



COMMUNITY ADVISORY:

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Students Demand Permanent, Accessible, Shuttle Service

TORONTO, ON – The Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) and the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students at the University of Toronto (APUS) are teaming up to provide a free intercampus shuttle bus service between the Scarborough and St. George campuses of the University of Toronto on January 13, 2016.

"Students contribute millions of dollars to the University each year and we deserve access to services to complete our education," said Yasmin Rajabi, Vice-President External of SCSU. "Many UTSC students need to travel downtown to access courses and complete degree requirements. A shuttle bus service is long overdue and we're taking action."

In 2014, students lobbied the University of Toronto (UofT) Administration to provide an intercampus shuttle between the Scarborough and St. George campuses. The UofT Administration conducted a survey on intercampus transit which saw a high demand for a shuttle. Students are calling on the UofT Administration to provide a free, permanent, and accessible shuttle bus between the Scarborough and St. George campuses. An intercampus shuttle bus service currently operates between the Mississauga and St. George campuses.

"This is an equity issue for our members on the Scarborough campus," said Richie Pyne, Vice-President Internal of APUS. "Lack of access to affordable and reliable transit serves as a barrier to access to education."

SCSU and APUS invite all members of the University of Toronto community to get on the free shuttle bus that will be provided between the Scarborough and St. George campuses on January 13, 2016. Pick up times at UTSC are 9 am, 1 pm and 5 pm from the Student Centre Loop and pick up times at UTSG are at 11 am, 3 pm, and 6 pm at Convocation Hall.

The SCSU represents over 12,000 undergraduate students at the University of Toronto Scarborough campus. APUS represents over 6000 fall/winter and 14,000 summer part-time students across UofT. Together, SCSU and APUS endeavour to defend student rights, provide cost-saving services, programs and events, and represent the voices of undergraduate students.

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