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TW: Mentions of suicide

Members of the University of Toronto,

It is with immense sadness we address our members today. In the early morning of November 4th, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union was made aware about the passing of a University of Toronto student residing at Chestnut Residence of St. George Campus.

On behalf of the members of the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, we send our deepest condolences and utmost support to their family, friends and loved ones. During this difficult time, it is important that we allow each other to process the tragic news, grieve and cope in our own ways, support one another and check on our communities.

With the tragic news of yet another one of our peers passing as a result of a suicide, we are reminded about the heightened mental health crisis in our UofT community, lack of supports and tangible progress made by the Institution to address the mental health crises. Students need to be supported and have access to the resources needed to cope with the stressors heightened by our current reality.

Now more than ever, the University of Toronto must be held accountable for the wellbeing of all of its students, faculty and staff. We call on the University of Toronto to uphold their commitment to ensuring EVERY students' success, through not only providing support when needed, but actively work to alleviate the stressors students experience by revising its current curriculum and teaching, increasing resources available on campus, and putting students' well-being at the forefront.

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union is committed to advocating for students and we will continue to fight for raising awareness about issues students face. Students and their well-being will always remain our priority.

A list of resources available to students at this time can be found at: <u>Mental Health Resources — Scarborough Campus Students' Union</u>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your executive committee, as we are all here to support our members in any way we can. Executive virtual office hour information is available on our website at www.scsu.ca.

With heavy hearts,

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