

50 YEARS
OF STUDENT
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PART-TIME
AND PROUD

ASSOCIATION OF PART-TIME
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APUS ANNUAL
REPORT 2018-2019

APUS Year In Review

The Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students at the University of Toronto (APUS) ensures that part-time undergraduate students have access to the full range of programs, services and resources at the University of Toronto in order to improve the quality of the part-time undergraduate educational experience. We endeavour to ensure that the rights of all part-time students are respected, provide cost-saving services, programs and events, and represent the voices of part-time undergraduate students across the University and to all levels of governance. We are fundamentally committed to the principle of access to education for all. We strive to ensure that the academic and social needs of part-time undergraduate students are met by building a more inclusive educational and campus life experience for all part-time students.

This annual report provides an overview of APUS' operations, services, campaigns and advocacy and programming and events during the 2018-2019 year. The 2018 year also marked APUS' 50th anniversary of defending part-time students' rights at the University of Toronto. APUS was founded in 1968 by dedicated part-time students who advocated for equal access to library services, financial aid, and representation on University committees and to give a voice to part-time students. As we dove into our archives as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations over this past year, we became more proud than ever of our long history of creating much-needed space and services for part-time students on campus. We are grateful to continue to have the privilege to advocate for part-time students at U of T.



(L-R) Jamie Kearns Vice-President External, Susan Froom Vice-President Internal Mala Kashyap President, Caitlin Campisi Executive Director, Richie Pyne VP Events and Outreach, Jennifer Coggon, Vice-President Equity.

Health and Dental Plans

APUS continues to offer affordable health, dental and travel insurance coverage to our members through GreenShield Canada. Through our membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and the National Student Health Network, we also participate in various discount networks. This year, we were very pleased to introduce increased benefits to our 2018-2019 Health and Dental Plan following feedback from our members! We added oral contraceptives to our prescription drug coverage and mental health services to our extended health services. [Insert new benefits graphic here]

Tax Clinics

APUS is proud to offer a free tax clinic to help our members file their 2018 tax returns. This year, we partnered with the UTGSU (University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union) for our St. George Campus tax clinic. In partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, our tax clinic is a popular free service for students and great experience for our student volunteers. Membership in the Canadian Federation of Students also provides APUS members with free online tax filing via Ufile.ca.

APUS Study Space and Lounge

In our Sidney Smith office, APUS offers our members a space to study, hang out, enjoy free coffee and tea, and access our 5 cent printing service. This year, we also hosted pop-up events and a birthday party in our lounge space, and introduced our regular programming series, Cupcakes and Chill, on Wednesday afternoons.



(L-R) Jamie Kearns, VP External, Jennifer Coggon, VP Equity and Richie Pyne VP Events and Outreach at Cupcakes and Chill

CUPCAKES AND CHILL WEDNESDAYS

APUS office
Sid Smith Room 1089
Wednesdays 2:00-4:00pm

Take a break every Wednesday 2:00-4:00 and join APUS for cupcakes, puzzles, colouring, and button making!

APUS 50th Anniversary Bursary Program

We were very happy to launch our new and restructured Bursary program for the 2018-2019 year as part of our 50th anniversary celebration. In addition to the APUS General Bursary, Jovita Nagy Bursary, and Marija Hutchison Bursary, we now provide a set number of bursaries to part-time undergraduate students who self-identify as Indigenous, Black, Queer and Trans, and/or disabled students/students with disabilities.

Recognizing that part-time students face barriers to accessing funding from governmental and institutional programs, APUS bursaries are available to part-time undergraduate students on all three campuses of the University of Toronto on the basis of financial need. Our new APUS Bursary Program has been well-received by our membership.

APUS now offers the following bursaries:

- APUS General Bursary
- APUS Access Bursary
- APUS Indigenous Student Bursary
- APUS Black Student Bursary
- APUS Queer and Trans Student Bursary
- Jovita Nagy Bursary (for UTSC & UTM students)
- Marija Hutchison Bursary (for part-time students in the TYP & Academic Bridging Programs)



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APUS 50TH ANNIVERSARY BURSARIES!

Fall Term Deadline: October 22, 2018
Winter Term Deadline: February 1, 2019

As part of the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students' (APUS) 50th anniversary celebration, we are restructuring our Scholarship and Bursary program!

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- Marija Hutchison Bursary (TYP and Academic Bridging Program)

Applications will be available online as of September 24, 2018.
Please visit: <https://apus.ca/scholarships-bursaries/>

APUS Services' Survey

During January and February, we conducted an APUS Services' Survey. We surveyed our membership for feedback all of our existing services, improvements to these services and the creation of new services. Many of our members provided detailed and helpful feedback on our services that we are already in the process of implementing.

APUS offers a series of programming and events throughout the year to support part-time students and build community on campus.



Pride Pop-Up

We hosted a Pride Pop-Up with food, drinks and lots of balloons at the end of June at our Sid Smith office.

Annual Caribana Patio Lime

Every year, we collaborate with student groups on campus to host Caribana Patio Lime in August. This year, the event took place outside our North Borden office on Bancroft Avenue. We had music, food, and a very popular caricature artist!



September Orientation Outreach

Every September, we attend multiple Orientation events to meet and connect with our members. This year, we attended Student Life's Mature and Transfer Student Orientation, UTSU's Clubs Fair, UTSU's Street Festival, First Nations House Orientation, and UTMSU's Club Fair among others.

Queer Orientation: Plant Pot Painting Party

This year, APUS also participated in Queer Orientation with a collaboration with LGBTQOUT: Plant Pot Painting Party! So many students came out to paint that we had to run out and get more pots during the event.

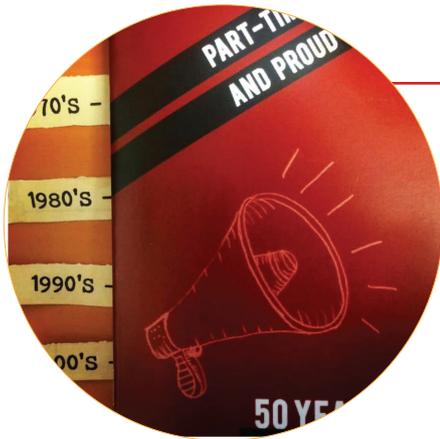
Part-Time and Mature Student Orientation

We hosted a full-day Orientation at the end of September for part-time and mature students at the Multi-Faith Centre. The day included presentations on getting involved, navigating the university, financial planning and academic success, lunch, and lots of mingling.

Our Voices, Our Stories, Our Spaces: Literary Night Open House

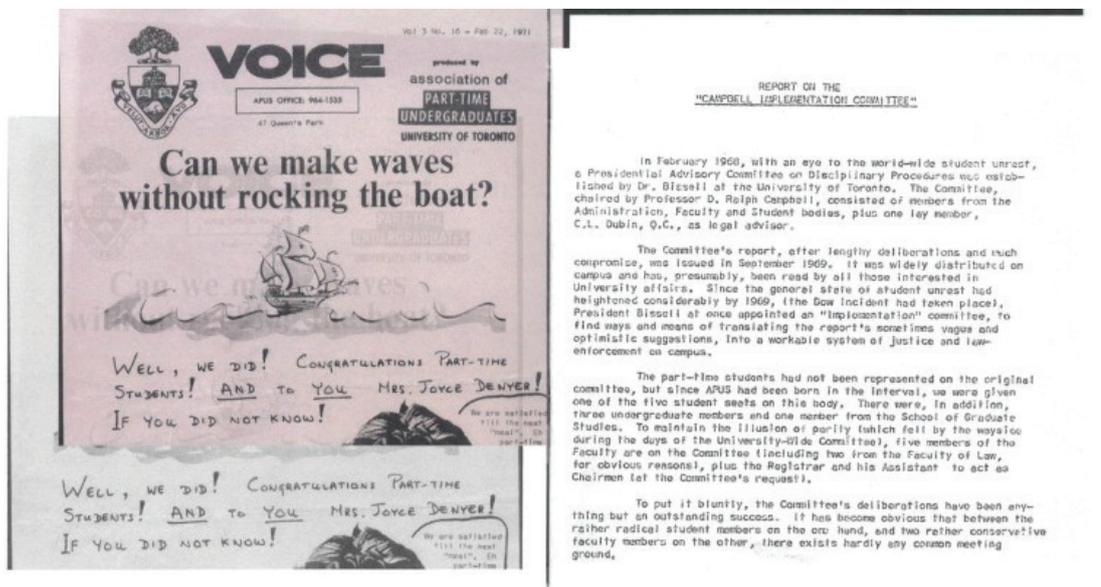


APUS collaborated with our neighbours OPRIG, CWTP, First Nations House, the Centre for Indigenous Studies, Students for Barrier-Free Access and many campus publications to host an open house at North Borden for a night! Students and community members were able to explore the building and get to know our services, history and stories. We dove into the APUS archives and presented a curated display of 50 years of part-time student activism at U of T in our Boardroom. Our display included minutes, reports, APUS voice newsletters, anthologies, posters and photos which we were proud to share with our community.



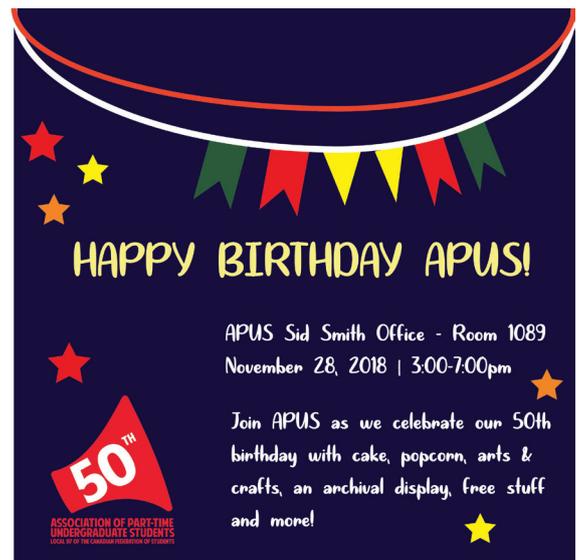
Part-Time and Proud: 50 Years of Student Activism

At the Literary Night Open House, we also launched our 50th anniversary magazine: Part-Time and Proud: 50 Years of Student Activism. This collection of memories from the APUS archives convey the commitment and passion in the history of part-time student activism. Thank you to the determination of our members, staff and volunteers who made it possible for us to reach our 50th anniversary!



50th Birthday Party

On November 28, we invited the APUS and U of T community to join us for a birthday celebration at our Sid Smith office! We set up our archival display, our Part-Time and Proud magazine, and put up posters from our early years to showcase our history. We served birthday cake, desserts and popcorn and set up a popular caricature booth. Many of our members, past and present, and student and community groups came out to help us celebrate.



Exam Jams with ASSU and CFS-Ontario

During the December exam period, we participated in many exam de-stressor activities. We took part in ASSU's Exam Jam at Sid Smith for students in the Faculty of Arts & Science, giving out popcorn and 'take a break' care packages. We also co-hosted Exam Jams with CFS-Ontario throughout the exam period and gave out many, many care packages to students.



5 Buck Lunch at Hart House with Students for Barrier-Free Access

At the end of January, we co-hosted a 5 Buck Lunch in the Great Hall at Hart House with Students for Barrier-Free Access. We were able to connect with many students, faculty and staff while enjoying a delicious lunch.

Ninth Floor Documentary Screening

To welcome in Black History Month, we hosted a documentary screening of Ninth Floor, which spotlights Caribbean students in the 1960s at Sir George Williams University. This screening tells the story of a forgotten history of student organizing in Canada.

Cupcakes and Chill Wednesdays

In January, we piloted a new series out of our Sid Smith office lounge: Cupcakes and Chill. Every Wednesday afternoon, we offer free cupcakes and other desserts and chill with our members while doing puzzles, button-making or colouring. This series was really popular so we are continuing it every Wednesday afternoon this year.

APUS works with other student groups, community members and allies to advocate for accessible and quality post-secondary education for part-time students. We advocate for our members at many governing bodies and committees of the University of Toronto, provincially and federally through the Canadian Federation of Students, and within our communities.

Governing Council and Campus-Wide Advocacy

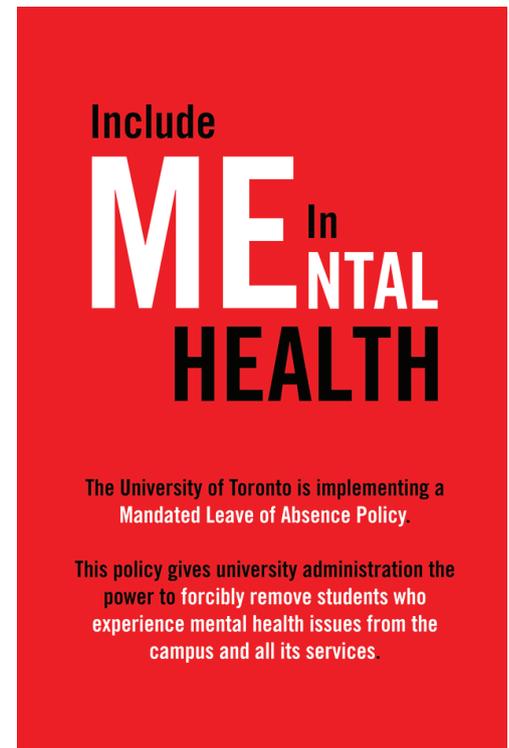
Members of the APUS Executive regularly speak at Governing Council meetings, as well as meetings of its Boards, such as University Affairs Board and Academic Board. We advocate for these governing bodies to consider the needs and experiences of part-time students on campus. For example, this past year, we advocated against the University-Mandated Leave of Absence Policy and against the implementation of the Smoke-Free Policy until consultation with students had taken place. The APUS Executive also meets regularly with the Office of the Vice-Provost Students to bring a multitude of concerns from our membership to their attention, to advocate against policies that will negatively affect students, and to advocate for increased services and supports to our members.

University-Mandated Leave of Absence Policy

We began the 2018-2019 year working with other student groups on campus to advocate against the University-Mandated Leave of Absence Policy. The University-Mandated Leave of Absence Policy was put forward for approval at a Governing Council meeting on June 27, and before that University Affairs Board and Academic Board. APUS spoke against the Policy at all three meetings, urging the University to consider the disparate effects of this Policy on marginalized students, particularly disabled, Black and/or Indigenous students. APUS also worked with other student groups to protest outside of the Governing Council meeting. Unfortunately, Governing Council approved the Policy and it is now in effect. We continue to work to ensure our members have the services and support that they need on campus.

University of Toronto Committees

APUS has seats on many University of Toronto committees and governing bodies. Members of the APUS Executive Committee attend these meetings, speak on behalf of part-time students, and report back to and consult with our members through our Assembly and Board meetings. These committees include the Council on Student Services, the Council of Athletics and Recreation, the Hart House Board of Stewards, the Library Student Advisory Committee, the Community Liaison Committee, the Student Initiative Fund, and more. For a full list of the Committees in which the APUS Executive has represented our members, please see the Executive Reports to the Board.



Canadian Federation of Students

APUS advocates our behalf of part-time students at the provincial and federal government levels through our membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario. Our VP External is your representative to the Canadian Federation of Students, sits on the CFS Ontario Executive Committee, and leads our participation within these spaces. This past year, members of the APUS Executive Committee attended CFS National General Meetings in June and November, and CFS Ontario General Meetings in August and January. We proudly moved motions at these meetings on issues that directly affect our members, including on dependent care funding for delegates, accessibility within meeting spaces, and in support of comprehensive harm reduction strategies. We also attended the CFS Ontario Skills Symposium in June as part of our capacity building. Our VP External also had the opportunity lobby Federal MPs at Federal Lobby Week in February on issues such as federal oversight on post-secondary funding and the removal of the 2% cap on PSSSP for Indigenous students. Our VP External and VP Internal also participated in Ontario Lobby Week and met with provincial MPPs to advocate for increased funding to post-secondary education, against the cuts to OSAP and in favour of students' right to organize. Our VP External also attended gatherings of the National Circle of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students and the Ontario Circle of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students.



Community Advocacy and Solidarity

APUS works in solidarity with members of the student community, campus community and surrounding communities on many issues. In May, in partnership with the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU), we organized a debate for local candidates in the Provincial election. The debate was very well-attended from both students and community members and was a great way to start our year. During the Winter semester, we also partnered with UTGSU, SCSU, UTMSU and UTSU to organize and host student-led consultations in advance of the review of the U of T sexual violence policy. These consultations took place on all three campuses and created an important space for students to provide feedback on the existing policies and the culture surrounding sexual violence on campus. We also outreached with the U of T chapter of \$15 and Fairness on their Day of Action. APUS also makes a number of donations to groups on campus who are doing important work that supports the needs of our members through the facilitation of our VP Equity. This past year, we made donations to Regenesi's Youth Food Centre, a student-led conference on harm reduction at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health called Confront the Crisis, Students for Barrier-Free Access' ASL classes, Students Against Israeli Apartheid for Israeli Apartheid Week, and to the Health Studies Student Union for their event on the Future of Public Health Care. APUS also releases statements on behalf of our membership, for example, on the National Indigenous Peoples Day and International Women's Day. You can find the full list of statements on our website.



Cuts to Post-Secondary Education: Fighting Back

On January 17, the Ontario government announced cuts to post-secondary education that if implemented, will deeply impact access to post-secondary education, particularly for marginalized students. The proposed cuts include a ten percent tuition cut without a corresponding investment in public funding to universities, which could lead to larger class sizes, reduced student services and job insecurity for workers on campus. Announced changes to OSAP include more loans and less grants, the elimination of the six month interest-free grace period for OSAP loans following graduation and changing the definition of an “independent student” as someone who has been out of school for six rather than four years. Finally, the ‘Student Choice Initiative’ categorizes some student services as essential and others as non-essential, and requires an online opt-out option for non-essential services at the time of billing. We are deeply concerned about the cuts to OSAP and student services disproportionately affecting low-income and marginalized students. For example, food banks and drop-in centres are not considered an essential service under the new framework. Students’ rights to organize, such as through APUS, are under direct attack and our capacity to advocate for students, provide valuable services such as printing, tax clinics, and bursaries, and build important community spaces on campus are being threatened. In consultation with our membership, Board and Assembly, APUS is advocating against these cuts in the following ways:

- APUS attended an emergency rally against the cuts on January 18 organized by CFS-Ontario and CUPE Ontario at Queen’s Park.
- We attended grassroots student-led rallies against the cuts on January 25 and February 4. We also co-hosted banner-making for these rallies for students with other student groups.
- We released a statement on January 22 against the cuts to post-secondary education.
- We co-hosted a Letter-Writing Party with SBA on February 7 for students to write letters to their MPPs about the cuts.
- Our VP External and VP Internal met with and lobbied many provincial MPPs the week of February 18.
- APUS launched an Tell Them No: An Open Letter to the University of Toronto, calling on the administration to stand in solidarity with the tri-campus student community and say no to the reckless cuts to post-secondary education.
- APUS met with the Office of the Vice Provost Students, UTGSU, SCSU and UTMSU to ask the administration to say no to implementing the proposed changes and spoke to the value of all student services and student groups on our campuses, including those offered by levy groups, student clubs and student societies.
- We are participating in CFS-Ontario’s We The Students campaign, collecting petition signatures and encouraging our members to get in contact with their MPPs.
- APUS is currently organizing a Student Walkout on the St. George campus called We The Students Say No. We are asking all U of T students, staff and faculty to join us in saying no to the cuts to post-secondary education. We are working with student and labour partners, including CUPE 3902, OPIRG, UTGSU, ASSU and SBA to co-host breakfast and banner-making, and a solidarity rally and march. We are coordinating with UTMSU and SCSU for actions at UTSC and UTM. We invite you all to join us on March 20 at 12pm at Sid Smith! banner-making, and a solidarity rally and march. We are coordinating with UTMSU and SCSU for actions at UTSC and UTM. We invite you all to join us on March 20 at 12pm at Sid Smith.

Rise to the challenge and protect campus life!



TELL THEM NO.



APUS Operations

APUS is a membership-driven and student-led organization. A dedicated team of student representative and staff ensure that APUS is able to simultaneously advocate for our members at institutional, community and governmental levels, offer services such as our health and dental plan, 5 cent printing and bursaries, and offer free programming, events, and build community.

Governance and Finances

APUS' governance structure includes our Class Assembly, Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Each body meets regularly to review APUS' finances, policies, services, and programming and to discuss issues on campus that are affecting part-time students. All part-time students are encouraged to get involved in APUS by becoming a class representative. Class representative forms are distributed in each class at the beginning of each term and are also available at both our offices and on our website. We also hold an Annual General meeting once a year in the Winter term and invite all our members to review the financial statement, appoint the auditors and hear from the APUS Executive Committee. The APUS budget is presented to the Board of Directors and the Class Assembly a minimum of three times a year. Our audited financial statements are also presented to the Class Assembly, Board of Directors and the Annual General Meeting on an annual basis and are available on our website.

The APUS Team

The 2018-2019 APUS team is proud to support the day-to-day needs of our members.

Executive Committee

Mala Kashyap, President
 Susan Froom, VP Internal
 Jaime Kearns, VP External and Acting President
 Richie Pyne, VP Events and Outreach
 Jennifer Coggon, VP Equity

Staff

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