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AGENDA ITEM: 3(b)

## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: Student Society Fees – Student Societies Proposals for Fee Increases

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The terms of reference of the University Affairs Board provide that the Board approves the establishment of and changes to compulsory non-academic incidental fees including those collected on behalf of student societies.

The administrative procedures are outlined in the *Policy on Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and the *Handbook for Student Societies* (published by the Office of Student Affairs). Pursuant to the *Policy*, requests for increases to fees must be supported by due constitutional and fair processes within student societies.

Increases which are greater than the cost of living must be supported by a positive result in a recent referendum. Requests for increases which are less than or equal to the cost of living must be supported by a previous referendum approving annual increases by an established inflation factor. When such a provision is approved by referendum, annual increases, no greater than the Ontario Consumer Price Index of the previous December (or no greater than a specific inflation factor approved by referendum), may be requested upon approval of the board or council of the organization.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

Requests for changes to existing fees and/or the establishment of new fees are brought forward to the Board on one or more occasions each year. This is the first set of requests on behalf of student societies brought forward this year.

The requests have been reviewed by the Office of Student Affairs and are recommended for approval.

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## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

The following student societies have requested changes to fees charged on their behalf by the University:

**Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)**  
**Engineering Society**  
**Graduate Architecture, Landscape & Design Student Union (GALDSU)**  
**Graduate Students' Union (GSU)**  
**U of T at Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU)**  
**Scarborough Campus Community Radio (SCCR)**  
**Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)**  
**Student Teachers' Union (STU)**  
**Students' Administrative Council (SAC)** [currently undergoing a name change to the **University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU)**]  
**University College Literary & Athletic Society (UC Lit.)**  
**Varsity Publications (*The Varsity*)**

In addition, as detailed in the attached documentation, the following societies have received member approval for continuation of previously approved levies for special projects:

**Engineering Society**  
**Information Studies Student Council / Doctoral Students Association**  
**New College Student Council (NCSC)**

Additional information is provided in the attached memorandum from Jim Delaney, Associate Director & Senior Policy Advisor, Student Affairs.

## **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no significant implications for the University's operating budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the University Affairs Board approve the following:

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.04 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee. If approved, the total authorized APUS fee will be increased to \$76.46 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students.

Note: Since APUS is electing not to charge the full authorized amount for the Dental Plan portion of the fee, the actual fee charged beginning fall 2007 will be \$73.71 per session.

Note: While APUS was authorized by the University Affairs Board to charge \$28.80 per session (including the administration fee and PST) for the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan, APUS elected to charge only \$26.18 (including the administration fee and provincial sales tax) per session in 2006-07. In 2007-08, APUS has elected to charge the full approved amount.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.50 per session in the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee; (b) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee of \$1.25 per session for the Human Powered Vehicle Design project; and (c) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee of \$1.25 per session for Engineers Without Borders. If approved, the total Engineering Society fee will be increased to \$107.65 per session, charged to all full-time Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, a new fee of \$20.99 per session be established for the **Engineering Society**, charged to all part-time Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students and Professional Experience Year students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the fees charged on behalf of the **Graduate Architecture, Landscape & Design Student Union (GALDSU)** be adjusted such that all full-time graduate architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design students are charged \$40.00 per session, and all part-time graduate architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design students are charged \$25.00 per session.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Graduate Students' Union (GSU)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.13 per session for full-time students (\$0.06 per session for part-time students) in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$2.33 per session (\$0.00 for part-time students) (including administration fee and provincial sales tax) in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee; and (c) an increase of \$2.28 per session (\$2.28 for part-time students) (including administration fee and provincial sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total GSU fee will be increased to \$206.07 per session for full-time students (\$91.17 per session for part-time students), charged to all graduate students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.13 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) the establishment of a new portion fee of \$44.50 per session (fall and winter only) for a UPass; and (c) the establishment of a new portion of fee of \$0.89 per session for an Academic Society levy. If approved, the total UTMSU fee will be increased to \$88.36 per session, charged to all full-time University of Toronto at Mississauga students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Scarborough Campus Community Radio (SCCR)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$1.50 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total SCCR fee will be increased to \$3.50 per session, charged to all full-time University of Toronto at Scarborough students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.25 per session for full-time students (\$0.01 for part-time students) in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.07 per session for full-time students (\$0.00 per session for part-time students) in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.36 per session for full-time students (\$0.11 for part-time students) in the Student Centre portion of the fee; and (d) an increase of \$3.36 in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total authorized SCSU fee will be increased to \$172.22 per session for full-time students (\$11.57 for part-time students), charged to all University of Toronto at Scarborough students.

Note: Since SCSU is electing not to charge the full authorized amount for the Dental Plan portion of the fee, the actual fee charged beginning fall 2007 will be \$155.01 per session for full-time students (\$11.57 for part-time students).

THAT on the condition that the proposed decrease is supported by a due constitutional referendum anticipated to occur during the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and that other requirements are met, beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Student Teachers' Union (STU)** fee be decreased as follows: (a) the elimination of the Teacher Employment Preparation Centre portion of the fee; and (b) a decrease of \$18.50 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total STU fee will be decreased to \$6.50 per session, charged to all undergraduate students registered at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Students' Administrative Council (SAC)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.17 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.07 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.30 per session in the U of T Environmental Resources Network portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$0.30 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; and (e) an increase of \$4.57 per session (including administration fee and provincial sales tax) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of fee. If approved, the total authorized SAC-St. George fee will increase to \$140.80, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus; and the total authorized SAC-UTM fee will increase to \$138.55, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the U of T at Mississauga campus.

Note: Since SAC is electing not to charge the full authorized amount for the Dental Plan portion of the fee, the actual fee charged beginning fall 2007 will be \$135.68 per session for St. George Campus students and \$133.43 for UTM students.

Note: The Students' Administrative Council is currently undergoing a name change to the University of Toronto Students' Union.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **University College Literary & Athletics Society (UC Lit)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.11 per session for full-time students (\$0.04 for part-time students) in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total UC Lit fee will be increased to \$17.74 per session for full-time students (\$8.88 for part-time students), charged to all University College students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Varsity Publications** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.62 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total Varsity Publications fee will be increased to \$1.25 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students.



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD**

**FROM: JIM DELANEY**

**SUBJECT: COMPULSORY NON-ACADEMIC INCIDENTAL FEES: STUDENT SOCIETY FEES – STUDENT SOCIETY PROPOSALS FOR INCREASES**

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Requests from a number of student societies for the fee changes listed below have been received by the Office of Student Affairs. The applications have been reviewed and are recommended for approval.

Requests for fee increases from student societies must meet a number of requirements. Section 2 of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* outlines the University's general expectations:

*Requests to change the fee collected on behalf of a student society and requests for new fees shall be approved only when evidence has been presented that the request has been authorized by due constitutional process in the organization.*

*Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is not greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices for Ontario as measured by Statistics Canada (December-over-December) as of December 31 of the previous year, the request must be supported by the results of a previous referendum approving the principle of a cost-of-living adjustment. Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices, the request must be supported by the majority of the society's members voting in a recent referendum.*

The procedures for handling fee change requests (from the *Handbook for Student Societies* published by this office) also provide that requests for a fee increase must be supplied with the following:

*Evidence that the request to change the existing fee (or to institute a new charge) has been authorized by due constitutional process of the organization. This evidence should include a copy of or specific reference to the section of the society's constitution which relates to the mechanism for fee changes, minutes of the meeting at which the resolution to request the change was passed, details and results of any referenda related to the subject which may have been held within the division, and publicity*



*given the matter to ensure that those who may be affected by the change are aware of the proposal, including size and purpose of the increase, and have had the opportunity to make their views known.*

Normally, the administration intersects with these processes at two points. Initially, we ask student societies to consult with this office on the wording of referendum questions (with respect to clarity and technical language). The second point occurs after the referendum when the student society makes the formal request for a fee increase. The recommendation for approval is derived from the assessment of whether or not the society has met the requirements established in the *Policy* and the relevant procedures.

Occasionally, we are asked to look into complaints about referendum procedures and compliance with relevant portions of the society's constitution and/or by-laws. The results of these investigations play a significant role in the assessment of the request and the recommendation for approval.

The assessment of requests for fee increases is normally based upon the following expectations:

- 1) The student society must make the request in a manner consistent with the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and the University's procedures for increases to student society fees;
- 2) There must be a positive result in a referendum for a fee increase (special conditions established by the society, such as quorum, must also be met);
- 3) The referendum question itself must be clear and provide enough information to students in order to gain a full understanding of the implications of the question and proposed fee for them;
- 4) The referendum must be held in a fair manner, advertised and promoted in a reasonable manner, and the members of each organization should be given a reasonable opportunity to vote; and
- 5) Each organization must comply with the provisions of its own by-laws, rules of procedure, and specific policies and procedures approved by the society's board or council.

Societies which have previously received approval (by referendum) from their members for an annual cost of living increase in the society's portion of the fee may request increases, upon approval by the society's board or council, of up to the previous Ontario December to December cost of living increase (consumer price index) calculated by Statistics Canada. The December 2006 consumer price index for Ontario was 1.1%.

The Students' Administrative Council (SAC)<sup>1</sup>, the Graduate Students' Union (GSU), the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS), and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) may request increases in the designated portions of their fees for health plans at a rate established by approval of a previous referendum. SAC, APUS and SCSU may request increases in their health plan fees of up to 10%. The GSU may request increases in the health plan fee of an amount less than or equal to a health industry index.

It is important to note that when dealing with a student society request for a fee change, it is the society's own constitution, by-laws or established policies that set the standards for acceptable results in referenda. In some cases, society constitutions establish a minimum voter turnout in order to consider a referendum result to be valid. The University has not established additional criteria with respect to valid referendum voter turnout.

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<sup>1</sup> The Students' Administrative Council is currently undergoing a change in name to the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU).

## **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)**

### *Background*

In fall/winter 2006-07, the APUS fee was \$71.05 per session for part-time undergraduate students on all campuses. The fee included \$3.27 per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O).

Pursuant to approval by previous referendum, requests for cost of living increases in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee are permitted upon approval of a resolution by the Assembly of Representatives of the society. Pursuant to approval by previous referendum, requests for increases of less than or equal to 10% are permitted in the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan and Dental Plan portions of the fee upon approval of a resolution by the Assembly of Representatives of the society.

### *Requests*

- 1) A cost of living increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 30, 2007, the APUS Assembly of Class Representatives approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the APUS fee.

### *Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

### *Recommendation:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students** (APUS) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.04 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee. If approved, the total authorized APUS fee will be increased to \$76.46 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students.

Note: Since APUS is electing not to charge the full authorized amount for the Dental Plan portion of the fee, the actual fee charged beginning fall 2007 will be \$73.71 per session.

Note: While APUS was authorized by the University Affairs Board to charge \$28.80 per session (including the administration fee and PST) for the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan, APUS elected to charge only \$26.18 (including the administration fee and provincial sales tax) per session in 2006-07. In 2007-08, APUS has elected to charge the full approved amount.

## Engineering Society

### Background

The Engineering Society fee has been \$104.65 per session for full-time Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering students since fall 2006. The fee includes \$21.27 per session designated for the society, \$12.50 per session designated for the Engineering Career Centre, \$1.50 per session for the Formula SAE Racing Team, and \$12.50 per session for the Atrium Renovation Project. The mandates to continue to charge the Engineering Career Centre, Formula SAE Racing Team, and Atrium Renovation Project portions end this year.

### Requests

- 1) A new mandate to continue to charge the Engineering Career Centre fee through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the fee for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

*The 2006-2007 academic year has been one of transition and great success for the Engineering Career Centre. Since its inception, with the support of the Engineering Society levy, it has grown from one person with multiple responsibilities, to a team of staff with dedicated resources in specialized areas.*

*In 2006 the Engineering Career Office merged with the Professional Experience Year (PEY) program to become the Engineering Career Centre (ECC). This successful evolution has allowed us to strengthen and increase the career supports and resources available to undergraduate engineering students, as well as offer additional flexibility to meet the vast demands of employers and their respective industries. This strength in unity has allowed the ECC to continue to incorporate valuable student development components into our services and programs.*

*With both employer liaison staff as well as counselors dedicated solely to student development via one-on-one, small group and workshops, the ECC has been able to roll out a summer co-op program (the Engineering Summer Internship Program or ESIP), now in its second year. With 52 students having gone out on an ESIP work term in the summer of 2006, we are looking to significantly grow this program in the coming year. The ECC continues to ready students to meet full-time, part-time and summer opportunities and the PEY program continues to see success and growth, with over 550 students currently undertaking their internships. On-campus recruitment activities include information sessions, all-day Career Booths in the SF Atrium, and the annual Career Information Days in September of each year.*

*Amongst the important additions to our services, there is the new Engineering Student Resource Centre, located in the Bahen building, room 1125. This Resource Centre provides access to company information, job postings, salary statistics, industry directories and an*



on site resource staff person to help students navigate the information and services available.

*In the 2007-2008 academic year the ECC aims to undertake a new major initiative: allowing students in 2nd year to join the ESIP program. Our goal is to allow all Engineering students to have the opportunity to participate in a formalized development process with the goal of obtaining an exposure or experience component to add to their undergraduate education.*

*It will be our mission to continue to work and achieve further success in 2007-2008. We hope to continue the growth and further the development of our services with the renewal of the Career Centre levy.*

*The University of Toronto Engineering Society is seeking a renewal of the Engineering Career Office fee. The proposed fee is \$12.50 per session (\$25.00 per fall and winter period) will be collected from each full-time engineering undergraduate student during the 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 academic years.*

*Are you in favour of renewing the Engineering Career Centre Levy as described in the preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>238</b>	71.9%	Number of Eligible Voters	3,939
<b>NO</b>	<b>93</b>	28.1%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>331 / 8.4%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	145 / 3.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>331</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

- 2) A new mandate to continue to charge the Atrium Renovation Project portion of the fee through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the fee for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

*The Atrium Renovation Committee represents the Engineering Society and works with several key groups, including the ECE and Civil Engineering Departments, the Engineering Library, and Aramark Food Services in the SF Atrium Renovation Project. This project was initiated by the same committee in 2004.*

*This year, the Atrium Renovation Committee is under new leadership due to the graduation of the old executive. This exciting change will deliver a much appreciated boost to the project’s public profile, as well as replenishing the leadership skills, dedication and spirit vital in delivering this project.*

*The Atrium Renovation Committee will actively seek input from the Atrium’s users (with majority focus on engineering students) at every step of the project. The goal is to eventually create an agreeable, technologically-forward, innovative space that all can appreciate and enjoy. The new committee will take care not to start the project anew, but rather build on the work accomplished by the outgoing members and avoid delay and duplicate costs and effort in the renovation of the SF Atrium.*

*A project of this scale and impact requires and appreciable amount in funding. Given the immense positive effect of the renovation will have on students in engineering, the University of Toronto Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members for a renewal of the Atrium Renovation Project fee for a period of 2 years beginning in the fall of the 2007-2008 academic year. The proposed fee is \$12.50 per session (\$25.00 per fall and winter period) will be collected from each full-time engineering undergraduate student during the 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 years.*

*Are you in favour of the Atrium Renovation Levy as described in the preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>202</b>	58.2%	Number of Eligible Voters	3,939
<b>NO</b>	<b>145</b>	41.8%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>347 / 8.8%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	57 / 1.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>347</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

- 3) An increase and a new mandate to continue to charge the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the increase and the continuation of the fee for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

*The University of Toronto Formula SAE Racing Team was founded in 1997 by a small group of undergraduate engineering students. Today, it has grown to become an award winning design team comprising of 25 students from various Engineering disciplines. The team’s mandate is to design, build and race an open-wheel, open-cockpit high performance vehicle to compete in the Formula SAE Collegiate Design Competition.*

*The UofT team has won 3 European Championships, never finishing less than second place at the Formula Student Competition held annually in July. The team is one of only five teams in the world to have captured three or more championships, and is one of the most successful and celebrated Formula SAE teams in the 26-year history of the series.*

*Off the track, the UofT team is an active contributor to both, the Formula SAE and UofT communities. Every September, we organize and host the largest student-run competition in the world, the UofT Shootout at Mosport International Raceway. The team also actively promotes the University of Toronto and Engineering Faculties at on-campus events as well as at major public events such as the Canadian International Autoshow. For more information about the team please visit our website at [www.fsae.utoronto.ca](http://www.fsae.utoronto.ca).*

*Our past and present success has been made possible through the funding from our Engineering Society Levy and from you, the students. As we look forward towards the future, we hope that you will continue to support our team through the renewal of the Formula SAE Levy.*

*A fee of a \$2.00 per semester (\$4.00 fee for the fall and winter periods) for all full-time engineering undergraduate students will be collected during the 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 academic years. The money raised from this levy is crucial for our team to remain competitive in this ever-growing series and will be used for the purchasing of parts for our vehicle, and to fund the transportation of our vehicle to competitions.*

*Are you in favour of renewing the Formula SAE Levy as described in the above preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>211</b>	67.2%	Number of Eligible Voters	3,939
<b>NO</b>	<b>103</b>	32.8%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>314 / 8.0%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	108 / 2.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

- 4) The establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for a Human Powered Vehicle Design Team through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the establishment of the fee for the next 2 years. The wording of the question is as follows:

*The University of Toronto Human Powered Vehicle Design Team was established in 2006. The HPVDT currently has two technical projects. The first is a streamlined recumbent*

bicycle capable of speeds as high as 90 kmph. The second project is a human powered ornithopter (HPO), a flapping wing aircraft. The HPO will push the limits of lightweight construction and elegant, efficient design and would be a historical first. The recumbent bicycle is poised to break student records at the ASME Human Powered Vehicle Challenge in May 2008.

The objective of HPVDT is to promote hands-on and practical learning as a supplement to the theoretical teachings of the classroom. This experience will provide unique experiences for a career as an engineer through emphasis on lightweight, sustainable design. Students are exposed to advanced optimization and design techniques, including aerodynamic (CFD) and structural (FEM) analysis. Further experience will be gained through construction using advanced composite materials.

Both projects will underline the role of the Engineering Faculty as an innovator and environmental leader. The HPVDT has become an active member of the university community, hosting a seminar on ornithopter flight and participating in this year's Sustainable Energy Fair. Further, we hope to encourage the use of alternative energies in transportation, while promoting self-improvement and environmental stewardship. Human power in particular remains an untapped means of long-distance transportation.

The HPVDT Levy is designed to make up 15% of the team's budget. The team is committed to actively pursuing outside sponsorship and donations. This funding will allow us to establish a strong base for the club, through the purchase of construction equipment, computer software, reference texts, and materials. Major purchases will be controlled, growing as the team does. We kindly ask for your support for the creation of the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team Levy

The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to institute a new designated portion of the fee for The University of Toronto Human Powered Vehicle Design Team. The fee of \$1.25 per term (\$2.50 per fall and winter period) would be collected during the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years from all full-time engineering undergraduate students. In order to continue collecting this levy there would have to be a future referendum hosted by the Engineering Society.

Are you in favour of establishing a fee of \$1.25 per term (\$2.50 for the fall and winter period) for The University of Toronto Human Powered Vehicle Design Team as described in the preamble?

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>56.3%</b>	Number of Eligible Voters	<b>3,939</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>43.8%</b>	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>304 / 7.7%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	Difference Between YES and NO	<b>38 / 1.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>304</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion

and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

- 5) The establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for Engineers Without Borders through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the establishment of the fee for the next 2 years. The wording of the question is as follows:

*The University of Toronto Chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) is a campus student club focused on engaging engineers and engineering students in the fight against global poverty. EWB believes that technology appropriately incorporated into a community's social, cultural, economic and political context, can drive extraordinary change. Since 2001, EWB has raised funds to send its members abroad to aid developing communities in Ghana, Zambia, Malawi, Cameroon, Tanzania, the Philippines, Peru, and Bolivia. At a local level, EWB members have visited high school students and conducted engineering and global citizenship workshops, hosted learning opportunities and outreach events on campus to promote human development, and focused on developing U of T engineering students as world-class leaders.*

*The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to institute a new designated portion of the fee for Engineers Without Borders UofT Chapter. The fee of \$1.25 per term (\$2.50 per fall and winter period) would be collected during the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years from all full-time engineering undergraduate students. In order to continue collecting this levy there would have to be a future referendum hosted by the Engineering Society.*

*Are you in favour of establishing a fee of \$1.25 per term (\$2.50 for the fall and winter period) for Engineers Without Borders - University of Toronto Chapter as described in the preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>230</b>	70.1%	Number of Eligible Voters	3,939
<b>NO</b>	<b>98</b>	29.9%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>328 / 8.3%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	132 / 3.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>328</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

- 6) The establishment of a new Engineering Society fee charged to part-time Applied Science & Engineering students.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which part-time Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the establishment of the fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

*As of October 17, 2006, at this year's Annual General Meeting of the University of Toronto's Engineering Society a motion was moved that changed the definition of membership in the Engineering Society. Under the revised constitution, Part-Time students and students on their Professional Experience Year (PEY) that are members of the Faculty of Applied Science and engineering now have membership in the University of Toronto Engineering Society. This change gives part-time students the same representation in the Engineering Society elections and council meetings as full-time members.*

*The Engineering Society organizes several social events, and provides professional and academic and services for undergraduate students. These events and services include Gradball, Godiva Week, PEO Info Sessions, an online exam database, tutor's lists, and F!rosh Week. A portion of membership fees is allocated to discipline clubs and affiliated clubs who run their own events and services. The events and clubs supported by the Engineering Society aim to enhance the student experience of the undergraduate population. Many of these clubs provide services used by PEY and part-time students. Since the Engineering Society does not presently collect membership fees from PEY nor part-time students, many clubs are not properly compensated.*

*The proposed Engineering Society membership fee for Part-time Members is based on a fraction of the full-time membership fee.*

*On behalf of the part-time students of the Faculty of Engineering, the University of Toronto Engineering Society proposes to establish a membership fee of \$20.99 per session (\$41.98 per fall and winter period) for each part-time engineering undergraduate student. This fee would start being collected in the fall of 2007.*

*If passed, this fee will be permanent and non-refundable unless otherwise specified through another referendum.*

*If not passed, the Engineering Society may apply surcharges to non-members. This means events would include a fee for members and a higher fee for non-members.*

*Are you in favour of establishing the Part-Time Engineering Society Membership fee as described in the preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	Number of Eligible Voters	122
<b>NO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>3 / 2.5%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	Difference Between YES and NO	3 / 2.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

- 7) The establishment of a new Engineering Society fee for Applied Science & Engineering students engaged in the Professional Experience Year (PEY) program.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which PEY program participants were asked to support the establishment of the fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

*As of October 17, 2006, at this year’s Annual General Meeting of the University of Toronto’s Engineering Society a motion was moved that changed the definition of membership in the Engineering Society. Under the revised constitution, Part-Time students and students on their Professional Experience Year (PEY) that are members of the Faculty of Applied Science and engineering now have membership in the University of Toronto Engineering Society. This change gives part-time students the same representation in the Engineering Society elections and council meetings as full-time members.*

*The Engineering Society organizes several social events, and provides professional and academic and services for undergraduate students. These events and services include Gradball, Godiva Week, PEO Info Sessions, an online exam database, tutor’s lists, and F!rosh Week. A portion of membership fees is allocated to discipline clubs and affiliated clubs who run their own events and services. The events and clubs supported by the Engineering Society aim to enhance the student experience of the undergraduate population. Many of these clubs provide services used by PEY and part-time students. Since the Engineering Society does not presently collected membership fess from PEY nor part-time students, many clubs are not properly compensated.*

*The proposed Engineering Society membership fee for Professional Experience Year (PEY) is based on a fraction of the full-time membership fee.*

*On behalf of the undergraduate engineering students on the Professional Experience Year (PEY), the University of Toronto Engineering Society proposes to establish a membership fee of \$20.99 per session (\$41.98 per fall and winter period) for each engineering undergraduate on their Professional Experience year. This fee would start being collected in the fall of 2007.*

*If passed, this fee will be permanent and non-refundable unless otherwise specified through another referendum.*

*If not passed, the Engineering Society may apply surcharges to non-members. This means events would include a fee for members and a higher fee for non-members.*

*Are you in favour of establishing the PEY Engineering Society Membership fee as described in the preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	Number of Eligible Voters	488
<b>NO</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>26 / 5.3%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	Difference Between YES and NO	16 / 3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

*Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

*Recommendations:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the Engineering Society fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.50 per session in the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee; (b) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee of \$1.25 per session for the Human Powered Vehicle Design project; and (c) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee of \$1.25 per session for Engineers Without Borders. If approved, the total Engineering Society fee will be increased to \$107.65 per session, charged to all full-time Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students.

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, a new fee of \$20.99 per session be established for the **Engineering Society**, charged to all part-time Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students and Professional Experience Year students.

*For Information:*

The Engineering Career Centre, Formula SAE Racing Team, Atrium Renovation Project, Human Powered Vehicle Design, and Engineers Without Borders portions of the Engineering Society fee will continue through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.



## **Graduate Architecture, Landscape & Design Student Union (GALDSU)**

### *Background*

The GALDSU fee has been \$42.50 per session for full-time graduate Architecture students (\$25.00 per session part-time) and \$40.00 per session for full-time Landscape Architecture and Urban Design students (\$25.00 per session part-time) since fall 2001. The entire fee is designated for the society.

### *Requests*

- 1) A realignment of the fee such that all graduate Architecture, Landscape and Urban Design students are charged the same amount.

A referendum was held March 28, 2007, in which graduate Architecture, Landscape and Urban Design students were asked to support the proposal. The wording of the referendum questions are as follows:

#### **For Architecture Students**

##### ***Preamble:***

*The Graduate Architecture Landscape and Design Student Union (GALDSU) is seeking approval from its members for a decrease to the Master of Architecture Student Fee. The proposed decrease is \$2.50 per session for full time Master of Architecture students (\$5 total increase for the Fall and Winter academic period).*

*The GALDSU fee decrease is being proposed because the council has recognized that there is a discrepancy between the fees being levied from the various programs under the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design. GALDSU has decided that it is in the interest of its student members (all students of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design) to pay an equal amount of fees.*

*If approved the fee will be an on-going annual fee and be adjusted from \$42.50 per session (\$85 for fall and winter academic periods) to \$40 per session (\$80 for fall and winter academic periods) for all full-time students in the Master of Architecture program. This increase will come into affect beginning Fall 2007.*

##### ***Question:***

*Are you in favour of the GALDSU Master of Architecture fee decrease as described in the preamble above?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>87</b>	93.5%	Number of Eligible Voters	151
<b>NO</b>	<b>6</b>	6.5%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>93 / 61.6%</b>
<b>Abstain/Spoil</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	81 / 53.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>			

**For Landscape Architecture Students**

**Note:** This referendum question notes an incorrect amount for the current fee charged to landscape architecture students and seeks an increase to the amount already charged (i.e., the same as architecture students).

**Preamble:**

*The Graduate Architecture Landscape and Design Student Union (GALDSU) is seeking approval from its members for an increase to the Master of Landscape Architecture Student Fee. The proposed increase is \$2.50 per session for full time Master of Architecture students (\$5 total increase for the Fall and Winter academic period).*

*The GALDSU fee increase is being proposed because the council has recognized that there is a discrepancy between the fees being levied from the various programs under the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design. GALDSU has decided that it is in the interest of its full-time student members (all students of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design) to pay an equal amount of fees.*

*If approved the fee will be an on-going annual fee and adjusted from \$37.50 per session (\$75 for fall and winter academic periods) to \$40 per session (\$80 for fall and winter academic periods) for all full-time students in the Master of Architecture program. This increase will come into affect beginning Fall 2007.*

**Question:**

*Are you in favour of the GALDSU Master of Architecture and Design fee increase as described in the preamble above?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>52.0%</b>	Number of Eligible Voters	<b>47</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>25 / 53.2%</b>
<b>Abstain/Spoil</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	Difference Between YES and NO	<b>1 / 2.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>			

**For Urban Design Students**

***Preamble:***

*The Graduate Architecture Landscape and Design Student Union (GALDSU) is seeking approval from its members to continue the GALDSU Master of Urban Design Student Fee.*

*The Graduate Architecture Landscape and Design Student Union fees fund all initiatives, interests, and activities mandated by the Student Union Members (all students of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design).*

*If approved this will be an on-going annual fee that will remain at \$40 per session (\$80 for fall and winter academic periods) for all full-time students in the Master of Urban Design program.*

***Question:***

*Are you in favour of the GALDSU Masters of Urban Design fee as described in the preamble above??*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	Number of Eligible Voters	<b>16</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>10 / 62.5%</b>
<b>Abstain/Spoil</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	Difference Between YES and NO	<b>8 / 50.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

***Summary of Changes:***

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

*Recommendation:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the fees charged on behalf of the **Graduate Architecture, Landscape & Design Student Union** (GALDSU) be adjusted such that all full-time graduate architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design students are charged \$40.00 per session, and all part-time graduate architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design students are charged \$25.00 per session.

**Graduate Students' Union (GSU)**

*Background*

The GSU fee has been \$201.33 per session for full-time graduate students (\$88.83 for part-time graduate students) since fall 2006. The fee includes \$92.35 (including an administration fee and provincial sales tax) per session (full-time only) for Supplementary Health Coverage; \$66.12 (including an administration fee and provincial sales tax) per session (full-time and part-time) for a Dental Plan; and \$6.87 per session (\$3.44 part-time) designated for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O).

Pursuant to approval by previous referenda, requests for cost of living increases in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee are permitted upon approval of a resolution by the Council of the GSU. Pursuant to approval by a previous referendum, requests for increases of less than or equal to industry indexes are permitted in the Supplementary Health Coverage and Dental Plan portions of the fee upon approval of a resolution by the Council of the GSU.

*Requests*

- 1) A cost of living increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 28, 2007, the Council of the GSU approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the GSU fee.

- 2) An inflationary increase in the Supplemental Health Coverage portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 28, 2007, the Council of the GSU approved a resolution to request a 2.52% inflationary increase to the Supplemental Health Coverage portion of the GSU fee.

- 3) An inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 28, 2007, the Council of the GSU approved a resolution to request a 3.45% inflationary increase to the Dental Plan portion of the GSU fee.

*Recommendation:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Graduate Students' Union (GSU)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.13 per session for full-time students (\$0.06 per session for part-time students) in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$2.33 per session (\$0.00 for part-time students) (including administration fee and provincial sales tax) in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee; and (c) an increase of \$2.28 per session (\$2.28 for part-time students) (including administration fee and provincial sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total GSU fee will be increased to \$206.07 per session for full-time students (\$91.17 per session for part-time students), charged to all graduate students.

**Information Studies Student Council / Doctoral Students Association**

*Background*

The Information Studies Students Council / Doctoral Students Association fee has been \$50.00 per session for full-time Faculty of Information Studies students (\$25.00 per session part-time) since fall 1995. The entire fee is designated for a Technology Upgrade Fund. The mandate to continue to charge the technology upgrade fund fee ends this year.

*Requests*

- 1) A new mandate to continue to charge the Technology Upgrade Fund portion of the fee through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held on March 22 and 23, 2007, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the fee for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

***Tech Fund Referendum 2007 Voting Ballot:***

*Attention all FIS students!*

*Now is the time to vote on whether you would like to continue contributing to the Tech Fund. At the moment, full-time students are paying \$100/year and part-time students are paying \$50/year.*

*In order to cast your vote, please email [techfund2007@fis.utoronto.ca](mailto:techfund2007@fis.utoronto.ca) with ONE of the following responses in the subject heading:*

1. YES
2. NO
3. Reduce to \$50/year (\$25 for part-time)

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>85</b>	59.9%	Number of Eligible Voters	421
<b>NO</b>	<b>11</b>	7.7%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>142 / 33.7%</b>
<b>Reduce Fee</b>	<b>46</b>	32.4%	Difference Between YES and NO	74 / 17.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

*Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

*For Information:*

The Technology Upgrade Fund portion of the **Information Studies Student Council / Doctoral Students Association** fee will continue through the 2008-09 fall/winter academic period.

**University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU)**

*Background*

The UTMSU fee has been \$42.84 per session for full-time University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) students since fall 2006. The fee includes \$12.13 per session designated for the society.

*Requests*

- 1) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 10, 2007, the Council of the UTMSU approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society's portion of the fee.

- 2) The establishment of a new portion of the fee designated for Academic Societies.

A referendum was held on March 27 to 29, 2007, in which full-time UTM students were asked to support the proposal. The wording of the question is as follows:

***Preamble:***

*Academic Societies will be the official student body representing students in each academic department providing input in department programming, course offerings and other student academic issues.*

*Financial support shall be given to all Academic Societies based on department enrolment numbers through a levy of 89 cents per semester (\$1.78 per fall and winter period) collected by the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU). UTMSU shall oversee all Academic Societies through a council and formalized guidelines.*

*In addition, UTMSU is seeking to establish an annual cost of living increase to the Academic Societies levy. The annual cost of living increase will be communicated by the University as measured by Statistics Canada (December-over-December) as of December 31 of the previous year. This annual increase would not begin until the fall of 2008.*

*For a trial period of 2 years, each Academic Department shall provide a dollar-to-dollar match to the student contributions towards Academic Societies. The administrative dollar-to-dollar match may continue after the two years dependent on the strong financial and structural performance of the Academic Societies. This fund shall be committed towards increased academic services and programming.*

**Question:**

*Are you in favour of a mandatory dedicated increase to the UTMSU fee for the implementation of an Academic Societies levy as described in the preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>1,577</b>	76.6%	Number of Eligible Voters	9,171
<b>NO</b>	<b>476</b>	23.1%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>2,060 / 22.5%</b>
<b>Abstain/Spoil</b>	<b>7</b>	0.3%	Difference Between YES and NO	1,101 / 12.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,060</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

- 3) The establishment of a new portion of the fee designated for a UPass.

A referendum was held on March 27 to 29, 2007, in which full-time UTM students were asked to support the proposal. The wording of the question is as follows:

**Preamble:**

*The Universal Bus Pass (UPass) is an unlimited bus pass for all Mississauga Transit routes for 8 months (September 1 to April 30 inclusive) to begin in the fall of 2007. It applies to*

*all full-time undergraduates at the University of Toronto at Mississauga as defined by the University of Toronto Registrar.*

*The cost of the UPass is \$87.50 for the 8 month period (Sept 1 to April 30 inclusive). In order to ensure the successful administration and distribution of the UPass, there will be an additional fee of \$1.50; this cost is primarily for student wages in the distribution of the UPass. The total dedicated increase to the fee paid to the University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) will be \$89.00 per member for the fall and winter period.*

*The cost of the UPass will not increase by more than a maximum of 8% annually without a referendum. Increases will only be in line with regular Mississauga Transit increases in fares. The Board of Directors of University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union will supervise administration and distribution of the full-time undergraduate UPass.*

**Question:**

*Are you in favour of a mandatory dedicated increase to the UTMSU fee for a universal bus pass (UPass) as described in the preamble?*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>1,716</b>	82.8%	Number of Eligible Voters	9,171
<b>NO</b>	<b>346</b>	16.7%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>2,072 / 22.6%</b>
<b>Abstain/Spoil</b>	<b>10</b>	0.5%	Difference Between YES and NO	1,370 / 14.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,072</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

**Summary of Changes:**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

**Recommendation:**

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.13 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) the establishment of a new portion fee of \$44.50 per session (fall and winter only) for a UPass; and (c) the establishment of a new portion of fee of \$0.89 per session for an Academic Society levy. If approved, the total UTMSU fee will be increased to \$88.36 per session, charged to all full-time University of Toronto at Mississauga students.



## **New College Student Council (NCSC)**

### *Background*

The New College Student Council fee has been \$27.00 per session for full-time New College students (\$12.00 per session for part-time students) since fall 1998. The fee includes \$10.00 per session (\$5.00 per session part-time) for a Computing Facilities and Capital Fund. The mandate to continue to charge the technology upgrade fund fee ends this year.

### *Requests*

- 2) A new mandate to continue to charge the Computing Facilities and Capital Fund portion of the fee through the 2011-12 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held on March 12 and 13, 2007, in which New College students were asked to support the continuation of the fee for the next five years. The wording of the question is as follows:

*Since 1998 New College students have participated in a levy (\$20 for full-time students and \$10 for part-time students) to fund the operation of the New College Student Computing Facilities and the New College Student Capital Projects Fund. The period of the levy ends in the current session (2006/07).*

*Are you in favour of a renewal of the New College student levy to continue the operation of the New College Student Computing Facilities and the New College Student Capital Projects Fund with the following provisions:*

- *The fees collected by the levy shall fund the operation and maintenance of the New College Computing Facilities, including, in response to the student demand, the expansion of wireless services, low-cost printing services and the development of the trouble-shooting services (a walk-in clinic) for students' personal computers, and including the remuneration of staff to manage the day-to-day operation of the facilities. (N. B. The funds raised for the Computing Facilities have been matched by the Provost's Office at a rate of fifty-cents for each dollar.)*
- *The fees collected by the levy shall maintain the New College Student Council Capital Projects Fund which provides funding to enhance resident and non-resident student facilities at New College.*
- *The amount of this levy shall continue to be \$20 for full-time students, \$10 for part-time students, to be levied as part of the New College Student Council fees collected annually in each of the Fall/Winter Session. \$16 of the amount for full-time students and \$8 of the amount for part-time students shall be allocated to Computing Facilities; \$4 of the amount for full time students and \$2 of the amount for part-time students shall be allocated for the Capital Projects Fund.*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>207</b>	76.4%	Number of Eligible Voters	4,180
<b>NO</b>	<b>64</b>	23.6%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>271 / 6.5%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	143 / 3.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>271</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws. No complaints were received by this office concerning the referendum or the request for an increase.

*Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

*For Information:*

The Computing Facilities and Capital Fund portion of the **New College Student Council** fee will continue through the 2011-12 fall/winter academic period.

**Scarborough Campus Community Radio (SCCR)**

*Background*

The SCCR fee has been \$2.00 per session since fall 1999. The entire fee is designated for the society.

*Requests*

- 1) An increase in the society portion of the fee.

A referendum was held on January 16 and 17, 2007, in which full-time University of Toronto at Scarborough students were asked to support the proposed increase. The wording of the question is as follows:

***Preamble:***

*The Scarborough Campus Community Radio Incorporated (SCCR), which owns & operates Scarborough Fusion Radio, is seeking consent from its members for an increase & adjustments to the SCCR levy. SCCR and Fusion Radio are run by students of the UTSC and members of the Scarborough Community.*

*The first question proposes an increase of \$1.50 per session. The purpose of this increase is to ensure SCCR can continue to operate Fusion Radio and have a fulltime Station Manager*

*in order to maintain the increasing workload involved in both running the station and our attempt to obtain an AM/FM license. If this increase is approved, the total fee for SCCR charged to students would be \$3.50 per session. The second question proposes that the levy be subject to an annual adjustment reflecting the inflationary cost of living; that is, fees will be adjusted for inflation utilizing the Consumer Price Index*

**Question 1:** *Do you support an increase of \$1.50 per session to the SCCR [Fusion Radio] fee paid by full-time undergraduate students beginning in the 2007-2008 fall/winter academic session.?*

**Question 2:** *Are you in favour of the SCCR Inc. [Fusion Radio] levy being subject to adjustment reflecting the inflationary cost of living [Consumer Price Index]?*

The results of Question 1 are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>102</b>	69.4%	Number of Eligible Voters	8,681
<b>NO</b>	<b>39</b>	26.5%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>147 / 1.7%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>6</b>	4.1%	Difference Between YES and NO	63 / 0.7%
<b>Spoiled</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147</b>			

The results of Question 2 are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>92</b>	62.6%	Number of Eligible Voters	8,681
<b>NO</b>	<b>42</b>	28.6%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>147 / 1.7%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>12</b>	8.2%	Difference Between YES and NO	50 / 0.6%
<b>Spoiled</b>	<b>1</b>	0.7%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws.

**Summary of Changes:**

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

**Recommendation:**

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Scarborough Campus Community Radio (SCCR)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$1.50 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total SCCR fee will be increased to \$3.50 per session, charged to all full-time University of Toronto at Scarborough students.

## Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)

### *Background*

The SCSU fee has been \$146.51 per session for full-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC) students (\$11.45 for part-time students) since fall 2006. The fee includes \$22.55 per session (\$1.23 part-time) designated for the society, \$6.52 per session (\$0.00 part-time) for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O), \$32.93 per session (\$9.87 part-time) for the UTSC Student Centre, \$40.67 (including an administration fee and provincial sales tax) for an Accident and Prescription Drug Plan, and \$59.28 (including an administration fee and provincial sales tax) for a Dental Plan.

Please note that while SCSU was authorized by the University Affairs Board to charge \$59.28 per session (including the administration fee and PST) for the portion of the SCSU fee designated for the Dental Plan, SCSU elected to charge only \$38.25 (including the administration fee and PST) per session in fall/winter 2006-07. Similarly, while the University Affairs Board has approved a charge of \$40.67 (including the administration fee and PST) for the Accident and Prescription drug plan, SCSU elected to charge only \$40.03 in 2006-07.

Pursuant to approval by previous referenda, requests for cost of living increases in the society, CFS/CFS-O, and Student Centre portions of the fee are permitted upon approval of a resolution by the Board of SCSU. Pursuant to approval by previous referenda, requests for increases of less than or equal to 10% are permitted in the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan portion and the Dental Plan portion of the fee upon approval of a resolution by the Board of SCSU.

### *Requests*

- 1) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 23, 2007, the Board of Directors of SCSU approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the SCSU fee.

- 2) A cost of living increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 23, 2007, the Board of Directors of SCSU approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the SCSU fee.

- 3) A cost of living increase in the Student Centre portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 23, 2007, the Board of Directors of SCSU approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Student Centre portion of the SCSU fee.

- 4) An inflationary increase in the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 23, 2007, the Board of Directors of SCSU approved a resolution to request an 8.26% increase in the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan portion of the SCSU fee.

- 5) A change in the actual amount charged for the Dental Plan portion of the fee which is less than that previously approved amount.

*Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

*Recommendation:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Scarborough Campus Students' Union** (SCSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.25 per session for full-time students (\$0.01 for part-time students) in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.07 per session for full-time students (\$0.00 per session for part-time students) in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.36 per session for full-time students (\$0.11 for part-time students) in the Student Centre portion of the fee; and (d) an increase of \$3.36 in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total authorized SCSU fee will be increased to \$172.22 per session for full-time students (\$11.57 for part-time students), charged to all University of Toronto at Scarborough students.

Note: Since SCSU is electing not to charge the full authorized amount for the Dental Plan portion of the fee, the actual fee charged beginning fall 2007 will be \$155.01 per session for full-time students (\$11.57 for part-time students).

## **Student Teachers' Union (STU)**

*Background*

The Student Teachers' Union fee has been \$30.00 per session since fall 2002. The fee includes \$25.00 per session designated for the society and \$5.00 per session designated for the Teacher Employment Preparation Centre. Through a local agreement between the STU and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education / U of T, additional funds from the society's portion were provided to fund Teacher Employment programs.

*Requests*

- 1) Concurrent with the establishment of an academic ancillary fee by the Business Board for "Teacher Education Program Field Placement and Professional Support" (see Business Board Agenda, April 11, 2007, items 7.(b)), the elimination of the Teacher Employment Preparation Centre portion of the fee and a reduction in the society portion of the fee.

The Executive of STU has approved the reduction of the STU fee to \$6.50 per session and will seek member support for this change by referendum which is anticipated to occur during the week of May 14, 2007.

Note: With respect to decreases of fees, the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* simply requires that a society seek authorization by a due constitutional process. The STU constitution requires referendum approval for all fee changes.

*Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

*Recommendation:*

THAT on the condition that the proposed decrease **is supported by** a due constitutional referendum anticipated to occur during the week of May 14th, 2007 and that other requirements are met, beginning in the fall 2007 session, the Student Teachers' Union (STU) fee be decreased as follows: (a) the elimination of the Teacher Employment Preparation Centre portion of the fee; and (b) a decrease of \$18.50 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total STU fee will be decreased to \$6.50 per session, charged to all undergraduate students registered at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.

**Students' Administrative Council (SAC) [currently undergoing a name change to the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU)]**

*Background*

In fall/winter 2006-07, the SAC fee was \$135.68 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus and \$133.43 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the U of T at Mississauga (UTM) campus. The fee on both campuses included \$15.69 per session designated for the society, \$6.59 per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario, \$45.74 (including an administration fee and provincial sales tax) for an Accident and Prescription Drug Plan, and \$59.28 (including an administration fee and provincial sales tax) for a Dental Plan.

Please note that while SAC was authorized by the University Affairs Board to charge \$59.28 per session (including the administration fee and PST) for the portion of the SAC fee designated for the Dental Plan, SAC elected to charge only \$49.24 (including the administration fee and PST) per session in fall/winter 2006-07.

Pursuant to approval by previous referenda, requests for cost of living increases in the society and CFS/CFS-O portions of the fee are permitted upon approval of a resolution by the Board of SAC. Pursuant to approval by previous referenda, requests for increases less than or equal to 10% are permitted in the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan portion and the Dental Plan portion of the fee upon approval of a resolution by the Board of SAC.

## Requests

- 1) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 21, 2007, the Board of Directors of SAC approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the SAC fee.

- 2) A cost of living increase in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 21, 2007, the Board of Directors of SAC approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the SAC fee.

- 3) An inflationary increase in the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 21, 2007, the Board of Directors of SAC approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase of 10% to the Accident and Prescription Drug Plan portion of the SAC fee.

- 6) A change in the actual amount charged for the Dental Plan portion of the fee which is less than that previously approved amount.

- 7) An increase in the U of T Environmental Resource Network (UTERN) portion of the fee.

A referendum was held on March 7 to 9, 2007, in which full-time undergraduates on the St. George and Mississauga campus were asked to support the proposed increase. The wording of the question is as follows:

*Bike Chain is a free student run bike repair facility at both St. George and Mississauga campus. Bike Chain offers a broad range of services that help both commuter and downtown resident students.*

*Bike Chain is a student initiated, student run, bike facility. Bike Chain has been operation for one year and is currently seeking sustainable funding so that it can continue to offer free bike repair and related bike services to students. Bike Chain promotes greener commuter transport and encourages more healthy lifestyles by facilitating recreation bike use.*

*This facility helps the University of Toronto to be a greener campus. Bike Chain has been formally recognized as an environmental program Mcleans Magazine in their rankings of Canadian Universities.*

*With the levy, Bike Chain seeks to open full time during the summer supported by a mechanic. This levy will also allow an expansion of services to include bike lending service and more educational services.*

*The levy funds will be used to replenish resources such as grease, lubricants and other related materials. This will also allow Bike Chain to buy new tools and replace old and/or broken tools.*

*Bike Chain is requesting 25 cent increase in the University of Toronto Environmental Resource Networks budget to cover the above stated endeavours.*

*The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU, formerly SAC) is asking its members whether they consent to a proposed increase of \$0.25 per semester to the levy collected for the University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network (UTERN) for the purpose of funding Bike Chain, as described in the preamble. Are you in favour of this proposal?*

The results of referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>1,966</b>	60.0%	Number of Eligible Voters	41,279
<b>NO</b>	<b>1,216</b>	37.1%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>3,276 / 7.9%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	750 / 1.8%
<b>Spoiled</b>	<b>94</b>	2.9%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,276</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws.

- 8) An increase in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

A referendum was held on March 7 to 9, 2007, in which full-time undergraduates on the St. George and Mississauga campus were asked to support the proposed increase. The wording of the question is as follows:

*The World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a network of individuals and postsecondary institutions who believe that all peoples are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world. The WUSC Student Refugee Program supports the participation of student refugees who are denied the right to attend post secondary education in their place of refuge, as a result of domestic laws and restrictions and/or poor economic conditions. Since 1978, WUSC's Student Refugee Program (SRP) has enabled over 850 student refugees from countries such as Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zaire, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Rwanda and Burma to resume their studies at Canadian universities and colleges. It is the only program of its kind in Canada. The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU, formerly SAC – the Students' Administrative Council) has actively participated in this program and has enabled individual refugees to pursue their education and a better life in an environment free of violence or fear. This program contributes to the mandate of equity and diversity that the University of Toronto seeks to uphold. In addition it offers students and faculty on Canadian campuses a unique opportunity to learn first-hand about refugee and development issues, an asset in their personal academic pursuits. The students at the University of Toronto have whole-heartedly, and with great success, participated in the*



program since 2002, and made a difference through it. With the levy, UTSU's Student Refugee Program covers non-tuition education costs (Books, Residence, Food, Transportation, etc.) for the student for one year. During this time, student refugees who participate with the program are connected to resources, and means by which they are able to continue their academics on their own at the conclusion of the year. An increase in the levy will allow the UTSU Student Refugee Program to remain sustainable, expand to the Mississauga campus, as well as alleviate additional costs that arise for various College local committees in their participation of the program.

The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU formerly SAC) is requesting an increase of 30 cents (\$0.30) per session, beginning in the fall 2007 session, to the levy (paid by all members of the UTSU, including but not limited to UTSU's full-time undergraduate student members) to support the Student Refugee Program, as described in the preamble. UTSU is also requesting that the total levy be indexed annually to the local rate of inflation. Are you in favor of this proposal?

The results of referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>2,077</b>	62.5%	Number of Eligible Voters	41,279
<b>NO</b>	<b>1,107</b>	33.3%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>3,325 / 8.1%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>	0.0%	Difference Between YES and NO	970 / 2.3%
<b>Spoiled</b>	<b>141</b>	4.2%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,325</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws.

#### *Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

#### *Recommendations:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Students' Administrative Council** (SAC) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.17 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.07 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.30 per session in the U of T Environmental Resources Network portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$0.30 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; and (e) an increase of \$4.57 per session (including administration fee and provincial sales tax) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of fee. If approved, the total authorized SAC-St. George fee will increase to \$140.80, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus; and the total authorized SAC-UTM fee will increase to \$138.55, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the U of T at Mississauga campus.

Note: Since SAC is electing not to charge the full authorized amount for the Dental Plan portion of the fee, the actual fee charged beginning fall 2007 will be \$135.68 per session for St. George Campus students and \$133.43 for UTM students.

Note: The Students' Administrative Council is currently undergoing a name change to the University of Toronto Students' Union.

## **University College Literary & Athletic Society (UC Lit)**

### *Background*

The UC Lit fee has been \$17.74 per session for full-time students (\$8.88 for part-time students) since fall 2006. The fee includes \$10.06 per session for full-time students (\$3.37 for part-time students) for the society.

### *Requests*

- 1) A cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 18, 2007, the council of the UC Lit approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

### *Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

### *Recommendation:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **University College Literary & Athletics Society (UC Lit)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.11 per session for full-time students (\$0.04 for part-time students) in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total UC Lit fee will be increased to \$17.74 per session for full-time students (\$8.88 for part-time students), charged to all University College students.

## **Varsity Publications (*The Varsity*)**

### *Background*

The Varsity fee has been \$0.63 per session for full-time undergraduate students on all campuses since approximately 1980. The entire fee is designated for the society.

## Requests

- 1) An increase in the society portion of the fee.

A referendum was held on March 21 and 22, 2007, in which full-time undergraduates were asked to support the proposed increase. The wording of the question is as follows:

### Question 1

#### *Preamble:*

*The Varsity, the University of Toronto's student newspaper, is the largest and most widely read student newspaper in Canada. Despite this fact, The Varsity currently receives a tiny student levy: just \$1.26 per fall and winter period – compared to the \$5 and \$10 for other student newspapers around the country.*

*Our lack of funds has forced us to shrink the paper to half its size just to cover costs. The amount we receive per semester has not increase substantially over 25 years. To continue providing quality coverage, we must increase our levy to be a sustainable organization for years to come.*

*We are seeking consent from all undergraduate full-time students to increase the Varsity fee. The proposed increase is \$0.62 per session in the fall and winter period (for a total fee of \$2.50 per fall and winter period). This increase would start in the fall of 2007.*

#### *Question:*

*Are you in favour of an increase to the Varsity levy as described in the preamble?*

The results of referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>179</b>	73.7%	Number of Eligible Voters	49,961
<b>NO</b>	<b>58</b>	23.9%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>243 / 0.5%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>3</b>	1.2%	Difference Between YES and NO	121 / 0.2%
<b>Spoiled</b>	<b>3</b>	1.2%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>243</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws.

### Question 2

#### *Preamble:*

*The Varsity is seeking consent from its members to establish an annual cost of living increase to the Varsity levy.*

*The Varsity is seeking the ability to annually adjust fees to reflect the inflation as communicated by the University and measured by Statistics Canada (December-over-December) as of December 31 of the previous year. This annual adjustment will help ensure that rising inflation does not disproportionately affect the Varsity levy.*

*The Varsity’s lack of funds, despite cost-cutting measures and increased advertising revenue, reflects the fact that the Varsity fee is not tied to the rate of inflation. Since the Varsity’s last substantial rate of increase, inflation has increased by 110%, effectively reducing the fee by over 50%.*

**Question:**

*Are you in favour of establishing an annual cost of living increase to the Varsity, as described in the preamble, to be instituted in the Fall semester, 2008?*

The results of referendum are as follows:

<b>YES</b>	<b>149</b>	61.6%	Number of Eligible Voters	49,961
<b>NO</b>	<b>87</b>	36.0%	<b>Voter Turnout</b>	<b>242 / 0.5%</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>3</b>	1.2%	Difference Between YES and NO	62 / 0.1%
<b>Spoiled</b>	<b>3</b>	1.2%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242</b>			

The society has submitted the required documentation and two officers of the society have signed a declaration certifying that the society has acted in an open and democratic fashion and in a manner consistent with its constitution and/or by-laws.

*Summary of Changes:*

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

*Recommendation:*

THAT beginning in the fall 2007 session, the **Varsity Publications** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.62 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total Varsity Publications fee will be increased to \$1.25 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students.

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