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STATEMENT

For immediate release
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RE: Hudson Counterclaim (Court File No. CV-15-536828)

On Wednesday, December 7, 2015, the UTSU was informed that a Counter-Claim from Wardle Daley Bernstein Bieber LLP, the counsel for former UTSU Executive Director Sandra Hudson in the [claim filed by the UTSU](#) on Sunday September 20th, 2015 had been filed with the court.

The UTSU Executive deny the allegations in the counter-claim. We intended to work with Ms Hudson because we knew her experience would be valuable given her extensive knowledge of the UTSU. There was no conspiracy to humiliate her. Members of the Executive made a concentrated effort to ensure the working relationship with Ms Hudson got off to a good start, including being proactive about ensuring that concerns, especially regarding treatment from board members, were addressed. Knowing that she was close with the previous executive, we wanted to do our best to ensure that she was comfortable working with us as well.

In addition, the UTSU did not provide copies of the statement of claim to media.

As we have said before, this action is about students' money and making sure that the UTSU has adequate resources to serve students well. It is not about any one person or their character. As our previous statement outlined, we are open to a resolution through arbitration or mediation. This has not changed with the circumstances—we are still seeking to resolve this issue with the least hardship and distress for all parties.

The UTSU will be responding to the counter-claim formally and in due course.

If any UTSU member or member of the press has questions about this issue, please contact one of the spokespersons below.

Yours in service,

The UTSU Executive Committee

ANTI-HARASSMENT AND RESPECT

We will not tolerate malicious comments about or harassment toward any party involved in this claim. The UTSU Executive Committee will actively condemn any comments which are harassing, malicious, or derogatory.

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