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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE UTSU AND YOLEN BOLLO-KAMARA

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RE: Conclusion of Investigation and Claim into the Actions Yolen Bollo-Kamara

On January 7, 2016, the University of Toronto Students' Union (the UTSU or the Union) and Yolen Bollo-Kamara (Ms. Bollo-Kamara) reached a mutually agreeable resolution to the UTSU's claims against Ms. Bollo-Kamara in relation to allegedly unlawful payments made to Sandra Hudson, the former Executive Director of the UTSU.

The UTSU will therefore be discontinuing the lawsuit as against Ms. Bollo-Kamara.

While the terms of the settlement are confidential, the parties have agreed to provide the following information, which came to light during the investigation.

- A) Ms. Bollo-Kamara has sworn under oath that she did not receive a financial benefit relating to the payment to Ms. Hudson. The UTSU believes that this is true.
- B) Based on the established relationship Ms. Bollo-Kamara had with Ms. Hudson, and the reliance and trust that she had placed in her, Ms. Hudson convinced Ms. Bollo-Kamara that Ms. Hudson was entitled to the severance and overtime pay.
- C) Ms. Hudson advised Ms. Bollo-Kamara that Ms. Hudson had sought legal advice from DLA Piper regarding the Termination Agreement and related documents. DLA Piper has denied that it provided any legal advice regarding these documents.

Therefore, from the position of the UTSU, Ms. Bollo-Kamara was following the direction of Ms. Hudson who she believed had property authority and had consulted legal counsel.

The Board and Executive Committee of the UTSU have a fiduciary responsibility to use its resources responsibly to serve students. As always, the leaders of the UTSU envision and work for an organization where participation in all aspects of the organization is actively encouraged, including creating a culture where members feel welcome to ask

whatever questions are required to hold us to account. To this end, 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 and Ms. Yolen Bollo-Kamara

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