Directors, I have proposed updates to our By-Laws and Election Procedures Code (EPC). Among these were anti-corruption updates to the EPC, developed with the Elections Referenda Committee (ERC), which require executive candidates to provide a resume, cover letter, and reference verification in order to run in future elections.

As President, I lead the union through our many administrative channels, in which I Chair the Weekly Executive Committee Meetings, Nominations Committee, Management Priorities Committee and the By Laws and Policy Committee. I also serve on the Finance Committee, Elections & Referenda Committee (ERC), Committees of the Whole, and multiple past and ongoing Hiring Committees.

As part of my campus advocacy, I also represent TMSU on external committees including the Oakham Foundation Board of Directors, Information Technology Management School

Council and Curriculum Committee, and Met Radio Board of Directors.

I have also led organizational mental health and wellbeing improvements, including: a multilateral staff appreciation event which includes TMSU Management, Executives, Board of Directors, full-time staff, part-time staff and volunteers; a company-wide holiday event; and occasional scheduled mental health days.

Campus Groups Support

As the founder of two TMSU recognized campus groups, I came into this role motivated to make significant improvements to the Campus Groups department. With the help of our Interim Campus Groups Lead, Ahmmad Haidary, I have made updates to Campus Groups' administrative procedures to streamline the processing time of funding requests, reimbursements and general inquiries. This will be further strengthened by hiring a new Campus Groups Coordinator and Assistant for which we have already begun the application and review process.

I also led the Campus Community Updates newsletter and socials initiative, and passed an amendment to the EPC to allow Campus Group and Course Union leads to have a seat at the table on the TMSU Board of Directors. I am also excited to announce that we are planning a Campus Groups Awards initiative, which is being led by our VP Student Life Hamde and the TMSU Events department.

Student Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

Under my supervision, TMSU has expanded our opportunities for students to start and build their early careers as union employees and/or volunteers. I am proud to announce that we have strengthened our part-time team with new student leads and assistants across various departments in our organization, in conjunction with vast volunteer opportunities for students to build their resumes and obtain reference letters.

I continue to actively research student employment issues and strategies to provide even more opportunities for the union to lend a hand in helping members find good jobs and build their careers.

Civic Engagement and External Involvement

Beyond my work in campus governance, I have expanded TMSU's advocacy efforts at the provincial, federal, and international levels to ensure that student voices are represented in discussions surrounding post-secondary education and public policy.

Earlier this semester, I engaged with Ontario MPP Tyler Watt to discuss recent changes to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and signed a non-partisan joint letter addressed to Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security. This letter called for greater consultation from the Provincial Government with student representatives on decisions regarding financial assistance, student debt and post-secondary affordability. I also participated in public advocacy efforts at Queen's Park to bring greater attention to the financial challenges facing students across Ontario.

At the federal level, I represented TMSU at the Government of Canada's National Student Issues Roundtable on September 2, 2026, engaging with Members of Parliament from the Government Youth Caucus and student leaders from across Canada to advocate for student affordability, equitable access to education and improved employment opportunities.

With the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) and fellow TMSU Executives, Board Directors and Members, I co-authored and submitted a joint federal budget proposal titled A Fair Start and Safe Workplace, outlining recommendations to expand non-repayable student financial assistance, reduce student debt, improve workplace protections, strengthen employment equity and support Canada's long-term economic productivity. In this collaboration, we seized our opportunity to bring together student perspectives from two major Canadian universities and contribute recommendations

directly to federal policymakers.

Internationally, I was invited to participate in the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and Ureka Education Group Academic Leadership Suite, held from October 27–30, 2026, in Geneva, Switzerland, with programming at the Palais des Nations and World Health Organization headquarters.

As a selected participant and guest speaker, I represented TMSU on the global level alongside academic leaders, policymakers and education professionals from universities and organizations around the world. During the Educators Forum, speaking alongside Dr. Claudia Seymour and Dr. Poorna Gunasekera, I advocated publicly for student affordability, equitable access to career-building opportunities and meaningful student participation in post-secondary decision-making and program evaluation.



Photo Zain Baig presents at a UNITAR summit conference, October 2026.

I also contributed two written proposals toward the summit's white paper: Reimagining Employability in a Changing World: a Student Employability Compact, aimed at expanding access to paid experiential learning through collaboration between universities, employers and student representatives; and a portfolio-based assessment model designed to help students demonstrate the transferable skills gained through extracurricular involvement, project leadership, and other experiential learning opportunities. The white paper is set to be published in December.

One of the most valuable aspects of this experience was the opportunity to exchange ideas, receive constructive feedback, and build relationships with academic leaders from diverse institutional and cultural backgrounds. These discussions provided new perspectives on how universities and student organizations can address shared challenges through collaboration, innovation, and measurable outcomes. I returned from Geneva with new ideas and potential opportunities for international collaboration that I hope to translate into practical initiatives at TMSU, particularly in strengthening institutional accountability, expanding student career development opportunities, and ensuring that students have a meaningful role in shaping the policies and programs that affect their education and future careers.

Napping Centre

As a commuter student who has had to juggle my academics, work and extracurriculars, I understand personally the widespread need for a dedicated place to rest on-campus. That's why I have spent the Summer and Fall 2026 semesters developing the TMSU Napping Centre.

After consultation with student unions and university departments with their own rest spaces, I was able to develop a concrete plan and proposal for the installation and organization of the Napping Centre. We have spent the last three months re-organizing the SHIFT Centre offices, approving costs with the Board of Directors, ordering materials, providing tours of the space with our Equity Service Centres and setting up the check-in process with our Internal team. I am so proud of the progress we have made to launch the Centre within the Fall semester.

The Centre is set to be open to all TMSU Members starting November 16, 2026.

Vice-President Operations



The Vice-President Operations of TMSU, Polly Yang, leads by directing the administrative and budgetary operations of the students' union.

These responsibilities include acting as a designated signatory and treasurer for the union, chairing and working with the Finance Committee, developing and monitoring the union's budget and overseeing Emergency Grants and Tax Clinic operations.

Operational Oversight

The Finance Committee has been revived with me serving as Chair. The Committee meets periodically when the TMSU budget needs to be discussed or when other initiatives are to be brought up.

Under my supervision and the efforts of TMSU's Finance department, the annual budgeting process was followed with careful expense management and approval from the Executive Committee, Finance Committee and the Board of Directors in alignment with our Operating Policies.

I've led the TMSU financial team into further investment in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs). GICs generate higher interest income for the union, contributing to our funds alongside the student levy and creating more space in the budget for operational and service updates.

As part of my administrative role, I also actively help facilitate committee operations and approvals by scheduling meetings and setting application-review goals to meet.

Student Services

To help TMSU Members achieve their career goals, I am organizing skills development workshops that will help students review their resumes and practice their interviewing skills, starting January 2027. I am also collaborating with TMAPS to host virtual and in-person job fairs with an intended launch of March 2027.

The Health & Dental Plan, provided by Alumo Insurance, is crucial to students' physical and mental wellbeing while in their studies at TMU. I had the opportunity to attend the Alumo conference in June of this year, where I gained valuable insights on student insurance usage and traded ideas on campus health programs with other student leaders. I continue to liaise with Alumo and our sister student unions to push for high-quality and accessible insurance for all Members.

Emergency Student Grants

As our Emergency Grants application numbers grow amid a cost of living crisis and new OSAP and tuition policies, it is essential for TMSU to meet the demand. In my role as VP Operations, I proposed increasing last year's budgeted allotment for Emergency Grants by $40,000 to allow us to offer more grants per application period.

The effective operation of TMSU's finances is ultimately thanks to all of our staff running their departments cost-efficiently, and with their due diligence in finding the best vendors in line with TMSU policies.

Vice-President Education

The Vice-President Education, Teresa Baricevic, leads TMSU's advocacy and accountability measures for students regarding on-campus educational issues.

The VP Education liaises with the TMU administration on academic issues and policies, representing students' needs to the university Senate and faculty. They also ensure the students' union remains a reliable source for education and knowledge-sharing on student rights and academic issues.

Student Issues & Advocacy

I support the work of our Academic Advocacy team through my social connections as a previous TMU student, by listening to Members' concerns from a range of issues and directing them to the proper help and resolutions. The students I have supported most often seek support with appeals process, policy change requests, and questions about curriculum and starting their undergraduate journey off right.

As a member of the TMU Senate representing the students' union, I bring these concerns to the TMU administration for consideration and advocate for change. I continue to work alongside our Office of Vice Provost, Students and the Office of the Vice-President Equity & Community Inclusion, to further student advocacy efforts, and keep an open line of communication between TMSU and the University.

Representing Students at CFS

As the Ontario Executive Committee representative for TMSU (Local 24) within the CFS, my efforts and initiatives working alongside the Federation coincide with my advocacy efforts for TMSU Members.

I have led and coordinated several trainings for our Board of Directors and Members with CFS-Ontario, including anti-oppression and Hands off Our Education outreach training. I have also represented TMU students as a participant in several CFS conferences, such as the Skills Symposium, Ontario General Meeting, Ontario Lobby Week and the National Annual General Meeting.

Hands Off Our Education! Campaign

For the past Fall semester, I have led the union in planning and facilitating the November 5th Day of Action Walkout on TMU campus. The weeks leading up to the action included several outreach initiatives, including: class talks; flyering/postering; petitioning, and coordinating with other unions, community members and faculty.

We organized with our sister unions, CFS-ON and the Student Mobilization Committee in public Committees of the Whole and Post-Secondary Education Coalition meetings leading up to the event, inviting all students to join as planning and outreach volunteers. At the day-of rally, we gathered over 250 students, faculty and community members to join us on Gould Street, with a pre-rally sign-making event and post-rally Met Campus Pub meetup.

These efforts to garner student support and engagement could not have been done without the tireless support of the TMSU Board Members and volunteers who stepped up to stand with their student community.

Civic Engagement Efforts

In my term thus far, I have organized and facilitated multiple events on campus to increase TMSU Members' civic engagement and promote educational opportunities for political involvement, in alignment with TMSU's non-partisan policy.

This included multiple opportunities for students to meet with their local elected officials and candidates. In September, I invited MPP Kristyn



Photo MPP of Toronto-Centre Kristyn Wong-Tam, Teresa Baricevic, Eli Eusebio Ramon Arce, and Megan Morgan, November 2026.

Wong-Tam to campus for a student-exclusive Q&A session. In October, just before the 2026 Toronto Municipal Elections, I coordinated a Ward 13 Councillor Candidates Panel, during which students and community members asked the candidates for TMU's ward essential questions about education, transit and other local issues.

In light of the Ontario Government's recent threats to Toronto's bike lanes, I am helping organize an event focused on infrastructure issues with the Toronto Metropolitan Graduate Students' Union and Jessica Brown, University-Rosedale MPP.

To further encourage students' civic participation year-round, I plan to reach out to and continue engaging with other politically-focused community organizations.

TMU Senate Involvement

As a Student Union representative in the TMU Senate, I am TMSU's Voting Senator during my Executive term. During Senate meetings on academic policy and current issues, I have brought urgent student matters to the table thanks to feedback from Members and Board Directors.

In October and early-November, in collaboration with the Toronto Metropolitan Association of Part-Time Students' Advocacy representative and additional Senate members, I drafted and submitted a motion for across-the-board academic amnesty for students who choose to participate in the November 5th Day of Action Walkout. After multiple rejected proposals and a vote in the Senate, the motion passed with 84% approval.

As a Senator, I had also signed off on a letter sent to me from a fellow student senator within the Business Management program to propose a more constructive course feedback assessment system than the current survey-only model. I look forward to continuing my work alongside our sister unions and fellow student senators to raise issues and concerns at the Senate level.

Committee Involvement

During a difficult period which saw the Campus Groups Coordinator's urgent Leave of Absence and the Interim VP Student Life's recusal, I stepped in to assist with essential Campus Groups operations. I continue to assist, as a voting member, with Campus Groups Committee inquiries and requests from group leaders.

I participate as a voting member in TMSU's Finance and Nominating Committees, and in the TMU Ombudsperson Committee.

Finally, I am proud to help organize meetings and volunteer for our reintroduced Committees of the Whole, including the Student Action Committee and Social Justice Committee. I attend these meetings to keep a direct line of communication between student members and Executives. I continue to build my experience as a voting member, chair, facilitator and minute taker, within my committee involvement.

Vice-President Equity

The Vice-President Equity, Megan Morgan, leads TMSU's charge on addressing and raising awareness of social justice, environmental and political issues.

This VP liaises with the TMU administration, forms awareness campaigns and offers Equity-based direction to TMSU's essential operations. The VP Equity also chairs the Social Justice Committee and supports the operations of the five student-run Equity Service Centres at TMSU.

Committee Development and Involvement

Starting Summer 2026, TMSU re-introduced its student-led Committees of the Whole with the support of Board Directors and Members. These are formed as bi-weekly Open Meetings for all students to discuss and volunteer in TMSU student rights initiatives and actions.

In August, TMSU Members elected Faculty Director Cordelia So-Kew and I as Co-Chairs of the Student Action and Social Justice Committee. In this role, I have raised awareness of and lead discussions on pertinent student issues that have been brought to us by students and frequent Committee members. We have engaged members in a number of high-level TMSU initiatives, including participation in the province-wide Hands Off Our Education! campaign, the 2026 Youth Caucus Report, and the soon-to-be-relaunched Better Bathrooms campaign.

I am a voting member on: the By-Laws and Policies Committee, Board Conduct Committee, Nominations Committee, and the Student Grants Committee. I am proud to participate in these groups by bringing equity to the forefront of committee deliberations.

Reconnecting with OVPECI

In August, I had the opportunity to meet with TMU's VP Equity, Community and Inclusion, Dr. Tanya (Toni) De Mello, with the goal of rebuilding relationships between the university administration and TMSU. Re-establishing our contact with OVPECI has enabled us to update each other on our respective campus equity initiatives and make room for collaboration on these projects. I have worked with them to spread awareness on various equity-based opportunities for student leaders.

Accessibility On Campus

As members of the Oakham Foundation Board of Directors, TMAPS leadership, with the help of the TMSU Equity team, raised ongoing concerns with the state of the Student Community Centre's accessibility features.

This issue prompted TMSU to partner with TMAPS and contribute to their campus-wide campaign demanding improved accessibility measures and promoting disabled students' inclusion at TMU. This campaign is being developed as of Fall 2026 and will be launched in the Winter 2027 semester.

Member Rights Awareness

To properly advocate for their needs, students must be aware of their rights on campus. As promised during my campaign, I am creating a visual document that breaks down the rights of TMSU Members to participate in union decision-making processes, access services, seek transparency, and file complaints and feedback.

Once published, this document will be made widely available as a handout at various campus locations and online among other official TMSU documents. This initiative will be announced in the Winter 2027 semester.

Equity Awards Initiative

To recognize students who are active changemakers in equity and social justice

advocacy efforts on campus, I am developing the TMSU Equity Awards program. This will award and incentivize students' action toward supporting their fellow marginalized students and building meaningful communities on campus.

The application process, awards and honoraria are being finalized, and the initiative will be launched in late-Winter 2027.

Vice-President Student Life

The Vice-President Student Life, Hamde Ahmed, directs TMSU's operations with the aim of strengthening campus community at TMU. The VP works closely with the Campus Groups and Events departmental staff to oversee Campus Groups operations and coordinate campus events.

Student Services and Events

Since joining in October, my priorities have centred on expanding student benefits, strengthening support for Campus Groups and increasing student engagement. Over the past month, I have been planning engaging events for members and Campus Groups, with a focus on Winter Week of Welcome programming. After the success of the New York, U.S. trip in October, the Events team is now planning a Montreal excursion set for February 2027.

This semester, I have also been in contact with potential sponsorship partners and evaluating these opportunities based on their value to TMSU Members.

Having frequent student feedback is essential to ensuring TMSU meets the needs of all Members. I am developing a Student Needs Survey to help us identify the services, benefits and opportunities Members value most. Among other operational updates, these findings will inform our future initiatives, outreach and partnerships, ensuring that these efforts are focused on areas of student interest.

Committees and Student Input

I am an active member of the Campus Groups Committee, which meets twice a week to review funding requests from Campus Groups and Course Unions. This work helps ensure that registered student-led organizations have the financial support needed to host events, create meaningful experiences for their members, and foster a stronger sense of community and belonging across campus.

The Committee has completed its review of 171 Base Funding applications as of October 30th. We continue to assess Event Funding requests on an ongoing basis.

As Chair of the Events Committee, I will oversee planning for major campus events starting with the 2027 Winter Week of Welcome programming. I am working with the Events team to set priorities for the Winter semester, with a focus on events that reflect the full diversity of our campus and help new and international students find their student communities.

Campus Group Awards and Gala

It takes dedication, time and hard work to build the communities, events and opportunities that Campus Groups and Course Unions provide to TMSU Members. That work deserves recognition.

Since the start of my term, I have been developing a new end-of-year Campus Group Awards Ceremony and Gala to honour the creativity, engagement and contributions of TMSU student groups. This ceremony is our opportunity to celebrate Members' valuable involvement on their campus while also acting as a networking opportunity to encourage more connections between Groups. The Ceremony will include group awards, with which winning Campus Groups will be provided additional funding in



Photos (top to bottom) TMSU Executives Zain, Teresa and Megan speak on-stage, students and community members form a crowd at the Hands Off! Walkout Rally, November 5th, 2026



their following year's budget, alongside individual awards that will honour highly engaged students.

The Awards Ceremony and Gala will be largely funded by sponsors, for which I am actively reaching out to local businesses and corporations.

The gala will take place toward the end of the academic year, in early-Spring 2027.

Organizational Updates

Current Leadership

Executive Committee

The current Executive Committee Members of TMSU until April 30, 2027:

Zain Baig, President
Hamde Ahmed, Vice-President, Student Life
Teresa Baricevic, Vice-President, Education
Megan Morgan, Vice-President, Equity
Polly Yang, Vice-President, Operations

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 following Faculty Directors were voted in at the Winter 2026 General Election with their terms scheduled to end April 30, 2027 (as of this writing, November 03, 2027):

Eli Eusebio Ramon Arce, Faculty of Arts
Sharanya Shrish, Faculty of Arts
Alaa Benchamma, Faculty of Community Services
Cordelia So-Kew, Faculty of Community Services
Tammana Billing, Ted Rogers School of Management
Mezhgan Siddiqui, Ted Rogers School of Management
Prabhkirat Kaur, School of Medicine
Karim Natafji, School of Engineering
Raahi Tejas Shah, School of Engineering
Shoaib Sheriff, Faculty of Science
Harsham Dave, International Director

The following Interim Directors were appointed to fill Board vacancies pending the results of the Fall By-Election, scheduled to be ratified by the TMSU Board at the November Board meeting:

Ruqaya Haq, Interim Director, Faculty of Science
Asmara Kaleem, Interim Director, Lincoln Alexander School of Law
Salma Masri, Interim Director, Creative School
Adrian Sejdijaj, Interim Director, School of Medicine
Anjalique Raghunauth, Interim Director, Lincoln Alexander
Valerie Semenchenko, Interim Director, Creative School

Ahmmad Haidary, Interim VP Student Life (term ended September 2026 following results of Fall VPSL re-vote)

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)

Policy & Governance

TMSU has been hard at work on updating the union By-Laws that are out of date or no longer suit the needs of TMSU. Updates are most often proposed and approved by the By-Laws and Policies Committee and/or the Elections & Referenda Committee, then are approved by the Board of Directors.

The TMSU By-Laws, Policy Handbook and Election Procedures Code, as well as other important documents regarding student union governance, elections and legal matters are available to read at yourtmsu.ca/policy.

Policies

In the August Board meeting, Operational Policy #24, Quorum, was repealed. Pursuant to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, the policy was no longer consistent with Operational Policy #33, General and Special Members Meetings, which was passed in the Nov 17, 2025 Board meeting. Operational Policy #3, By-Law Amendments, was also repealed in this meeting to limit inconsistencies between our Policy and By-Law documents.

In the October Board meeting, Operational Policy #4, Campus Groups Policy, was revised to allow Board Directors to serve while being executives on Campus Groups and Course Unions.

Election Procedures Code

The Election Procedures Code was also updated to ensure stronger vetting of candidates. Candidates now must submit a resume, cover letter, candidate statement, and three references. In addition, disqualified candidates will not be reimbursed for campaign expenses.

By-Laws

The TMSU By-Laws were given a large update with adoption by the membership at the December 1, 2022 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

These By-Laws updates included a long-overdue reworking 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.

Most recently, in December 2025, additional By-Law amendments were passed by the membership including the addition of By-Law 13, Discipline of Members.



Elections

TMSU hosted the **Fall 2026 By-Elections** on October 26 to 28, 2026, to elect Faculty Directors to vacant seats on the Board of Directors. The four students in the By-Election represent the following Faculties: School of Law, Faculty of Science and the Creative School.

As of this writing, the **Fall By-Election** is in progress; the Election report will be shared with TMSU Membership once ratified by the ERC and the TMSU Board of Directors at the November 2026 Board Meeting.

TMSU also held the **VP Student Life Run-Off Election** on September 16 to 18, 2026, after there was a disqualified winning candidate in the Winter 2026 General Election. This re-vote was an extension of the 2026 General Election. An Election Report Addendum is available on the TMSU Election webpage.

For current Elections information including the VP Student Life Election Report Addendum, By Election rulings and appeals, please visit **yourtmsu.ca/election**.

Human Resources

TMSU is pleased to report that for the first time in many years, the Union has a full complement of staff and board members, with a total of 65 individuals serving in ongoing paid and volunteer positions.

This does not include the student volunteers who assist TMSU throughout the year at miscellaneous events and campaigns, and those who participate in TMSU Committees of the Whole.

The volunteer Board of Directors is made up of a total of 27 members, which includes 5 Elected Executives, 5 External Board Members from the community at large, 16 elected or appointed Faculty representatives, and 1 elected representative for International Students.

Paid staff includes 5 full-time elected Executives, 3 full-time Management staff, 9 full-time unionized staff (CUPE 1281), 1 legal clinic consultant and 31 part-time student staff.

Vacancies

In late-October, Danielle Beckford, the TMSU Campus Groups Coordinator since April 2022, tendered her resignation. We are extending our thanks to Danielle for her years of service to TMSU supporting our Campus Groups and Course Unions.

The position is open for applications until November 18, 2026, and a new Coordinator will be in-place by mid-December.

Full-Time Staff Updates

Throughout the past year, TMSU has hired new Full-Time Staff to run and maintain TMSU's services and departments.

Good Food Centre (GFC) Coordinator: Rob Howard started November 2025. Since Rob joined TMSU, the GFC has been made more accessible, dynamic and organized, increasing its capacity to help its 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 both non-profit and for-profit organizations. With Abbey on the team, financial operations have been made more secure, organized and streamlined.

Internal Coordinator: Carolina Angarita started January 2026. Carolina has continued to organize and streamline all of TMSU's administrative operations and has improved and expanded TMSU front desk services.

Communications Coordinator & Graphic

Designer: Jay Ashdown started February 2026 after working in the Equity department. Jay has greatly improved TMSU's newsletter, social media and on-campus communications, expanding our capacity to reach out to students and raise awareness of TMSU's services.

Events and Sponsorships Coordinator: Russ Adade started March 2026. Russ has coordinated student clubs for the George Brown College Student Association and has extensive experience managing events and promotions. Russ is doing great work to expand our events and sponsorship capabilities.

Staff Appreciation

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

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

Thank you to **Yumna Hussain**, our Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support Coordinator for leading with creativity, kindness and humour and for always providing a space that is comforting for students and staff alike. Thanks to the C3SVS team for always being supportive and present.

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.

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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 bringing so many events and partners to campus in 2026. We're grateful for your positive energy and for creating an exciting campus experience for members.

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

TMSU would also like to recognize the significant work of **Taimoor Ali Kureshi,** who has been a steady Financial Controller in a very busy Union. Thank you Taimoor for making your financial expertise accessible to the organization.

Thank you all for an amazing 2026 so far!

Communications

The TMSU Communications department is led by the Communications Coordinator and Graphic Designer, under the supervision of the Executive Committee.

Social Media

Since May, **@yourtmsu** has expanded its posting frequency and reach on Instagram. The account has gained over 2,000 new followers, from approx. 21,500 in July to 23,500 in November, and continues to grow with new campaigns and community collaborators. Our most popular Posts and Reels this semester have received a range of 20,000 to 24,000 views each.

We have increased our output of educational content regarding student services and student rights issues in alignment with ongoing TMSU campaigns, with shareable Reels, infographics, photography and event posters.

Newsletter

The TMSU Weekly Newsletter is sent directly to over 40,000 TMSU Member emails weekly on Mondays (with occasional variations due to administrative updates and reminders). These ongoing bulletins provide Members with pertinent updates on TMSU's operations, campaigns, governance and election updates, upcoming events and service changes.

We are proud to have launched the Campus Community Updates newsletter in early-October, as the union's additional bulletin providing updates, event listings and student opportunities as submitted by Campus Groups, Course Unions, sister student unions, TMU departments and additional community organizations and partners.

This initiative was spearheaded by President Zain Baig as part of the union's new Campus Groups Promotion Program. The Community Updates newsletter accepts submissions from ratified Campus Groups and Course Unions.

Website

yourtmsu.ca continues to be updated for improved clarity and accessibility. Since May, the website's navigational features have been simplified, and additional graphic elements have been implemented, following the union's updated branding guidelines. According to site analytics since May, the website receives an average of 598 views per day.

For improved branding and accessibility, TMSU Communications also renovated the Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support (C3SVS) website under the close guidance of the C3SVS team. According to site analytics since September, the website receives an average of 2,800 views per day, and approximately 4,100 per day in the month of September alone.

Comprehensive accessibility measures are unfinished but underway to help ensure TMSU's sites are accessible for students with visual impairments, especially those who require screen readers and other visual aids. We are grateful to the disabled TMSU Members who have provided their feedback on the website's accessibility gaps and features.

Campus Outreach

After high demand from TMSU Members, the Communications and Campaigns departments produced a batch of 5,000 free handbooks for the 2026-27 academic year, which were distributed to students throughout Fall 2026 events and tabling activations.

With increased design, printing and volunteer capacity, TMSU has increased its frequency of flyering, postering and tabling activations on-campus. Special campus-wide postering and flyering campaigns have been implemented to advertise events, services, actions and meetings. To further cement the union's visual presence on campus, rotating lawn signs and digital signage have been installed and maintained throughout the Fall semester.

TMSU Communications has rebuilt its connections with campus media outlets, liaising

regularly with The Eyeopener, Met Radio, On The Line and other student journalists/organizations to ensure students are also kept informed via trusted student-led sources.

The department continues to build connections with TMU administrative departments and local organizations to establish ongoing promotion opportunities.

Staff & Volunteers

In our union-wide efforts to provide career growth opportunities, TMSU Communications began recruiting volunteers for the union's Media Team.

We have received 29 sign-ups for the program, who accept shifts on a first-come, first-serve basis to document TMSU's events and initiatives on-campus. Active volunteers may have their photos posted on the TMSU Instagram with credit, and are eligible to receive a reference letter from the Communications Coordinator.

The communications efforts of the union could not have been accomplished without our hardworking part-time and student staff. Thank you to Zainab for her hard work as TMSU's Social Media and Photography Assistant. Thank you to Simon for his support as TMSU's Special Projects Assistant.

Finances

The TMSU financial team is led by the Financial Director and Financial Coordinator under the supervision of the Vice-President Operations.

This department oversees the day-to-day operations of TMSU's finances, including administrative expenses, Campus Groups and vendor payments, and maintains the security and transparency of TMSU financial decision-making processes.

Annual Budget and Audits

The 2026-27 budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in August.

This year's budget allocates more money toward student services, with about $496,000 (45%) more budgeted for Campus Groups, the Equity Service Centres, the Good Food Centre, CSSSVS, grants and awards, and the student legal and tax clinics than was spent on them last year. This year, $105,000 is budgeted for Emergency Grants, compared to the $49,500 that was distributed last year.

Sponsorship revenue has also markedly increased, with $43,300 invoiced to 9 sponsors so far in the academic year after last year's amount of $19,000.

The finance team has been working closely with our auditors, BDO, to finalize our 2024-25 fiscal year financial statements. BDO will go through the draft statements with the new Audit Committee in November 2026, after which they will go to the Board of Directors for approval. Once approved by the Board, the statements will be finalized and made available to members ahead of the Fall Semi-Annual General Meeting for member approval. We are also working with BDO on the 2025-26 fiscal year audit.

Security and Anti-Fraud Measures

Our financial processes prioritize maintaining accountability within the organization, thus involving several approval steps and controls in regular financial decisions. Bills and claims are checked by the Finance staff and approved by the President or VP Operations together with Management before they are paid, and new suppliers have to undergo an approval process before they can be paid.

The policies updated in November 2025, including the recent delegation of duties amongst TMSU staff members, continue to protect the organization from financial fraud and hold Management and Executives accountable with the hundreds of transactions we track per week.

Administrative Updates

2026-27 is our first full year on our new bookkeeping software, QuickBooks Online, which we use in tandem with Dext. Bills and receipts are now processed through Dext and are recorded in QuickBooks, which gives us a clearer record of each payment and has made it easier to report on spending against the budget.

We continue to encourage Campus Groups and our internal departments to submit their requests early, to ensure there is time to meet the requirements of our financial policy and to get new suppliers set up. Management is working on balancing our strict financial processes while keeping the turnaround time for payments as short as possible.





Photos (left to right) TMSU Executive Directors Sally Lee and Scott Miller Berry at the Hands Off Our Education! Queen's Park rally (March 2026), Part-Time Events staff at TMSU's Y2K Pub Night (September 2026.



Photo Signs on the entrance to the Good Food Centre, inside the SCC.

The Good Food Centre

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

All eligible TMU students are welcome to access the GFC by registering for membership. Registration is available year-round, with no appointment required. Students must provide their physical or digital OneCard to confirm their TMU student status.

Service Growth & Usage Statistics

May to October 2026 has seen a significant increase in activity at the Good Food Centre. Membership has grown, weekly visits have increased, and campus and community partnerships have helped the GFC continue responding to student needs.

As of October 16, the GFC has 713 members, up from 345 in May. That is an increase of 368, approximately 107% more members. Weekly visits have risen from an average of 175 in May to an average of 240 in October.

Between May and October 2026, the GFC recorded 3,175 individual visits and 2,379 household visits. These are duplicated counts: a person or household is counted each time they receive service, so repeat visitors appear multiple times. In unduplicated terms, 613 unique individuals out of 462 unique households visited during this period, each counted once regardless of how often they came.

Weekly individual visits increased over the reporting period, from an average of 175 in May (165-185 per week) to an average of 240 (230-250 per week) in October. This steady increase demonstrates to us the ongoing importance of accessible, reliable food support for the TMU community.

Weekly visit trends:

May 2026: approx. 165 to 185 weekly visits (average: 175)

October 2026: approx. 230 to 250 weekly visits (average: 240)

The age breakdown of 3,175 visits shows that most were students aged 19 to 44. The unique-individual count of all members who self-reported their age includes 504 people aged 18 to 44, 49 aged 0 to 18, 54 aged 45 to 64, and 6 aged 65 to 100.

Supply Chain & Economic Impact

Our ability to meet rising demand is anchored by our foundational partnership with the Daily Bread Food Bank (DBFB). Since May 2026, DBFB has supplied 30,227 pounds of food to the GFC.

Based on DBFB's valuation of $3.37 per pound, this represents an estimated value of $101,864.99 in food supplies. This contribution is a major part of the GFC's ability to keep food available to members as demand grows.

Donations

Additional campus and community contributions further support the GFC's work. We are grateful for each and every donation whether monetary or goods.

Monetary Donations received:

The Campus Store: $400

Mechanical, Industrial, and Mechatronics Engineering: $420

The School of Nutrition: $532

Food donations received:

Tony's Chocolonely: $1,500 worth of chocolate bars

Shannon Robertson and the Development Office, Toronto Metropolitan University

Tady Clarke and the staff of the School of Social Work

Mike Steart and the Department of Mathematics

The EarlyON Child and Family Centre





Data based on student membership records collected by the GFC staff.



Community Initiatives and Research

Fall semester initiatives

2026 Hunger Report

In Spring 2026, the GFC surveyed TMU students to better understand the state of food (in) security on campus. The survey received 894 responses, and 48.5% of respondents said they had experienced food insecurity in the previous year.

The Annual Hunger Report has been completed. The report brings together findings on food security among TMU students during 2025–2026 and provides information to help guide future planning and campus conversations.

The Common Pot

The GFC sponsors The Common Pot, a student-led initiative that provides a weekly hot lunch to approximately 200 students. The program gives students another way to access food and helps build community on campus.

During Wellness Week, the GFC and The Common Pot worked together to serve freshly made hot soup to approximately 200 members of the TMU community.

Academic Collaboration

The GFC is in the early stages of a research collaboration with Yukari Seko, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director of the School of Professional Communication in The Creative School. The SSHRC-funded project will look at how the GFC communicates with students and how information about GFC services can be better promoted.

The study will include four tours for students from communities facing barriers to participation. Their feedback will help the GFC improve its outreach and better connect with communities it may not currently reach.

Designathon Judging

Two GFC staff members participated as guest judges for a student-led sustainability-focused competition hosted by Engineers for a Sustainable World TMU. Student teams were challenged to design an accessible, sustainable system to help the GFC grow and distribute food across campus more efficiently throughout the year.

Food Security Challenge

For the upcoming Fall term, the GFC is working with the Social Ventures Zone on a new Food Security Challenge. Multidisciplinary student teams will be invited to develop practical ideas and strategies to address food insecurity across campus.

Community Closet

The GFC continues its partnership with Community Closet, a Toronto-based nonprofit that provides a circular clothing-access model. In Spring 2026, 45 students benefited from the initiative.

Through the program, eligible participants can register for free, personalized wardrobes with fresh, functional and seasonally appropriate clothing. The partnership helps students access clothing while challenging fast fashion and reducing textile waste.

Rooftop Garden Resumption

The 2026 rooftop garden season has now come to a close. Under the guidance of C3SVS Coordinator Yumna Hussain, this established project has been an important source of locally grown fresh produce for GFC members, adding seasonal options to our regular supply of groceries.

TMU Urban Farm (Seasonal Partnership)

The GFC's seasonal partnership with TMU Urban Farm has resulted in a significant increase in fresh, organic produce offered to members this growing season. This collaboration is important for sourcing culturally appropriate produce that reflects the varied food traditions and dietary needs of TMU students.

Orientation Events

Pick-Me Pickles Tabling Activity

Approximately 350–400 students took part in the GFC's Welcome Week Pickle Table. GFC staff handed out free pickles and provided students the chance to pick their own toppings. The activity gave students a fun way to connect with the Centre and learn about its presence on campus.

Hanky Panky Spanky Pancakes!

The GFC served pancakes to approximately 150 students during Disorientation Week. This activation was hosted in collaboration with C3SVS, who delivered sexual health education during the event.

GFC Pop-up Pie Day

Approximately 100 students received a free pie slice at this GFC pop-up event in the SCC.

These events helped raise awareness of the GFC and gave students opportunities to engage with food-related activities outside regular food bank visits.

Future Initiatives

Winter Break Service

The GFC will offer fresh produce boxes from The Odd Bunch to interested members over the mid-year Winter Break. The boxes will help members keep access to fresh food while the GFC is temporarily closed.

Emergency Relief

The GFC is planning emergency relief through $50 TNT gift cards for eligible students experiencing financial need. This support is intended to provide practical, short-term help to students facing immediate financial pressures.

Looking Ahead

The Good Food Centre enters the next period with a larger membership, higher weekly use, and strong campus and community partnerships. The May to November figures show both the level of demand and the importance of reliable food supply, donations, student-led initiatives, research, and outreach.

Key priorities include maintaining food supply as demand grows, improving access to fresh and culturally appropriate produce and meals, making sure students know how to access support and continuing partnerships that support student wellbeing.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, donors, campus colleagues, Campus Groups and community partners for helping the Good Food Centre respond to student food needs.





Photo C3SVS' Consent Carnival tabling activity in October 2026.

Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support

The Centre for Safer Sex & Sexual Violence Support (C3SVS) 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 three alumni and student staff working part-time, including: an Operations Lead, an Outreach Lead, and a Programming Support.

The centre includes 2 placement students from TMU's Social Work Program. The centre maintains 5 general volunteers, and increased volunteers for the Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line (SASSL) to an average of 34 active volunteers and an average of 5 inactive volunteers from May 2026 to September 2026.

Safer Sex & Menstrual Supplies

C3SVS offers all students access to safer sex supplies and menstrual health supplies.

TMU students can order their preferred products online at c3svs.ca or select supplies in-person during office hours. All supplies are provided to students confidentially, in a sealed, unlabeled paper bag.

Monthly menstrual kit pickups include three different kinds of kits, pads, tampons, and a mix of both, occurring on every first Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the Fall semester. Exact pickup dates of the Winter 2026 semester will be determined in early 2027.

Available products include:

- External (traditional) condoms (20+ varieties including different sizes, brands, materials, and flavours)
- Insertive condoms
- Dental dams (latex and latex-free)
- Lubricants (8+ varieties with different ingredients, possible allergens, and main uses)
- Menstrual pads (5+ different brands including various styles and absorbency, with specific requests available)
- Menstrual liners (2 varieties)
- Tampons (2 different brands with various sizes, specific requests available)
- Menstrual cups (3 sizes)
- Menstrual discs (2 sizes)
- Reusable pads (2 varieties, 4 sizes)
- Menstrual underwear (sizes XS-6XL) in 3 varying brands
- Pregnancy tests (2 varieties)
- HIV self-testing kits
- Self-harm harm reduction kits (provided by Safety Over Shame)



Financial Aid & Reimbursements

Trans Wellbeing Fund

We partnered with the Trans Collective to bring back the Trans Wellbeing Fund, formerly named the Gender-Affirming Gear Grant. The Trans Wellbeing Fund ensures 2-Spirit, Trans and/or Non-Binary (2STNB+) students are able to safely access essential gender-affirming gear or funding for their wellness needs.

Students can receive reimbursements of up to $100 and $500. The $100 reimbursement can be used by students once per academic year for gender-affirming gear. The $500 reimbursement can be applied once during their TMU education for non-medical expenses needed to support the preparation and recovery processes of gender-affirming surgery.

Emergency Contraceptives

To support safer sex and student survivors, C3SVS offers reimbursements for students who have purchased emergency contraceptives. Students can receive up to $75 per reimbursement, that can be used once a month up to 3 times a semester per student. This includes emergency contraceptives, IUDs, pregnancy tests, and more.

Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line

(579) 400-0762
Chat & WhatsApp options available
Hours: 10 AM 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. Anyone can reach 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.

As of October 1, 2026, we have changed the SASSL phone number to (579) 400-0762, to continue having the SASSL line accessible to users accessing our service on WhatsApp. This was done to comply with new updates from Meta. To make sure students were and are aware of this change, we have replaced signage and email signatures with the old phone number, posted an announcement on Instagram and in the TMSU Weekly newsletter, and reached out to both internal and external community organizations for help raising awareness. As of now, we are currently working toward updating all of our promotional materials (fliers, business cards, etc.) with our new number.

SASSL continues to be run by a team of 35+ peer support volunteers, all of whom have completed our 16-hour training program. This year we have run one training session and will run another two more sessions during the Winter and Spring semesters to increase and maintain our volunteer count.



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 semester: Monday and Tuesdays 12-4pm and Thursdays 2-6pm)
- 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 Achēv
- A Resource Guide with 105 pages of easily searchable local support services
- 30+ regularly updated educational brochures regarding survivor experiences, coping strategies and journeys to healing
- Crisis Intervention Emergency Bags (Go Bags)

Educational Campaigns

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

Consent Action Week: Fall 2026

C3SVS partnered with Consent Comes First at the Office of Sexual Violence Support and Education and various community partners for three education and self-care based events for Consent Awareness Week on September 22nd to 24th.

C3SVS Safer Summer Digital Campaign

C3SVS partnered with students from CMN 288 (Communication and Social Media) to run a campaign encouraging safer sex practices and sexual violence prevention during the Summer semester. Topics included:

Basics of consent and boundaries

Safer sex

Intoxication and Safer Drug Use

Club and Party Safety

Students were invited to interact with the campaign through a message board. Those who submitted a Safer Summer tip were entered to win a giveaway of various safety supplies. The prize included safety alarms, cup covers, water bottles, electrolytes, drink spike tests, HIV self tests, and pregnancy tests.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

C3SVS is planning an event and digital campaign to further discussions and awareness of and against gender-based violence from November 25th to December 10th.

Education & Knowledge-Sharing

In efforts to raise awareness of and limit sexual violence, C3SVS has focused on building consent culture at TMU while empowering students with safer sex knowledge. 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 Events

C3SVS' campus events hosted over 650+ students to engage in educational, empowering and community-building activities.

Hanky Panky Spanky Pancakes free pancake service (with raunchy toppings and shapes!) in collaboration with GFC: September 14, 2026
Attendance: 65 students

Sex Ed Bingo educational game night at the Met Campus Pub: September 17, 2026
Attendance: 230+ students

Shimmy and Sound somatic belly-dancing class in collaboration with Consent Comes First: September 22, 2026
Attendance: 118 students

Consent Carnival educational services fair in collaboration with Consent Comes First and community partners: September 23, 2026
Attendance: 145 students

Consent Rocks! rock painting workshop in collaboration with Consent Comes First: September 23, 2026
Attendance: 20 students

Raunchy Board Game Night in collaboration with TMU Student Wellbeing October 5, 2026
Attendance: 46

Reusable Pad Making in collaboration with Help a Girl Out: November 10, 2026
Attendance: 10 students

Summer & Fall Outreach

Red Dress Day in collaboration with TMU Indigenous and other partners: May 5th, 2026

Tubi Tuesdays in collaboration with The Queer Space: June 9, June 16, June 23, 2026

TMU Campus Services Fair in collaboration with TMU Student Life: August 31, 2026

Queer Speed Friending in collaboration with TMU Student Life: August 31, 2026

Quadchella in Collaboration with TMU Student Life: August 31, 2026

Paint Night @ School of Medicine in collaboration with TMU Medical School: September 8, 2026

Orientation Street Festival in collaboration with TMU Student Life: September 2 to 3, 2026

Fiesta Del Fuego in collaboration with TMU Student Life: September 2, 2026

BIPOC Mixer in collaboration with TMU Black Student Success: September 2, 2026

2SNTB+ Mixer in collaboration with TMU Black Student Success: September 2, 2026

SLC Live in collaboration with TMU Student Life: September 3, 2026

Drag Brunch in collaboration with TMU Student Life: September 3, 2026

Dreamland Street Festival: September 8-10, 2026

Campus Groups Fair: September 8, 2026

Fantasy Fair Carnival: - September 9, 2026

Y2K Pub Night: September 11, 2026

Hanky Panky Spanky Pancakes: September 14, 2026

Sex-Ed Bingo: September 17, 2026

Shimmy and Sound in collaboration with Consent Comes First: September 22, 2026

Consent Carnival in collaboration with Consent Comes First and other community partners: September 23, 2026

Consent Rocks! Rock Painting Workshop in collaboration with Consent Comes First: September 23, 2026

Raunchy Board Game Night in collaboration with TMU Student Wellbeing: October 5, 2026

NoTimeToWait Conference hosted by LetsStopAids: November 7 & 8, 2026

Shop the SLC hosted by Student Learning Centre TMU: November 17, 2026

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 increased awareness of the Centre and the material impacts of cost of living increases.

While we anticipate the following statistics to increase based on trends, the following numbers are accurate from May 1st 2026 to October 31st 2026.

C3SVS has received a total of 237 safer sex and menstrual supply orders over the Spring/ Summer semester and over 515 orders over the Fall 2026 semester from the C3SVS website. We estimate an additional 540 orders from drop-in service users. This constitutes a potential total of 1,292 orders and counting.

Online Order Supply Quantity: 648+ safer sex supplies ordered, 1086+ Menstrual Health supplies ordered

Menstrual Kit Pick-Up: 286 students requesting monthly menstrual kits during Fall

Drop-ins/Pick ups: 5 per week during Spring/ Summer, 25+ per week during Fall

Email inquiries to csssvs.help@yourtmsu.ca: 369 during Spring/Summer, 772+ during Fall

Avg. chats per month on SASSL: 168

2027 Advancements & Improvements

C3SVS will continue to offer a safe and confidential space for students, providing support, services and products to students within our mission at discounted costs and/or for free. C3SVS will represent our values by offering education and advocacy to increase consent culture on campus and empower student survivors. C3SVS continues to grow its team with more SASSL volunteers, the Programming Support position and 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 Fall 2026 semester comes to a close, C3SVS will prioritize updates to its policies and internal procedures to provide students with service rooted in best practices and reflexivity. C3SVS also hopes to add a potential new funding stream for students to help alleviate financial burden(s) that can result from sexual violence.

Photos (top-left to bottom) students participating in a Consent Carnival activity, a sold-out Sex Ed Bingo night at the Met Pub, C3SVS staff tabling at SLC Live during TMU Orientation.

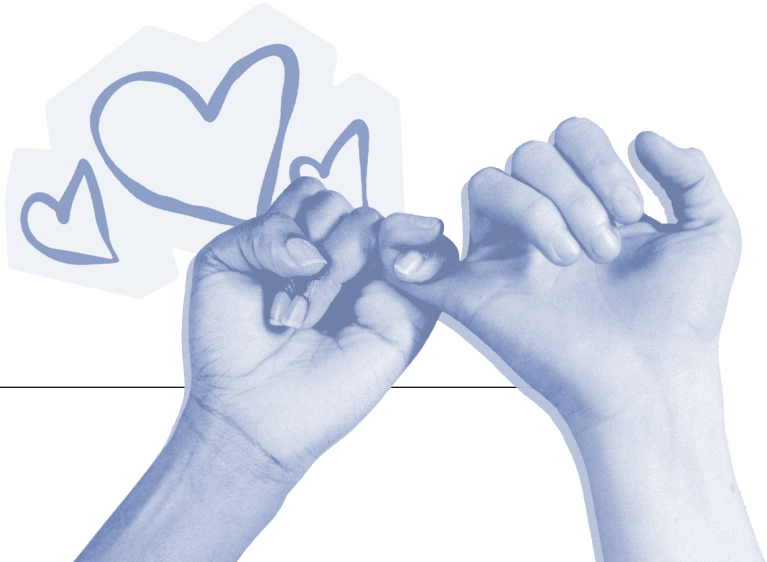




Photo TMU A Capella Collective executives table at the Campus Groups Fair, September 2026.

Campus Groups

TMSU oversees a large number of Campus Groups that revolve around a multitude of faculties, interests and cultures.

The Campus Groups department is overseen by the Campus Groups Coordinator and the Vice-President Student Life, with various funding and approval issues deliberated by the Campus Groups Committee of the TMSU Board.

To access the full list of TMSU Campus Groups and learn about group operating and application processes, visit **yourtmsu.ca/groups**.

Campus Groups Activations & Renewals

As of Fall 2026, the Committee has ratified 288 Campus Groups, including 245 Student Groups and 43 Course Unions. 88 new groups have been approved as of this year.

Since the end of the 2025-2026 academic year, 35 Campus Groups became inactive or declined to renew their status.

To establish or renew a 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.

Ratified Campus Groups are eligible to apply for funding and must agree to abide by TMSU Policies.

Grant Funding

Ratified Campus Groups can apply for funding from TMSU, pending signing officers' application and review by the TMSU Campus Groups

Committee.

Grant funds provided by TMSU consist of Base Funding ($600 per year per year, and $3,000 per event), Event Funding (up to $6,000) and Exceptional Circumstances Funding (up to $3,000). The maximum funding a Campus Group can receive is capped at $8,000 annually, which can be spread across multiple funding categories.

As of the end of October 2026, the Campus Groups Committee has approved over $179,243 in adjudicated funding during the Fall 2026 semester. **This includes:**

$89,721 in Base Funding for 171 groups;

$93,536 in Event Funding for 89 groups with a total of 155 events held;

$2,976 in Exceptional Circumstances Funding for 1 group.

Fall submissions for Base Funding, new group applications and renewals closed on October 5th, and all applications have been reviewed. Event and Exceptional Circumstances Funding applications remain open throughout the 2026-2027 academic year.

A small number of funding applications have been denied. Funding applications are typically tabled because documents are missing information, are filled out incorrectly, or the committee requests additional information to make a decision. Funding applications are occasionally denied because requests fall outside of the Campus Groups Policy.

The Committee meets twice per week and continues to review applications as they are submitted.

Operational Updates

The Campus Groups Committee has faced delays early in the Fall semester due to administrative challenges including a staffing shortage. While the Campus Groups Coordinator took a leave of absence, TMSU Executives, Management and the Interim Campus Groups Lead temporarily stepped in to maintain operations and ensure the timely review of applications.

As of October 2026, the Campus Groups Coordinator position is vacant and the hiring process is underway for a permanent replacement. The Interim Campus Groups Lead and remaining Campus Groups Committee continue to perform operational maintenance of the department.

In October 2026, TMSU staff updated the application forms to simplify Campus Groups executives' funding requests. Specifically, the Funding Request and Cheque Requisition forms have been revised to help ensure that all necessary information is provided while requesting funding. The new Google Form system has made processing times much faster compared to the previous email and paper submissions system.

Outreach Initiatives

The new Campus Community Updates newsletter and yourtmsu.ca/groups website updates have made it easier for members to learn about TMSU's Campus Groups operations, and for Campus Group executives to connect with members and perform their administrative duties.

The Campus Groups Fair was hosted by the Campus Groups and Events teams at Kerr Hall Quad on September 8, 2026, at the beginning of TMSU's Week of Welcome. The Fair is an annual outdoor tabling event at which up to 250 Campus Groups are provided the opportunity to advertise their organizations. Students were able to meet their Campus Group executives directly and get contact information to become involved as a participant or volunteer.

This event was essential for 250 student groups and course unions under the TMSU umbrella to have the opportunity to increase membership and for students to find safer spaces on campus.



Photo Postcards on the Equity Service Lounge resource table, located in the SCC second floor.

Equity Service Centres

The Equity Service Centres are student collectives that work on a variety of events, campaigns and services for their members. Each centre is equipped with part-time student staff, a drop-in space on the second floor of the Student Centre and an active social media presence.

The Equity Service Centres include the Queer Space, BIPOC Students' Collective, SHIFT Centre, Student Access Collective and the Centre for Women and Trans People.

For contact information on each Equity Service Centre, visit yourtmsu.ca/equity.

The Queer Space

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The Queer Space serves queer and trans students by fostering community care, visibility, advocacy and connection. The Centre works with the TMU community to challenge queerphobia, transphobia and heterosexism both on and off campus.

Through educational programming, workshops, advocacy initiatives and campaigns, the Queer Space supports students in learning, organizing and advancing awareness and inclusion. Its drop-in space provides opportunities for peer support, resource navigation and community connection, while social events and year-round programming create opportunities for queer and trans students and community members to celebrate their identity and build relationships in an affirming environment.

The Queer Space also leads Pride Month

programming each June, alongside year-round events that celebrate 2SLGBTQ+ identities, strengthen community connections, and advance visibility and inclusion across campus.

Pride 2026 Programming

The Queer Space chose not to participate in Pride Toronto's 2026 programming in order to prioritize community accountability and centre the needs of 2SLGBTQ+ communities most impacted by racism, colonialism and other forms of oppression. The decision allowed The Queer Space to redirect its resources toward community-centred programming, political education, and creating accessible and supportive spaces for 2SLGBTQ+ students. These initiatives included:.

Tubi Tuesdays
June 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2026

Weekly movie afternoons featuring 2SLGBTQ+ classics, alongside bingo and snacks, with the third Tuesday featuring a drag performance by a local drag artist.

Letter-Writing Workshop in collaboration with Prisoner Correspondence Project
June 4, 2026

A workshop for students to learn about the rights and experiences of 2SLGBTQ+ prisoners and participate in mutual aid through letter-writing via the Prisoner Correspondence Project.

Gender-Affirming Pop-Up Salon
June 19, 2026

A free, community-accessible event offering haircuts, hairstyling and makeup services by trans and queer artists for 2STNB+ people.

Church Street Bar Crawl
June 20, 2026

An annual gathering for 2SLGBTQ+ TMU students aged 19 and older, offering an opportunity to connect with their queer and trans peers and explore Toronto's Village.

Pride Prep workshop
June 25, 2026



A collaborative Pride preparation session in collaboration with the UofT Students' Union, featuring sign-making, button-making and tote bag painting. Students also painted a collective banner for the Abolitionist Pride march.

People's Pride Festival @ Abolitionist Pride March and Picnic
June 28, 2026

The Queer Space participated in the Abolitionist Pride March alongside Queers for Palestine TO and No Pride in Policing, bringing students and allies together to challenge the corporatization of Pride.

DisOrientation 2026

How to: Political Print-Making

September 17, 2026

A free, hands-on political printmaking workshop designed to reduce barriers to letterpress printing for BIPOC, queer, trans, and disabled TMU students.

Facilitated by local artist Cleopatria, participants learned to use a Vandercook Press to create protest art and take home their own handmade posters. All supplies were provided.

Queer & Trans Survival Guide with Trans Collective TMSU

September 22, 2026

A collaborative seminar with the Trans Collective introducing students to queer and trans-centred campus resources, services, and opportunities, followed by a button-making and crafting session with free lunch.

Toronto Tempo Game

September 20, 2026

A group outing to a Toronto Tempo game, offering queer students and allies the opportunity to attend together as a student section.

Tickets were subsidized, with a pre-game meet-up, refreshments, and a one-way PRESTO transit ticket provided.

Fall 2026 Events

TMU Lip Sync Battle for Trans Awareness
with SLC TMU, Trans Collective and Centre for Women and Trans People
November 3, 2026

The Queer Space and Trans Collective were invited back to serve as judges at TMU's third annual Lip Sync Smackdown, featuring three 2STNB+ drag performers right in the SLC Lobby.

Rocky Horror Picture Show Movie Screening
Delayed to Winter 2027

The Queer Space partnered with TMAPS to host a screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, featuring a drag performance to open the event.

Key Highlights/Statistics

15 events delivered across Pride Month, Summer and Fall, including independent programming and collaborations.

30 students at capacity per each RSVP-based event; other events typically drew 20–25 students.

Office hours open at least **3 times per week**, providing ongoing student support and community connection.

Collaborations and outreach with researchers, students, and campus partners, including potential future programming with TMU Recreation.

Photo The Queer Space leads hold up a "Students Against Pinkwashing" community banner at Abolition Pride, June 2026.



BIPOC Students' Collective

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The BIPOC Students' Collective centres the experiences and voices of Black, Indigenous and racialized students, working to address systemic racism and xenophobia within and beyond the TMU campus community.

Through community-led initiatives, educational programming, and public campaigns, the Collective raises awareness of racial inequities, encourages dialogue and advocates for a more equitable campus environment. Its drop-in space and cultural programs provide opportunities for racialized students to connect, share experiences and build community.

The Collective also leads Black History Month programming each February, alongside year-round events and initiatives that celebrate racialized communities, highlight their histories

and contributions and advance racial equity across campus.

Summer 2026 Programming

In Memory of Resistance
April 22 to May 31, 2026

In honour of Genocide Awareness Month, the BIPOC Students' Collective organized a community gallery showcasing artwork that addressed historical and ongoing genocides impacting BIPOC communities worldwide.

The exhibition ran from April 22 to May 31, 2026, at the TMSU Equity Service Lounge. The intention was to use art as a platform for remembrance, awareness, resistance, and BIPOC justice and liberation.

Queeribbean Kinfolk Campaign & Exhibition
August 31 to present

The Queer Space partnered with the BIPOC Students' Collective to unveil this photography project celebrating queer and trans Caribbean students and community members. As part of the campaign, throughout the Fall semester, we designed and distributed postcards featuring the art to highlight information on local community resources.

Held during the month of the annual Caribbean Carnival, the display was unveiled at a launch party in the Equity Service Lounge, with free food, postcards, and resources for BIPOC students and community members.

Disorientation 2026

Campus Services Map-a-Thon
September 16, 2026

A collaborative event hosted by the BIPOC Students' Collective and Student Access Collective. Student volunteers were invited to explore campus with the goal of identifying and documenting campus services, resources, and accessibility features.

The information gathered will contribute to a student-led Accessibility & Services Map



Photo The Queeribbean Kinfolk exhibition, hung in the Equity Services Lounge in the SCC, September 2026.

designed to help equity-seeking students navigate TMU, find relevant supports, and make informed decisions about the spaces and services that meet their needs.

Queer & Trans BlackBQ
September 21, 2026

The first-ever Queer & Trans BlackBQ brought together Black 2SLGBTQ+ students for a community-building event featuring a live DJ and drag performances.

The event showcased an all-Black, all-queer and trans performance lineup, creating an opportunity for students to connect, celebrate, and build community on campus.

Fall 2026 Events

Consent Carnival
September 25, 2026

The BIPOC Students' Collective collaborated with Consent Comes First and C3SVS to join this event as part of Consent Awareness Week, with aims to support campus-wide education on consent, healthy relationships, pleasure and sexual violence prevention.

This tabling activation provided the Centre an

opportunity to engage students in consent-focused programming and raise awareness of supportive on- and off-campus services for BIPOC students.

Grassy Narrows Banner Painting
September 18, 2026

The BIPOC Students' Collective supported TMSU's participation in the Grassy Narrows River Run 2026 by facilitating a banner-painting workshop and participating in outreach efforts with Grassy Narrows First Nation.

Study Session
October 9, 2026

A study session hosted in the Equity Lounge to help BIPOC students prepare for midterms and the upcoming reading week in a supportive, collaborative space.

Key Highlights/Statistics

- Programming attracted 20-30 participants at smaller events, while larger initiatives, including the In Memory of Resistance exhibition and BlackBQ, welcomed 50+ attendees.
- Maintained regular office hours, providing students with opportunities for resource navigation, peer support, and community engagement.
- Supported campus outreach and advocacy efforts through collaborations with C3SVS, TMAPS, The Queer Space, and other student and community organizations.
- Additional engagement metrics will be reported during the April 2027 AGM, following the Collective's primary Black History Month programming period.

SHIFT Centre

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The SHIFT Centre prioritizes student mental health and holistic well-being, connecting members with resources and peer support programs to help navigate personal, emotional, and academic challenges. Through wellness-focused initiatives, the Centre promotes self-care, resilience and supportive peer connections.

Space Update

Since the summer, SHIFT has been undergoing a relocation within the building to accommodate the development of the new campus Napping Centre.

The SHIFT Centre has relocated to the basement to accommodate the Napping Centre in its former location. SHIFT has been allocated two new office spaces that are currently being renovated, cleaned and prepared for reopening. This transition provides an opportunity to refresh the Centre's space and better support its wellness-focused programming and student services.

A full launch is anticipated for December or early January, with all preparations focused on creating a welcoming and accessible environment for students. In preparation for its reopening in January, a SHIFT Space Preview will gather student feedback to help staff better understand what students want and need from the space.

Fall/Winter 2026

Napping Space Preview with SAC
October 8, 2026

The Shift Centre and Student Access Collective



hosted a tour of the TMSU Napping Centre, at which students could learn more about the initiative, ask questions and provide feedback to help inform the space's development.

The event also included a wellness activity and complimentary matcha drinks.

Future Events

SHIFT Centre Space Preview
Date TBA

SHIFT is preparing to host a student feedback event in November focused on the redevelopment of the SHIFT Centre space in the basement behind the GFC. The event will provide students with an opportunity to share their ideas, preferences and needs to help shape a new, welcoming SHIFT space.

Feedback will also inform the development of services and programming that support student mental health and wellness, ensuring the revamped space reflects what students want and need from the SHIFT Centre.

Student Access Collective

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The Student Access Collective advocates for disabled students by addressing barriers to accessibility, inclusion and equitable participation at TMU. Through workshops, awareness campaigns and advocacy initiatives, the Collective raises awareness of accessibility challenges, confronts ableism and promotes systemic change.

Its drop-in space provides access to resources and peer support, while year-round social and educational programming fosters community, connection, and collective action toward a more equitable university environment.

Summer 2026

Oh my Pop: Sip and Paint
June 4, 2026

A creative drop-in event providing students with a relaxed space to socialize, unwind, and explore their creativity. Featuring hands-on activities in vintage upcycling, fashion, and décor, Oh My Pop! encouraged students to take a break from their routines and connect through art and self-expression.

BINGO Afternoon
June 5, 2026

A Bingo Afternoon hosted in the Equity Centre Lounge, offering students an inclusive space to relax, socialize, and connect through bingo, board games and matcha.

Accessibility Town Hall
June 16, 2026

An Accessibility Town Hall hosted by the Student Access Collective, providing a dedicated space for disabled students to share their accessibility needs, discuss barriers on campus and provide direct feedback to support a more accessible and inclusive TMU community. This hybrid event was hosted in-person and over Zoom.

DisOrientation 2026

Accessible Zine-Making and Low-Sensory Lounge
September 16, 2026

Students were invited to explore creative self-expression by creating their own zines, collaging, or relaxing and decompressing in a quiet, low-sensory space.

Key Highlights/Statistics

Delivered 4 events and initiatives during the reporting period, with attendance ranging from 25 to 30 students per program.

Continued advancing the Collective's accessibility advocacy efforts, using student feedback to inform ongoing campaigns and priorities.

As the Student Access Collective had no lead until November of last year, the Centre has made huge strides in programming and engagement which is only projected to increase as we close out the 2025-2026 year.

Centre for Women and Trans People

The Centre for Women & Trans People champions gender equity by supporting women and trans students, amplifying their voices and advocating for their representation in campus decision-making and policy development.

Its inclusive space provides students with a place to connect, share experiences, and engage with issues affecting their communities, while educational initiatives and advocacy create opportunities for leadership and meaningful change.

The Centre leads International Women's Month programming each March and hosts women- and trans-centred events throughout the year.

Summer 2026

Pottery Painting
May/June 2026

A weekly pottery-painting workshop hosted by the Centre for Women and Trans People throughout the summer, offering women, trans, and non-binary students an opportunity to explore their creativity and practice self-care. Participants could personalize a mug or tray while relaxing, connecting with peers, and building community in an inclusive environment.

Fall 2026

Wick and Wax
October 27, 2026

A Halloween-themed creative workshop where students participated in hands-on candle making and seasonal crafting, creating custom pieces to take home. Hosted at Oakham Lounge, the event offered two sessions and provided students with an opportunity to unwind, socialize, and connect with peers through a relaxed, creative activity.

Key Highlights/Statistics

30+ students attending events, with ongoing summer pottery painting programming.

Office hours four times per week, providing peer support and connecting students with campus and external resources.

Actively planning Trans Remembrance Month programming and preparing for expanded engagement during International Women's Month in March 2027.

Continued collaboration with CCF and Consent Comes First (C3SVS), with further joint events planned.

Ongoing and proposed initiatives include reviving a referral partnership with Women's College Hospital for gender-based violence support, developing a student job board, and exploring partnerships with organizations supporting queer communities and young professionals.

Equity Centre Volunteers

The TMSU Equity Service Centres launched volunteer recruitment ahead of Orientation and Dis-Orientation, building a large cohort

of students interested in supporting Centre operations, workshops, and equity-focused events. While volunteer training was postponed during the busy fall period, plans are underway to train and onboard volunteers during the late-Fall and early-Winter semesters.

The goal is to establish a rewarding program for marginalized students, where volunteers can track their hours, gain practical experience, access potential job opportunities, and receive a letter of recommendation upon completing the program.



Photos (top to bottom) The Queer Space leads hosting the 2026 Lip Sync Battle for Trans Awareness, postcards on the Equity Services Lounge resource table, Fall 2026.





Photo A crowd of students stand by a Ruru Baked ice cream truck at the Dreamland Street Festival.

Events & Sponsorships

TMSU has been proud to host a number of on- and off-campus events throughout the Summer and Fall semesters for TMSU Members and the campus community.

Since onboarding TMSU's new Events & Sponsorship Coordinator, Russ Adade, in Spring 2026, the department continues to upgrade the capacity and quality of our events to maximize students' connection to their campus life. With the help of a new team of student staff and revitalized Street Team volunteer program, our parties, festivals and activities have enriched life at TMU.

TMSU has also secured a number of sponsorship opportunities with local and national brands and organizations, which have materially contributed to the operations and improvements of our on-campus programs.

Pre-Orientation 2026

World Cup Watch Party (with TMU Bold)
Friday, June 12, 2026
Attendance: 240+ students

In collaboration with TMU Bold, TMSU hosted a FIFA World Cup watch party at The Met Pub, bringing together over 240 TMU students to cheer on their national teams while watching the Canada vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina match.

Our team organized a variety of interactive activities including arcade gaming stations, a complimentary photobooth and a raffle to win a pair of Toronto Blue Jays tickets and a TMU Bold hoodie.

TMU Orientation 2026

Welcome Kits For Residence Move-In
Sunday, August 30, 2026

TMSU welcomed students living in TMU residences by distributing 1,200 welcome care kits to dorm rooms and suites. These were designed to ease students' transition to residence life as they adjusted to their new living and learning environments.

Each care kit included essential personal care and hygiene items, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, shampoo, hand sanitizer, safer sex supplies and menstrual products.

Quadchella (TMU Orientation)
Monday, August 31, 2026

TMU Quadchella is an annual concert and celebration organized by the Residence Council to welcome incoming TMU students living in residence and help them engage with the campus community.

The event was relocated from the Kerr Hall Quad to the 6th floor of the Student Learning Centre (SLC) due to inclement weather. TMSU provided free ice cream and handbooks to residence students at Pitman Hall on the way to Quadchella.

School of Medicine Paint Night (TMU Orientation)
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

TMSU partnered with the TMU Medical Student Council to host a Paint Night for first-year students at the Brampton School of Medicine campus. This event marked TMSU's first collaboration with the TMU School of Medicine, representing an important step toward expanding our relationship with TMU for future events and programming.

TMSU hosted instructor Trey Arts and provided catering from Xaymaca for the medical student attendees. Paint Night provided incoming medical students with a welcoming and creative space to connect with their peers and build relationships as they began their academic journey.

Fiesta Del Fuego (TMU Orientation)
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Fiesta Del Fuego is an annual free concert and party that is hosted by Toronto Metropolitan University in Kerr Hall Quad, featuring live performances and DJ sets.

The event was moved into the SLC building due to inclement weather. TMSU and C3SVS hosted onsite activities, including games, face painting and snacks.

SLC Live (TMU Orientation)
Thursday, September 3, 2026

SLC Live is a signature TMU Orientation event that transforms the SLC into a multi-floor celebration welcoming students to campus.

For this year's SLC Live, TMSU collaborated with TMU Student Life to transform the fifth floor into an immersive experience inspired by the film Inside Out. The Events departments, C3SVS and Alumo facilitated gaming activations while educating students on TMSU's student services.

Dreamland Pop-Up
Thursday, September 3, 2026

TMSU partnered with Toronto-based clothing brand Shirley to design exclusive merchandise for TMU students, including a TMSU-branded tote bag and T-shirt.

To generate hype, TMSU hosted a surprise merchandise pop-up on Gould Street alongside SLC Live, giving students the opportunity to win free merch. The initiative continued throughout Orientation and Week of Welcome, wherein TMSU distributed 3,500 T-shirts and 3,000 tote bags to students.

At the pop-up, TMSU also handed out curated gift bags featuring items and pamphlets related











Photos (top-left to bottom) Medical student participants show off their paintings at the School of Medicine Paint Night, students dance at the Y2K Pub Night, the Rancho Relaxo food truck takes an order at Dreamland Street Festival, a DJ performs at Fantasy Fair, September 2026.

to the union's services and departments.

Week of Welcome 2026

Dreamland Street Festival
September 8 to 10, 2026

Dreamland was a 3-day street festival on Gould Street to welcome new and returning students as they begin another year at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU).

This year's theme encouraged students to embrace creativity, curiosity, and a sense of possibility. Most importantly, Dreamland created a space where students could feel a sense of belonging from the moment they stepped onto campus.

During the three-day festival, students enjoyed a unique line-up of activities and experiences including the following activations:

Activations at the three-day festival included:

- Rollerskating at Lake Devo (SUSO Skate Co.)
- Free haircuts (Onyx Barbers)
- Free tooth gems (Tooth Gemz Toronto)
- Henna station
- Airbrush tattoos and caricatures
- Local vendors (Shutterbug, PYO and Wade Clothing)
- Free food trucks (Rurubaked, Rancho Relaxo and Pancho's Bakery)
- Sponsorship activations (Tampax, SHEIN, Rexall, Scotiabank and Hi Finance)
- Dreamland merch giveaways
- Live DJs (DJ Jelz, Adeoloa, DOM Supremacy, Ladi, DJ Giovanni, DJ UnRuly R)

Campus Groups Fair
Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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.

This year, campus groups were categorised into themed houses and stationed around 4 sectors of the event space. TMU students received a passport upon arrival and embarked on a "Campus Groups Tour," collecting stamps as they engaged with campus groups and course unions across each sector. Students who collect the required number of stamps were eligible to redeem free food and TMSU merch.

250 Campus Groups participated in the Fair.

Y2K Pub Night
Friday, September 11, 2026

TMSU hosted a Y2K-themed Pub Night as the closing event of Week of Welcome.

Inspired by the fashion, music, and cultural moments of the early 2000s, the event embraced a nostalgic theme that resonated with the current student body. Participants were encouraged to dress in their best Y2K-inspired outfits, bringing the era's iconic trends back to life. At the end-of-night best-dressed contest,TMU students were awarded tickets to the 2026 Boat Cruise.

Fall 2026 Semester

Toronto Blue Jays vs Detroit Tigers
Monday, September 14, 2026

TMSU provided TMU students with discounted $25 tickets to the Toronto Blue Jays game against the Detroit Tigers on Monday, September 14, as part of the team's annual University & College Night initiative.

TMU students in attendance received a commemorative Toronto Blue Jays 50th-anniversary hat featuring the TMSU logo patch.

TMU Bold Homecoming
Thursday, September 17, 2026

TMU Bold Homecoming is an annual event that brings the TMU community together to rally behind the TMU Bold Men's Hockey Team as

they compete in their home opener. As an event sponsor, TMSU rewarded the loudest crowd with free pizza during the game.

Carnival Day
Monday, September 21, 2026

TMSU hosted its annual Carnival Day in Kerr Hall Quad, with free rides, games, food trucks and samples from sponsorship partners.

This event featured carnival rides and inflatable attractions provided by Hart Entertainment and Superior Events. Students enjoyed complimentary mocktails and matcha drinks from Remember The Coffee, free donuts from COPS and a variety of giveaways generously provided by TMSU's external brand sponsors. At the check-in stand, volunteers handed out free Nike NOCTA sneakers and TMSU merch.

TMSU Boat Cruise
Friday, September 25, 2026

The TMSU Boat Cruise is an annual event that brings students on a boat ride of the Toronto Harbour.

For a $10 ticket fee, students and their plus-ones also received mocktails, dinner and a photo booth activation. Live DJ sets were performed by Smartiez and Tay-Jean.

Outdoor Movie Night: *Michael*
Tuesday, September 29, 2026

In collaboration with Black Student Success (TMU Student Life and Learning Support), TMSU hosted an outdoor film screening of the movie Michael in the Kerr Hall Quad.

TMSU provided students with free snacks, generously supported by event sponsors Hart Entertainment and Burnbrae. The event also featured a raffle for TMSU merchandise.

Hassan Phills' Comedy Show
Wednesday, October 7, 2026

TMSU hosted a free surprise comedy show headlined by acclaimed Toronto-based comedian Hassan Phills (The Office Movers), hosted by comedian Rasha Elfeky.

Promoted just one week before the event, the show generated an extraordinary response from students. All 300 tickets sold out within just 30 minutes of its announcement.

AFC Toronto vs Halifax Tides
Monday, October 26, 2026

TMSU provided TMU students with discounted $10 tickets to the final home game between AFC Toronto and Halifax Tides in the Northern Super League 2026 season.

Sponsorships

We are grateful to have partnered with a number of sponsors to support the operation of our services and events between May and November 2026:

Canada Unites (formerly Brands for Canada), which donated free products for giveaways

Corporate businesses and brands, including Metrolinx, Best Buy, Tampax, Rexall, Scotiabank, Neo Financial, Hi Finance, SHEIN, Burnabrae, Pulp & Fiber and Bargains Group

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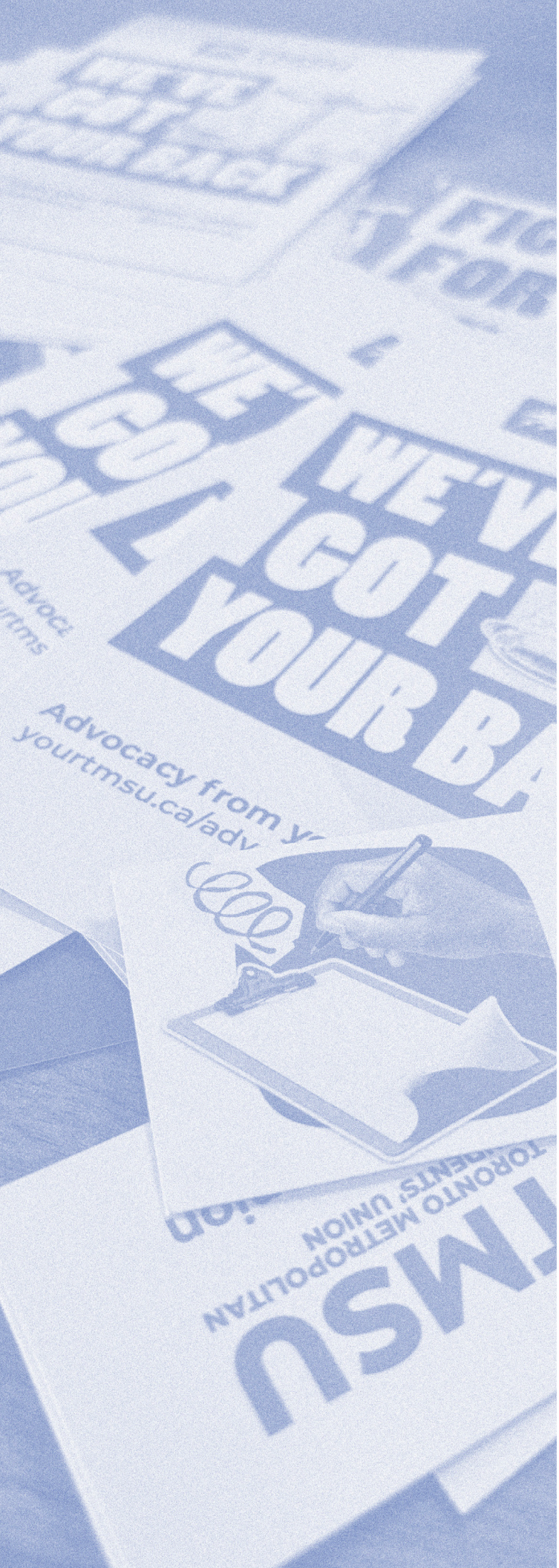
Alumo, our Health and Dental plan insurer, who has donated back to TMSU

Oakham Foundation, which has donated space and refreshments for countless meetings and events with the support of their builidng staff.





Photos (top to bottom) Frankie the Falcon makes an appearance at the Dreamland Street Festival, students pack the Kerr Hall Quad to attend the Campus Groups Fair, September 2026.



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.

TMSU's Academic Advocate, Hector Flores, helps students understand university policies, prepare effective appeals and participate confidently in formal processes.

The Office supports students with 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 assistance with 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.

To read more about Advocacy services and book an appointment, visit **yourtmsu.ca/advocacy**.

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Service Usage and Updates

From May 1st to October 20, 2026, the Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator's office has received approximately 993 consultations.

During the Fall 2026 term, the proportion of student inquiries shifted from majority Grade and Standing appeals to majority Academic Misconduct concerns. Approximately 49% of all appointments were related to Academic Misconduct. 34% of appointments were related to Grade and Standing Appeals.

Remaining consultations, or approximately 17% of appointments, discussed fee appeals, Retroactive Withdrawal requests, transfer credits, support in Human Rights investigations, complaints against professors and general policy, or procedure-related questions.

Compared to previous academic years, the Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator has seen an increase of consultations related to the use or suspected use of Artificial Intelligence. By far the most commonly-used ground for appeal has been Extenuating Circumstances, which encompasses health and compassionate issues that are outside a student's immediate control, cannot be reasonably avoided or foreseen and have an impact on their academic performance.

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 resulted in revisions that became effective in Fall 2026.

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.

Outreach and Education

This academic year, outreach was conducted via the TMSU newsletter, 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.

Along with TMAPS, the Toronto Metropolitan Graduate Students Union (TMGSU), the Office of the Ombudsperson, and a representative of the Fresh Start Program, the Student Issues and Advocacy Coordinator offers two online workshops at the end of each term: How to Write a Strong Appeal, for students who need assistance with Grade Appeals, Standing Appeals, or both; and on Academic Standing: What are my options? for students who receive a Required to Withdraw academic standing.



Emergency Grants

TMSU offers a limited number of Emergency Grants of up to $500 per person, per semester for those experiencing unexpected financial hardships that impact their ability to continue their studies or meet essential needs.

Students apply and receive grants for many factors, including: sudden loss of income, medical or dental emergencies, housing instability, urgent travel due to personal emergencies or other unforeseen expenses that create financial strain.

To learn more and apply for an Emergency Grant, visit **yourtmsu.ca/grants.**

Usage statistics

During the Winter 2026 semester, 101 Emergency Grants were awarded to students out of 110 applications. A total of $43,700 was awarded to these individuals.

During the Spring/Summer 2026 application period, the Student Grants Committee reviewed and processed 151 grant applications, approving 39 students for grants and awarding a total of $12,900 to these individuals. The review and approval process was held momentarily to reorganize the grants budget due to the sharp increase in applications received.

During the Fall 2026 Application period (until early November as of this writing), the Committee has so far reviewed 137 applications and approved 42 students for grants. A total of $10,500 has been awarded to these individuals.

Operational Updates

Comparing Spring/Summer 2025 to Spring/Summer 2026, the number of grant applications per semester have increased from 15 to 150 submissions.

To meet this 900% increase in applications, the Committee approved a $40,000 addition to the Student Grants budget line from $75,000 to $115,000.

With more room in the budget, the Emergency Grants service has increased capacity to serve a greater number of eligible students and more comprehensively meet students' demand every semester.

Legal Services

TMSU's Legal Aid service provides students with one-on-one assistance and informal advice regarding a wide range of legal issues.

The service is operated by TMSU's in-house lawyer, Bill Reid. Bill is accessible daily via email and takes virtual or in-person meetings as needed. Between May and November 2026, the Legal Service has supported approximately 290 TMSU Members.

The Legal Service provides advice and assistance with respect to the following areas of law, in descending order of frequency:

Housing

Sometimes, landlords don't maintain tenants' premises as they should, attempt to increase the rent or evict them unlawfully. Some students also experience conflicts with their roommates or neighbours. Bill helps students resolve these issues by drafting correspondences with their landlords/housemates and completing Landlord and Tenant Board forms. He also provides information so that students can more clearly understand their own responsibilities.

Family law

Many students are in relationships and/or have children, and experience challenges such as separation or abuse. As a first step, Bill provides students with information about their rights. He can also help them communicate and negotiate with other parties, and, if necessary, complete family court forms.

Employment law
Because so many students work while attending school, they also frequently experience violations of their workplace rights and, less frequently, workplace injuries. Bill helps them understand and negotiate employment agreements.

Ontario Student Assistance Program
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 civil matters
If students are injured in motor vehicle accidents or accidental falls, the legal service helps them understand their rights and negotiate appropriate compensation. If students face unpaid debts, Bill helps with small claims court forms, settlement negotiation, and navigating the court system.

Other administrative matters
Bill notarizes documents for administrative purposes other than OSAP, and assists students in dealing with government agencies. He also cooperates with the University's International Student Services department to ensure that international students are aware of their rights.

Criminal and Provincial Offences
Bill helps students who are facing criminal charges understand their legal options, and depending on the situation, helps them negotiate an appropriate resolution without the need for a trial, or to represent themselves at trial.

Corporate and Commercial Law
Many students express an interest in starting a business, either while attending school or upon graduation. Bill helps them understand the different forms that a business may take, educates them on how to establish their businesses in whatever is the best way for them, and assists with creating contracts and other documentation for use in their businesses.

Front Desk Services

The TMSU Front Desk is located on the third floor of the Student Community Centre (55 Gould Street, 311).

The Administrative Team at the front desk is available to contact in-person, by email at **info@yourtmsu.ca**, or by phone at **(416) 979-5255.**

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.

If there is a lost item left on campus, students and visitors can add it to the drop box next to the SCC front doors (Gould Street entrance) or at the TMSU front desk.

Graduation Photos

TMSU facilitates graduation photos with Lassman Studios at a discounted price of $35 per individual session and photo set, as well as a free class composite. Students can book their photo appointment on the studio's website with instructions available at yourtmsu.ca/alumni.

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.

5,401 members booked appointments to take their graduation photos via the TMSU Grad Photos service for the June 2026 Convocation Ceremonies.

Reimbursements pick-up

Emergency Grants and Campus Group reimbursements are no longer distributed at the TMSU front desk via physical cheque. Payments

are now processed digitally, via direct deposit/EFT. Before this update, over 200 cheques have been securely given to students since May 2026.

Student Inquiries

The Administrative Team is available Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the TMSU front desk to assist members and external visitors with general questions related to TMSU services. TMSU staff assisted 867 front desk visitors from July 27, 2026 to October 26, 2026.

The Administrative Team is accessible via phone and email during office hours to answer questions related to TMSU services. Over 617 phone calls/emails were followed up on from July 27, 2026 to October 26, 2026.

Discounts

TMSU offers a Grammarly Educational License at a discounted rate of $10. The current license will expire on January 31, 2027. There are 1,151 members active under the TMSU Educational Grammarly license.

A list of external student discounts and deals to local businesses and organizations, including the GO Transit PRESTO discount, is regularly updated and available to view at yourtmsu.ca/discounts.

Other Campus Groups Services

TMSU assists with creating “generic” TMU (torontomu.ca) emails for TMSU-recognized Campus Groups and Course Unions.

105+ account requests have been processed from July 9, 2026 to October 19, 2026 to either create new accounts or update Campus Group Executives’ access for existing accounts.

Health & Dental Plan

Toronto Metropolitan Students’ Union (TMSU) continues to administer and support the Health and Dental Plan, providing eligible students with access to extended health and dental coverage and a range of additional health, wellness, and student support services.

The Plan is available to eligible full-time undergraduate students, students enrolled in the Lincoln Alexander School of Law program, and students enrolled in the Toronto Metropolitan University School of Medicine, unless they have previously opted out.

The coverage period runs from September 1 to August 31 annually. The Plan is designed to supplement provincial health coverage (OHIP or UHIP) by helping students manage eligible healthcare expenses and access essential health services throughout their academic journey. Insurance coverage is provided through GreenShield Canada.

Some of the key benefits included in the Health and Dental Plan are:

Prescription drug coverage

Vision care

Mental health services and counselling

Paramedical services, including registered massage therapy, chiropractic care, and

other eligible practitioners

Dental examinations, X-rays, scaling and polishing, fillings, extractions, and eligible

endodontic and periodontic services

Emergency travel coverage

tmsu.alumo.ca/plan-summary

Additional Student Services and Programs

In addition to traditional health and dental benefits, the TMSU Plan provides access to several supplementary programs designed to address students' broader health, wellness and personal support needs.

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The Student Assistance Program provides students with access to confidential mental health and wellness support. Eligible students can receive up to four free sessions per concern with qualified mental health practitioners. There are no limits to the number of concerns per academic year and no up-front or out of pocket cost for the student.

In addition to mental health support, the program connects students with professionals who can assist with a variety of personal and lifestyle concerns, including work and career guidance, family and relationship matters, financial concerns and nutrition.

tmsu.alumo.ca/mental-health-coverage

Legal Care Program

The Legal Care Program provides students with access to professional legal advice and support for a broad range of legal matters. Through this program, students can consult with certified lawyers regarding issues such as criminal law, immigration rights, housing and tenant matters, employment-related concerns, and academic rights and disputes.

Unlimited legal support is available for students with no out of pocket cost. If the matter is not resolved, support continues beyond the students' graduation. Students also qualify for legal representation for certain disputes involving housing, employment, or academic matters.

tmsu.alumo.ca/legal-protection

Virtual Health Care Program

The Virtual Health Care Program provides eligible students with access to virtual medical consultations through the Dialogue platform. This service allows students to connect with licensed healthcare professionals to address a variety of primary healthcare needs remotely. Available services include consultations relating to contraception and sexual health, skin rashes and infections, minor cuts and bites, upper respiratory tract infections and general primary healthcare concerns.

tmsu.alumo.ca/virtual-health-care

Fall 2026 Plan Information and Enrolment

For the Fall 2026 academic year, all eligible members are activated with the insurance company. Students with comparable alternate health and dental coverage were provided with the opportunity to opt out of the Plan by October 9, 2026 and students who successfully opted out have received a credit to their MyServiceHub account.

Additionally, eligible students were given the opportunity to re-enrol in the Plan or add eligible family members through the applicable online enrolment processes, with the same October 9, 2026 deadline.

Marketing, Communications and Student Engagement

Since May, the team continued to prioritize student awareness and engagement through a combination of mass email communications, informational campaigns, and in-person outreach initiatives.

Mass email communications were distributed to TMSU members to share important information regarding the TMSU Health and Dental Plan, and key enrolment deadlines. These communications played an important role in ensuring students were informed about their coverage and understood how to access the resources available to them.

In addition to digital communications, the team continued to engage directly with students through tabling sessions and participation in student-focused events, particularly during the Fall 2026 orientation period. These initiatives provided opportunities for students to connect with the team, ask questions, and receive guidance on their health and dental coverage and the additional services available through the Plan.

The combination of mass email communications and in-person outreach allowed the team to reach students through multiple channels, strengthen awareness of the plan, and provide accessible information and support throughout the academic year.

Member Support

The Plan Support Office serves as a point of contact for students seeking clarification regarding their coverage, eligibility, claims processes, available services, enrolment, and other plan-related matters. Students can access support in person at SCC, by telephone at 416-979-5255 and Press 2, through email at health@yourtmsu.ca, or through the online support form on tmsu.alumo.ca/contact-us.

The TMSU Health and Dental Plan remains an important resource for students, providing access not only to essential health and dental coverage but also to additional wellness, legal, virtual healthcare, and savings programs that support students throughout their university experience.