

For Immediate ReleaseRe: David Rayside Undergraduate Scholarship

The University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Students' Union is aware and acknowledges the concerns of the students regarding the David Rayside Undergraduate Scholarship recipient. The SCSU calls on the Department of Political Science to rescind the scholarship previously awarded to a member of the UTSG community. This scholarship should be awarded to a student who can honour the legacy of Professor David Rayside.

David Rayside is a gay rights activist and a Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto. He participated in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women and in developing sexual harassment policies.

As mentioned in the scholarship requirement criteria, the Scholarship should be given to a student who promotes the public understanding of diversity and marginalized populations, as well as someone who is committed to making positive changes in their respective communities.

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union calls for greater transparency and a diverse selection committee when administering awards at the University of Toronto, focusing on equity, diversity and inclusivity.

The SCSU does not tolerate hate speech rooted in but not limited to Islamophobic, anti-Semitic, sexist, racist, classist, ableist, homophobic, or transphobic sentiments. We reaffirm our commitment to creating a safer and inclusive space, on and off-campus.

The Executive Committee is here to listen to your concerns and we welcome you to contact us directly with any concerns and/or questions.

Sincerely,

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