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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Student Societies: Requests for Fee Increases – University of Toronto St. George and Multi-Campus

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5 of the University Affairs Board Terms of Reference list student societies and compulsory non-academic incidental fees among the Board's areas of responsibility.

Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 provide that compulsory non-academic incidental fees for representative student committees and divisional student societies "are approved by the Board."

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **University Affairs Board (May 1, 2017) [For Approval]**
2. **Governing Council (May 18, 2017) [For Information]**

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.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In the attached document, the following student societies have requested changes to fees charged on their behalf by the University:

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FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$5.42 per fall and winter session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee; and
- (c) an increase of \$4.53 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of the society portion of the fee of \$0.38 per fall and winter sessions (\$0.35 part-time);
- (b) the continuation of the Blue Sky Solar Car Team portion of the fee at \$2.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (c) the continuation of the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee, and increase of \$0.35 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (d) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Concrete Toboggan Team at \$1.50 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (e) the continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee and increase of \$0.25 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (f) the continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee at \$2.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (g) the continuation of the Human Powered Vehicle Design portion of the fee and increase of \$0.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (h) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for Robotics for Space Exploration at \$1.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;

- (i) the continuation of the University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee and increase of \$0.07 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19.
- (j) the continuation of the University of Toronto Robotics Association portion of the fee and increase of \$0.50 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Innis College Student Society** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$3.50 per fall and winter session in the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Master of Information Student Council** and the **Museum Studies Student Association** fees be increased as follows:

- (a) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Tech Fund levy at \$25.00 per fall and winter session (\$12.50 part-time).

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.01 part-time);
- (b) an increase of \$0.12 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee (\$0.06 part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$0.05 per fall and winter session in the OPIRG portion of the fee (\$0.03 part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.01 part-time);
- (e) an increase of \$5.36 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full- and part-time); and
- (f) an increase of \$14.13 per fall and winter sessions in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee (\$14.18 part time¹);

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (UTSU, legally the Students' Administrative Council) fees be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.37 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, the establishment of a designated Accessibility Resources Fund portion of the fee of \$0.50 per fall and winter session;
- (c) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.16 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee;
- (e) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;

¹ Owing to a student society administrative error, full-time and part-time students were charged \$137.06 and \$137.01, respectively, for the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the UTGSU fee. This year's separate increase amounts of \$14.13 and \$14.18 re-align the two fees.

- (f) for full-time undergraduates on the UTM Campus only, an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee,
- (g) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.93 per session in the Student Commons portion of the fee;
- (h) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee;
- (i) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only the establishment of a designated University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee of \$2.77 per fall and winter session; and
- (j) an increase of \$6.93 per fall and winter session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee; and
- (k) an increase of \$1.45 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Varsity Publications Inc.** society fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.04 per session in the society portion of the fee.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Item: Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases – St. George and Multi-Campus
Summary of Proposed Fee Changes: Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees – St. George and Multi-Campus



To: University Affairs Board

From: Meredith Strong
Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students and Student Policy Advisor

Date: May 1, 2017

Re: Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases:
University of Toronto St. George and Multi-Campus

The Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has received a number of fee change requests from student societies. The applications have been reviewed in light of the requirements of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*, are found to be in compliance with these requirements, and are recommended for approval.

Requests for fee increases from student societies must meet a number of requirements. Section B.4. 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. The procedures to request approval of a new fee or an increase to an existing fee shall be published in the Handbook for Student Societies.

Cost of Living Increases

- (a) *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. In special circumstances (e.g., when a portion of a student society fee is designated for a health plan or capital project), other inflation indexes or predetermined inflation factors may be used, provided that the request is supported by the results of a previous referendum approving the use of the specific inflation index or predetermined inflation factor.*

Referendum Requirement

- (a) *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 the OVPS) 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 related 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, student societies may seek advice from the OVPS on the wording of the 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 relevant procedures.

Occasionally, the OVPS is 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. When required, there must be a positive result in a referendum for a fee increase (special conditions established by the society's by-laws, such as quorum, must also be met);
3. The referendum question itself should 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-over-December cost of living increase (consumer price index) calculated by Statistics Canada. The December 2016 consumer price index for Ontario was 2%.

As outlined in the excerpt from the *Policy* above, where members of a society have given consent (through a previous referendum) to the concept of inflationary increases according to a specific inflation factor or measure, this inflation factor may be used. For example, the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU), the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU), and the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS) may request increases in the designated portions of their fees for health and dental plans at a rate established by approval of a previous referendum. UTSU and APUS may request increases in their health and dental plan fees of up to 10%. The UTGSU may request increases in its health and dental plan fees 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.

In addition, with respect to both requests for increases based upon the results of a referendum, and increases which require only the approval of the society's board or council, the administration relies on the assurances of student societies that due constitutional processes and fair procedures have been followed.

Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)

Background

In fall/winter of 2016-17, the APUS fee was \$117.53 per session charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses. The fee included \$3.89 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario; \$54.24 (including an administration fee and sales tax) per session for Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan; and \$45.25 (including an administration fee and sales tax) per session for a Dental Plan.

Requests

- 1) A cost of living increase in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) & CFS-Ontario portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 24, 2017, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) & CFS-Ontario portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 2) An inflationary increase in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 24, 2017, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

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

At its meeting held on March 24, 2017, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached)

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$5.42 per fall and winter session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee; and
- (c) an increase of \$4.53 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

If approved, the total APUS fee will be \$127.54 per fall and winter session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Engineering Society (EngSoc)

Background

In the fall/winter 2016-17, the University of Toronto Engineering Society fee was \$152.39 per session, charged to all full-time Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering students (\$23.35 per session for part-time students and Professional Experience Year [PEY] students). The fee included \$24.84 per session (\$23.35 part-time) for the society portion of the fee; and \$1.90 for the Skule Night portion of the fee.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on February 26, 2017, the University of Toronto Engineering Society Council approved a resolution to seek a cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 2) The continuation of the Blue Sky Solar Car Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

University of Toronto Blue Sky Solar Racing Team Preamble

Who are we?

The University of Toronto Blue Sky Solar Racing Team is a student-run multi-disciplinary initiative that aims to challenge conventional ideas on education,

transportation, and sustainability through the design, construction and competition of solar-powered vehicles. The team was first established in 1992 and has since constructed 8 solar cars and raced in 10 competitions.

The solar car project is an amazing and challenging journey that is fueled by passion and dedication from our team members. We generate innovative solutions for an electric car that can race for 3000 km over a 7 day time period across the Australian Outback powered only by the sun. Two years, from design to the finish line, are required for the team to complete the whole project.

What do we do for Engineering Students?

Blue Sky is a diverse family of over 150 people and we are always looking for dedicated members who are interested in being a part of the team. As a part of the team, members gain hands-on experience with cutting-edge technologies to build the most competitive solar vehicle. Team members also get to work with our diverse industry partners to gain valuable advice and knowledge. By voting yes, you are supporting your classmates, friends, and fellow aspiring engineers to take part in this unique learning experience.

When not racing in the Australian Outback or in other places around the world, the team participates in numerous public and campus events to educate the public and U of T students about the state-of-the-art photovoltaic, battery, and electric vehicle technologies and promote the emergence of sustainable transportation solutions.

What's next for Blue Sky?

After an exciting 3rd place win, the Blue Sky team is back and more motivated than ever to take on the challenge of the 2017 World Solar Challenge (WSC) in Australia this October. Currently, we are in the midst of fabrication of the solar car, and preparing for the competition. Our expected rollout for the ninth generation car is in June, when we unveil what we have tirelessly working on to the public. We are gathering more support than ever from the Faculty, the students, and our industry partners with one bold mission - to place in the Top 5 in the world at the 2017 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.

The levy funds will be used to fund our journey to the World Solar Challenge in Australia. Race crew members will be paying their own expenses to get to Australia as a testament to their commitment to the project and the value of the race experience. The funding will be used to get our most important item, the car itself, to Australia. The levy is key in contributing to these shipping fees as it is an overseas competition.

By voting yes, you are not only promoting our tradition of various outreach programs that educate the public, you are also directly encouraging technological advances in this field. By continuing to design and construct faster, lighter, and more powerful cars, Blue Sky Solar Racing challenges the public's

conception of the limits of green technology! Please take the time to vote during this levy referendum. With your continued support, the team will continue to represent the excellence of U of T Engineering worldwide.

University of Toronto Blue Sky Solar Racing Team Question

Are you in favour of continuing the Blue Sky Solar Racing levy of \$2.75 per academic session?

YES___ NO___

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	467 (76%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	150 (24%)	Voter turnout:	619 (11.5%)
SPOILED:	2 (0%)		
TOTAL:	619 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

3) The continuation and increase of the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to support the continuation and an increase of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team Preamble

For the last 30-plus years, the University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team has provided students with a unique opportunity every year to design and build a fully seaworthy canoe made of concrete, an unlikely material choice for a racing vehicle. Although concrete is a dense material and is relatively weak in tension, we alter its characteristics to make it both low density and flexurally strong. We push the edges of materials knowledge and watercraft design by experimenting with new concrete mixes and canoe hulls, furthering and developing new uses for concrete in civil and materials engineering.

To do this, we rely heavily on the continued support of our engineering undergraduate students through our student levy, which comprises a significant portion of our revenue. Funding for our team allows us to procure materials and equipment to conduct experiments and construct our canoe, as well as pay for transportation and lodging costs associated with attending competitions.

Your support throughout the years have allowed us to create canoes that produce excellent results. In the annual Canadian National Concrete Canoe Competition hosted by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, we have consistently

placed 1st across all Ontario schools and place amongst the top teams in Canada. With your enhanced support, we can invest in better tools and materials to improve our construction processes so that we can become the undisputed best concrete canoe makers in all of Canada.

As an open, multidisciplinary design team, we encourage anyone from any discipline to come help us with our canoes! You can always see our past canoes on display on the 1st floor of the Sandford Fleming building, or visit us online at canoe.skule.ca to find out more. We hope you will continue to support our endeavours of making the seemingly impossible a reality.

University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team Question

Do you support a \$1.25 per semester levy (i.e. \$2.50 annually) for the University of Toronto Concrete Canoe Team, for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years?

YES___ NO___

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	340 (66%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	173 (34%)	Voter turnout:	515 (9.5%)
SPOILED:	2 (0%)		
TOTAL:	515 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

4) The establishment of a Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to establish the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

University of Toronto Concrete Toboggan Team Preamble

The University of Toronto Concrete Toboggan Team is a club consisting entirely of U of T Engineering students. Each year our team designs, builds, and races a toboggan complete with braking and steering systems, concrete skis, and a superstructure to prevent injury to riders. As we enter our 25th year as a team participating in the annual Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race (GNCTR), the oldest Engineering design competition in Canada, we are looking to start a levy for our team to help us reach new heights.

Concrete Toboggan is an important part of the Skule community; promoting multidisciplinary collaboration, and interschool interaction and competition. This year our competition team represented 7 disciplines and all 5 years of Skuligans.

Our team members gain invaluable skills and experience through all aspects of our team including carbon fibre work, interacting with our industry sponsors, concrete mix design, metal machining, 3D modelling and analysis and technical presentations at competition.

We hope you will support our levy application to help continue the success of our team and bring pride to the Skule community for years to come.

University of Toronto Concrete Toboggan Team Question

Do you support a \$1.50 per semester per student levy for the University of Toronto Concrete Toboggan Team for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 terms? (\$1.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.00 annually).

YES ___ NO ___

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	286 (57%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	212 (42%)	Voter turnout:	500 (9.3%)
SPOILED:	2 (1%)		
TOTAL:	500 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 5) The continuation and an increase of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to support the continuation and increase of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Preamble

We, the Engineers Without Borders Canada U of T Chapter (EWB U of T), have had the privilege of receiving student levy funding for the past six years, and we are requesting your continued support of \$1.50 per semester per student for both the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years. Your support has enabled us to build a passionate community contributing toward the alleviation of global poverty by creating foundational knowledge of international development in U of T students through educational events and also engaging these students in socially impactful projects on campus, in Toronto, and globally. The world needs knowledgeable leaders and problem solvers, today and tomorrow, who understand that poverty is a complex problem, but believe that we can address it. This is why EWB U of T is an important aspect of the University of Toronto

engineering faculty. Your support of the EWB levy makes it possible for us to continue our work in creating positive social impact. You are not just supporting a student club, you are supporting a movement.

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Question

Do you support a levy for Engineers Without Borders Canada University of Toronto Chapter of \$1.50 per student per semester, for both Fall and Winter semesters (for a total of \$3.00 annually), for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years?

YES ___ NO ___

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	451 (74%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	160 (26%)	Voter turnout:	613 (11%)
SPOILED:	2 (0%)		
TOTAL:	613 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 6) The continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

University of Toronto Formula SAE Team Preamble

The University of Toronto Formula Racing Team is an solely student-led design team that annually designs, build, and races in the Formula SAE series. Each year we attend races in Barrie, Michigan, and Germany – competing against over 550 teams from across the globe. The levy fund holds a significant part of our budget, and consequently an important part of our success. Securing the levy vote this year would allow the team to cover competition expenses and continue to provide a successful platform to enhance the educational experience of many students at the University of Toronto.

A-17 University of Toronto Formula SAE Team Question

Would you like \$2.75 per semester of your Engineering Society Levy contribution to support the UofT Formula Racing Team?

YES ___ NO ___

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	347 (66%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	179 (34%)	Voter turnout:	527 (9.8%)
SPOILED:	1 (0%)		
TOTAL:	527 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 7) The continuation and increase of the Human Powered Vehicle Design portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to support the continuation and an increase of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

University of Toronto Human Powered Vehicle Design Team (HPVDT)

Preamble

The Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team is a student organization at the University of Toronto that is focused on the design and construction of innovative, high-performance, human-powered vehicles. Our goal is to provide students with practical, hands-on experience in engineering design while promoting efficiency, sustainability and the use of human power as a means of reducing society's impact on the environment. The projects we tackle range from annual student competitions to one-of-a-kind recordsetting demonstrations. HPVDT is requesting a levy to supplement other sources of funding in order to cover the costs of tools, materials, training equipment, competitions, and vehicle upkeep.

University of Toronto Human Powered Vehicle Design Team (HPVDT)

Question

Do you support a levy of \$2.00 per semester, for both the Fall and Winter semesters, for the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 terms?

YES ___ NO ___

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	360 (69%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	155 (30%)	Voter turnout:	519 (9.6%)
SPOILED:	4 (1%)		
TOTAL:	519 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

8) The establishment of a Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to establish the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble -

Robotics for Space Exploration (RSX) is a highly ambitious design club affiliated with the University of Toronto. We are interested in a variety of space robotics design projects, ranging from terrestrial rovers to atmospheric payloads. Since our founding in 2013, RSX has grown from 5 members to over 50. Similarly, our design and manufacturing capabilities have grown, from rovers hastily thrown together with hand tools to one that is properly designed, simulated and tested with printed circuit boards and well-machined parts. However, we didn't just land upon these more professional manufacturing methods. Over the past 3 years, we've had to allocate a large chunk of our budget to build up a repertoire of our own tools and machining equipment, to meet the needs of our designs. Even still, many of the manufacturing techniques that are accessible to most of our competitors are not feasible for us, and our ability to realize great designs is often limited by the resources available to us.

Apart from participating in design competitions around the world, RSX also recognizes the importance of giving back and mentoring members of our own community. Since 2015, we have hosted the annual Space Exploration and Engineering Kompetition (SEEK) three times, each with an enthusiastic turnout. Expanding this competition to a larger number of students and to a younger group of students in high schools requires financial resources that we don't have access to yet.

RSX also participates in outreach events geared toward even younger audiences. Every year, we provide robotic demonstrations directed to an elementary-aged audience at the Ontario Science Centre during their annual "Robots Rule" event. In the future, we hope to expand our outreach opportunities, for example, by expanding our mentorship toward high school participants in SEEK.

We have managed to accomplish so much despite the young age of our club and the limited available resources, and all this had only been possible through the dedication of our executive and general members. We know that we can accomplish so much more with the support of the entire engineering student body through this levy. With added support from within the university, we are confident that RSX's limit will only lie in the bounds of our imagination, because we truly believe that for us, "The sky is not the limit. It just gets in our way!"

Question -

Do you support a \$1.75 levy per semester, for both Fall & Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.50 annually for Robotics for Space Exploration (RSX) for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 terms?

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	414 (72%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	158 (27%)	Voter turnout:	575 (10.6%)
SPOILED:	3 (1%)		
TOTAL:	575 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 9) The continuation of the University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) Preamble

The University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) seeks the consent of Engineering Society Students at the University of Toronto to continue to collect its levy, adjusting for inflation at 2.1%, as was established in academic 2014-15 for \$3.25.

The proceeds of this levy will be used by UTAT to provide extracurricular opportunities for engineering society students to develop Aerospace systems including fixed-wing drones, multi-rotor aerial vehicles, and rockets; take part in competitions with those vehicles; and develop systems to conduct scientific research onboard those vehicles. In short, the levy will allow for UTAT to more effectively work towards its mission of enriching the experiences of students by promoting interest in the aerospace industry.

In academic 2016-17 much of UTAT's work was preparing to serve its members more effectively. UTAT's membership surpassed 150 students in its 5 divisions: Aerial Robotics, Outreach, Rocketry, Space Systems, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. UTAT expanded its administrative capacity to support these divisions too by reorganizing its business development branch, and laying the groundwork for a new marketing and leadership organizations to give students opportunities not only to design vehicles, but also experience what working at an aerospace firm might really be like.

In academic 2017-18 UTAT will be competing in the Unmanned Systems Canada (USC) competition for multi-rotor aerial vehicles, the Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International (AUVSI) competition for fixed wing drones, and the Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition (IREC). Furthermore the Rocketry Division will explore the opportunity to develop a vehicle capable of breaking the Canadian amateur rocketry altitude record, and the UAV Division will explore the opportunity to develop a vehicle to compete in one of the world's most prestigious UAV competitions in Australia. Finally, the Space Systems Division will be competing in the Canadian Satellite Design Challenge (CSDC) with the end goal of launching their satellite into Low Earth Orbit, however it is not expected that proceeds from the Engineering Society Students levy will be distributed to this division under the current budget.

University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) Question

Do you support the renewal of a levy for the University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT), adjusted for inflation, at \$3.32 per session in Fall and Winter (\$6.64 per academic year)?

YES ___ NO ___

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	466 (73%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	166 (26%)	Voter turnout:	637 (11.8%)
SPOILED:	5 (1%)		
TOTAL:	637 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 10) The continuation and increase of the University of Toronto Robotics Association portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 8, 2017 to March 10, 2017, in which Applied Science and Engineering students were asked to support the continuation and an increase of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The University of Toronto Robotics Association (UTRA) has had the honour of receiving the engineering student levy for the past two years. We are grateful for the support of the engineering student body, and would like to formally request for the renewal of our levy for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years. The support of the engineering student body has enabled us to expand UTRA's membership, create a brand new sub-team (robotic soccer), grow our education outreach to students, and actively compete in international robotics competitions.

Your continued support shall enable us to complete our autonomous rover for this year's annual Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition (IGVC) in Michigan, help us develop a prototype for a walkable miniature humanoid robot, and host our annual SUMO bot competition this March.

Please refer to our full-length Levy Renewal Letter for details about our active projects.

Question

Do you support a levy for University of Toronto Robotics Association of \$2.00 per student per semester, for both Fall and Winter semesters (for a total of \$4.00 annually), for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years?

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	391 (70%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	5,404
NO:	164 (29%)	Voter turnout:	557 (10.3%)
SPOILED:	2 (1%)		
TOTAL:	557 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached)

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of the society portion of the fee of \$0.38 per fall and winter sessions (\$0.35 part-time);
- (b) the continuation of the Blue Sky Solar Car Team portion of the fee at \$2.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (c) the continuation of the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee, and increase of \$0.35 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (d) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Concrete Toboggan Team at \$1.50 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (e) the continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee and increase of \$0.25 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (f) the continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee at \$2.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (g) the continuation of the Human Powered Vehicle Design portion of the fee and increase of \$0.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;

- (h) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for Robotics for Space Exploration at \$1.75 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19;
- (i) the continuation of the University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee and increase of \$0.07 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19.
- (j) the continuation of the University of Toronto Robotics Association portion of the fee and increase of \$0.50 per fall and winter session (full-time only) through 2018-19.

If approved, the total Engineering Society fee will be \$50.44 (\$23.70 part-time) per fall and winter session, charged to all Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students.

Innis College Student Society

Background

In the fall/winter 2016-17, the **Innis College Student Society** fee was \$30.53 per session, charged to all undergraduate Innis College students.

Requests

- 1) The continuation and increase of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) levy.

A referendum was held from March 29, 2017 to March 30, 2017, in which Innis College students were asked to support the continuation and increase of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble:

The Innis College Student Society is seeking consent from its members for an increase to the Innis College Student Society fee. The proposed increase is \$3.50 per session for full-time and part-time students.

This increase will go directly towards the WUSC Levy. WUSC is an NGO that partners up with universities across the country to sponsor tuition and living costs for refugee students. Currently, the ICSS sponsors a refugee every two years. This increase will allow the ICSS WUSC Committee to host a refugee student every year, instead of every other year.

If the increase is approved, the total fee for the Innis College Student Society would be \$37.53 [sic] per session for full-time and part-time students beginning in the fall 2017 session.

Question:

Are you in favour of an increase in the Innis College Student Society fee as described in the preamble?

- Yes No Abstain

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	89 (64 %)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	1,967
NO:	37 (27 %)	Voter turnout:	138 (7%)
ABSTAIN:	12 (9 %)		
TOTAL:	138 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached)

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Innis College Student Society** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$3.50 per fall and winter session in the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) portion of the fee.

If approved, the total Innis College Student Society fee will be \$34.03 per session, charged to all Innis College undergraduate students. The total Innis College Student Society fee for first-year students will be \$85.03 per session.

Masters of Information Student Council (MISC) and Museum Studies Student Association (MUSSA)

Background

In the fall/winter 2016-17, the Masters of Information Student Council (MISC) fee was \$12.50 per session (\$6.25 part-time), charged to all Master of Information students. There was no fee associated with the Museum Studies Student Association (MUSSA) in 2016-17.

Requests

- 1) The establishment of a Tech Fund levy portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from February 13, 2017 to February 24, 2017 in which Master of Information and Master of Museum Studies students were asked to establish the levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Tech Fund is a student-centered initiative at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Information (iSchool) that focuses on supporting, encouraging and enhancing the co-curricular ICT (information, communication and technology) based learning, research, exhibiting, collecting and practical skill development of both the Master of Information (MI) and Master of Museum Studies (MMSt) students. The Tech Fund works to facilitate the purchase and implementation of a vast amount of technologies (hardware and software) and services at the request of the iSchool students, and also funds a large number of student planned events and iSchool workshops throughout the academic year.

The last Tech Fund referendum, which was held during the 2012-2013 academic year, generated a successful outcome in favour of the Tech Fund receiving a fee in the amount of \$100 per year for full-time students and \$50 per year for part-time students. However, at the discretion of the current 2016-2017 committee, the Tech Fund has decided to cut the fee in half as they intend to bring in (with minor fluctuations depending on iSchool enrollment) only as much as the committee is able, and has been seen, to spend in a single academic year (\$30,000).

Referendum Statement

All students registered in the Master of Information and Master of Museum Studies programs will contribute \$25.00 per academic session (no fee charged during the summer session) for full-time students (for a total of \$50.00 for fall/winter period) and \$12.50 per academic session (no fee charged during summer session) for part-time students (for a total of \$25.00 for fall/winter period) towards the Tech Fund. Concurrent Registration Option (CRO) students will pay the equivalent fee of a full-time student. The reinstatement of the collection of fees for the Tech Fund will be determined by this referendum and, provided the referendum is successful, will be applied to the 2017 fall session.

Referendum Question

I agree to the collection of the Tech Fund levy fee (as indicated above) to be automatically charged through ROSI. Please indicate your selection by checking "Yes" if you agree to the collection of Tech Fund fees, or "No" if you do not agree to the collection of Tech Fund fees.

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	119 (79%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	627
NO:	31 (20%)	Voter turnout:	151 (24%)
SPOILED:	1 (1%)		
TOTAL:	151		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached)

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Master of Information Student Council** and the **Museum Studies Student Association** fees be increased as follows:

- (a) the establishment of a new designated portion of the fee for the Tech Fund levy at \$25.00 per fall and winter session (\$12.50 part-time).

If approved, the total **Master of Information Student Council** fee will be \$37.50 per fall and winter session (\$18.75 part-time), charged to all Master of Information students.

The total **Museum Studies Student Association** fee will be \$25.00 per fall and winter session (\$12.50 part-time), charged to all Master of Museum Studies students.

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU)

Background

In the fall/winter 2016-17, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee was \$289.68 per session (\$265.65 part-time). The fee included \$137.06 per session for the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee (\$137.01 part-time); \$104.68 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee (\$104.68 part-time); \$8.12 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee (\$4.06 part-time); \$2.60 per session for the Ontario Public Interest Research Group portion of the fee (\$1.29 part-time); \$0.52 per session for the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.26 part-time); and \$0.51 per session for the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.26 part-time).

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the GSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Bikechain portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students did not receive any complaints.

- 2) A cost of living increase in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the GSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

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

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the GSU General Council considered the request for a cost of living increase to the OPIRG Ontario portion of the fee.

The GSU Council determined that based on the original March 1982 referendum question, consumer price index increases were to be automatically incorporated into the fee level.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 4) A cost of living increase in the Sexual Education Centre designated portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the GSU General Council approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students did not receive any complaints.

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

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the GSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 6) An inflationary increase in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the GSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 7) The establishment of an inflationary increase allowance to the part-time Supplementary Health Coverage designated portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from February 27, 2017 to February 28, 2017, in which part-time graduate students were asked to support an inflationary increase allowance to the designated portion of the U of T GSU fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

In order to maintain the supplementary health insurance plan for part time graduate students beyond the coverage period of 01 September 2016 to 31 August 2017, do you authorize the General Council of the Graduate Student' Union to approve an annual inflationary cost adjustment based on the supplementary health insurance industry index? The vote would require a 2/3 approval by UTGSU General Council.

Yes *No* *Abstain*

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	81 (52%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	1,380
NO:	62 (39%)	Voter turnout:	157 (11.4%)
ABSTAIN:	14 (9%)		
TOTAL:	157 (100%)		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached)

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union** fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.01 part-time);
- (b) an increase of \$0.12 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee (\$0.06 part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$0.05 per fall and winter session in the OPIRG portion of the fee (\$0.03 part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.01 part-time);
- (e) an increase of \$5.36 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full- and part-time); and

- (f) an increase of \$14.13 per fall and winter sessions in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee (\$14.18 part time¹);

If approved, the total Graduate Students' Union fee will be \$309.36 per fall and winter sessions, charged to all graduate students (\$285.31 part-time).

University of Toronto Students Union (UTSU)

Background

In the fall/winter 2016-17, the UTSU fee was \$200.52 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus and \$187.38 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the UTM campus. The fee on both campuses included \$18.39 per session for the society portion of the fee; \$0.70 for the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; \$7.77 for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) & CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; \$81.46 for the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee; \$72.44 for the Dental Plan portion of the fee; and \$3.11 for the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee (\$1.04 for UTM students). On the St. George campus, the fee included \$0.51 for the Bikechain portion of the fee and \$9.31 for the Student Commons portion of the fee.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 2) The establishment of an Accessibility Resources Fund portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 14, 2017 to March 16, 2017, in which full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus were asked to establish a dedicated Accessibility Resources portion of the UTSU fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) is seeking consent from its members on the St. George campus for the establishment of a UTSU accessibility resources fund. Each member of the UTSU would pay 50 cents per session, including the summer session beginning Fall 2017. The collection of this fee will

¹ Owing to a student society administrative error, full-time and part-time students were charged \$137.06 and \$137.01, respectively, for the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the UTGSU fee. This year's separate increase amounts of \$14.13 and \$14.18 re-align the two fees.

continue for five years until Spring 2022, after which a referendum will be required for its continuation.

The UTSU would be required to spend the collected fees exclusively on caption for UTSU events, American Sign Language for UTSU events, personal support workers for UTSU events, and any other accommodations that a member with a disability would need at the UTSU event. The UTSU would not be permitted to spend any of the collected fees on UTSU human resource costs.

Yes, I am in favour of the establishment of the UTSU accessibility resources fund

No, I am not in favour of the establishment of the UTSU accessibility resources fund

Abstain

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES:	2,280 (45%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	35,573
NO:	1,094 (22%)	Voter turnout:	5,013 (14%)
ABSTAIN:	1,639 (33%)		
TOTAL:	5,013		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

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

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Bikechain portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students did not receive any complaints.

- 4) A cost of living increase in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request cost of living increase to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 5) A cost of living increase to the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 6) An inflationary increase in the Student Commons portion of the fee (St. George students only)

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Student Commons portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 7) A cost of living increase in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 9) The establishment of a new designated University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 14, 2017 to March 16, 2017, in which full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus were asked to support the establishment of a new designated portion of the University of Toronto Students' Union fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

The University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) is seeking the consent of UTSU members at the St. George Campus to establish the UTAT Innovation Fund. Each UTSU member at the St. George Campus would pay a fee of \$2.77 per session (excluding the Summer session) and would be able to opt out of said fee through the UTSU. The fee would be collected from Fall 2017 to Winter 2019, at which point a second referendum would be required for continued collection.

UTAT would be required to spend all of the collected fees on co-curricular aerospace projects. From 2017 to 2019, the UTAT Innovation Fund would fund the development and launch of a microbiology research satellite.

Yes, I support the establishment of the UTAT Innovation Fund

No, I do not support the establishment of the UTAT Innovation Fund

Abstain

The results of the referendum were as follows:

YES:	1,881 (38%)	Approx. Number of Eligible Voters:	35,573
NO:	1,553 (31%)	Voter turnout:	5,013 (14%)
ABSTAIN:	1,579 (31%)		
TOTAL:	5,013		

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

- 8) An inflationary increase in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

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

At its meeting held on March 31, 2017, the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached)

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (UTSU, legally the Students' Administrative Council) fees be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.37 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, the establishment of a designated Accessibility Resources Fund portion of the fee of \$0.50 per fall and winter session;

- (c) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.16 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)/CFS-Ontario portion of the fee;
- (e) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- (f) for full-time undergraduates on the UTM Campus only, an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee,
- (g) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of \$0.93 per session in the Student Commons portion of the fee;
- (h) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee;
- (i) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only the establishment of a designated University of Toronto Aerospace Team portion of the fee of \$2.77 per fall and winter session; and
- (j) an increase of \$6.93 per fall and winter session in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of the fee; and
- (k) an increase of \$1.45 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

If approved, the total UTSU-St. George fee will be \$213.71 per fall and winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus; and the total UTSU-UTM fee will increase to \$196.32 per fall and winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus.

Varsity Publications

Background

In the fall/winter 2016-17, the **Varsity Publications Inc.** fee was \$1.97 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto students.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 18, 2017, Varsity Publications Inc. Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society fee.

In the course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached)

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2017 session, the **Varsity Publications Inc.** society fee be increased as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.04 per session in the society portion of the fee.

If approved, the total Varsity Publications Inc. fee will be \$2.01 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto students.

Student Societies	Summer 2017		Fall 2017		Winter 2018		Summer 2016		Fall 2016		Winter 2017	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students												
Society		13.65		13.65		13.65		13.65		13.65		13.65
Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) & CFS-Ontario (Canadian CPI cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved fall 2002)		3.89		3.95		3.95		3.84		3.89		3.89
Ontario Public Interest Research Group (refundable)		1.00		0.50		0.50		1.00		0.50		0.50
Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan (including sales tax; refundable; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved spring 1994)				59.66		59.66				54.24		54.24
Dental Plan (including sales tax; refundable; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved spring of 2005)				49.78		49.78				45.25		45.25
TOTAL		\$ 18.54		\$ 127.54		\$ 127.54		\$ 18.49		\$ 117.53		\$ 117.53
Change From Previous Year		+0.3%		+8.5%		+8.5%		+0.4%		+8.4%		+8.4%
		\$ 0.05		\$ 10.01		\$ 10.01		\$ 0.07		\$ 9.09		\$ 9.09
Engineering Society												
Society (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 1991) – See Note 1			25.22	23.70	25.22	23.70			24.84	23.35	24.84	23.35
Blue Sky Solar Car Team (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation)			2.75		2.75				2.75		2.75	
Concrete Canoe Team (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation)			1.25		1.25				0.90		0.90	
Concrete Toboggan Team (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation; established by referendum Spring 2017)			1.50		1.50							
Engineers Without Borders (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation)			1.50		1.50				1.25		1.25	
Engineering Athletic Association			4.50		4.50				4.50		4.50	
Formula SAE Racing Team (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation)			2.75		2.75				2.75		2.75	
Human Powered Vehicle Design (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation)			2.00		2.00				1.25		1.25	
Robotics for Space Exploration (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation; established by referendum Spring 2017)			1.75		1.75							
University of Toronto Aerospace Team (established by referendum Spring 2015 through 2016-17; referendum required for continuation)			3.32		3.32				3.25		3.25	
University of Toronto Robotics Association (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation)			2.00		2.00				1.50		1.50	
Skule Endowment Fund (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation; refundable)			0.00		0.00				50.00		50.00	
Skule Night (through 2017-18; referendum required for continuation)			1.90		1.90				1.90		1.90	
Temporary Levy Fund (through 2018-19; referendum required for continuation)			0.00		0.00				57.50		57.50	
TOTAL			\$ 50.44	\$ 23.70	\$ 50.44	\$ 23.70			\$ 152.39	\$ 23.35	\$ 152.39	\$ 23.35
Change From Previous Year			-66.9%	+1.5%	-66.9%	+1.5%			+0.2%	+1.7%	+0.2%	+1.7%
			\$ (101.95)	\$ 0.35	\$ (101.95)	\$ 0.35			\$ 0.36	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.39
Innis College Student Society												
Society (cost of living increases permitted without referendum; established spring 2000)			27.03	27.03	27.03	27.03			27.03	27.03	27.03	27.03
World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Levy			7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00			3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Town Hall (through 2016-17)			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL			\$ 34.03	\$ 34.03	\$ 34.03	\$ 34.03			\$ 30.53	\$ 30.53	\$ 30.53	\$ 30.53
Change From Previous Year			+11.5%	+11.5%	+11.5%	+11.5%			-14.1%	-14.1%	-14.1%	-14.1%
			\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50			\$ (5.00)	\$ (5.00)	\$ (5.00)	\$ (5.00)
Innis College Student Society (First Year Students)												
Society (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2000)			27.03	27.03	27.03	27.03			27.03	27.03	27.03	27.03
Refugee Student Fund			7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00			3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Orientation (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2011)			51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00			51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00
Town Hall (through 2016-17)			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL			\$ 85.03	\$ 85.03	\$ 85.03	\$ 85.03			\$ 81.53	\$ 81.53	\$ 81.53	\$ 81.53
Change From Previous Year			+4.3%	+4.3%	+4.3%	+4.3%			-5.8%	-5.8%	-5.8%	-5.8%
			\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50			\$ (5.00)	\$ (5.00)	\$ (5.00)	\$ (5.00)
Master of Information Student Council												
Society			12.50	6.25	12.50	6.25			12.50	6.25	12.50	6.25
Technology Upgrade Fund (established by referendum in Spring 2017)			25.00	12.50	25.00	12.50			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL			\$ 37.50	\$ 18.75	\$ 37.50	\$ 18.75			\$ 12.50	\$ 6.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 6.25
Change From Previous Year			+200.0%	+200.0%	+200.0%	+200.0%			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
			\$ 25.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 12.50			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Note: Concurrent Registration Option students pay the equivalent of a full-time student												
Museum Studies Student Association												
MISC/MUSSA Tech Levy (established by referendum in Spring 2017)			25.00	12.50	25.00	12.50						
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Change From Previous Year			(new)	(new)	(new)	(new)						
Note: Concurrent Registration Option students pay the equivalent of a full-time student												

Student Societies	Summer 2017		Fall 2017		Winter 2018		Summer 2016		Fall 2016		Winter 2017	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union												
Society (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 1990)			31.44	15.72	31.44	15.72			31.44	15.72	31.44	15.72
Bikechain (refundable; cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2013)			0.53	0.27	0.53	0.27			0.52	0.26	0.52	0.25
Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) & CFS-Ontario (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 1998)			8.24	4.12	8.24	4.12			8.12	4.06	8.12	4.06
Downtown Legal Services (refundable)			1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75			1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75
Ontario Public Interest Research Group (refundable; cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 1982)			2.65	1.32	2.65	1.32			2.60	1.29	2.59	1.29
Sexual Education Centre (established by referendum in 2015; cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2015)			0.52	0.26	0.52	0.26			0.51	0.25	0.51	0.26
Students for Barrier-Free Access (established by referendum in 2015)			2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00			2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative (refundable)			0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25			0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25
U of T Environmental Resource Network (refundable)			0.25	0.13	0.25	0.13			0.25	0.13	0.25	0.13
Women's Centre (refundable)			0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25			0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25
Dental Plan (including administration fee and sales tax; refundable; increases up to dental industry index permitted without referendum - current provisions approved spring 2006)			110.04	110.04	110.04	110.04			104.68	104.68	104.68	104.68
Supplementary Health Coverage (including administration fee and sales tax; refundable; increases up to health industry index permitted without referendum - current provisions approved spring 1999 and spring 2017 for part-time students' health fee)			151.19	151.19	151.19	151.19			137.06	137.01	137.06	137.01
TOTAL			\$ 309.36	\$ 285.30	\$ 309.36	\$ 285.30			\$ 289.68	\$ 265.65	\$ 289.67	\$ 265.65
Change From Previous Year			+6.8%	+7.4%	+6.8%	+7.4%			+7.7%	+123.5%	+7.7%	+123.5%
			\$ 19.68	\$ 19.65	\$ 19.69	\$ 19.65			\$ 20.82	\$ 146.77	\$ 20.81	\$ 146.77
University of Toronto Students' Union (Students' Administrative Council) - St. George Campus												
Society (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 1991)	18.39		18.76		18.76		17.74		18.39		18.39	
Accessibility Resources Fund (established by referendum Spring 2017 through Spring 2022; referendum required for continuation)			0.50		0.50							
Bike Chain (formerly BikeShare) (refundable - cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2013)	0.51		0.52		0.52		0.50		0.51		0.51	
Blue Sky Solar Racing Car Team (refundable)	0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13	
Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) & CFS-Ontario (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved fall 2002)	7.77		7.93		7.93		7.50		7.77		7.77	
Cinema Studies Students' Union (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
Day Care Subsidy (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Downtown Legal Services (refundable - cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2015)	3.11		3.17		3.17		1.50		3.11		3.11	
Foster Children Program	0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05	
Health Initiatives in Developing Countries (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
LGBTout (established by referendum Spring 2016; refundable)			0.25		0.25				0.25		0.25	
Ontario Public Interest Research Group (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Orientation (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Radical Roots (refundable)	0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15	
Women's Centre (refundable)	1.50		1.50		1.50		1.50		1.50		1.50	
Sexual Education & Peer Counselling Centre (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
Student Commons (increasing to \$20.75 [\$14.25 for capital expenses, ending after 25 years, and \$6.50 for operating expenses] beginning in the session in which the Student Commons opens; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved fall 2007)	9.31		10.24		10.24		8.20		9.31		9.31	
Students for Barrier Free Access (refundable)	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
Student Refugee Program (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2007)	0.70		0.71		0.71		0.68		0.70		0.70	
Wheelchair Accessibility Projects	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
University of Toronto Aerospace Team (established by referendum Spring 2017 through Spring 2022; referendum required for continuation; refundable)			2.77		2.77							
Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan (including administration fee and sales tax; refundable; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum - current provisions approved spring of 1998)			88.39		88.39				81.46		81.46	
Dental Plan (including administration fee and sales tax; refundable; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved spring of 1998)			73.89		73.89				72.44		72.44	
TOTAL	\$ 46.37		\$ 213.71		\$ 213.71		\$ 42.70		\$ 200.52		\$ 200.52	
Change From Previous Year	+8.6%		+6.6%		+6.6%		0.0%		+4.7%		+4.7%	
	\$ 3.67		\$ 13.19		\$ 13.19		\$ -		\$ 8.96		\$ 8.96	

Student Societies	Summer 2017		Fall 2017		Winter 2018		Summer 2016		Fall 2016		Winter 2017	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
University of Toronto Students' Union (Students' Administrative Council) - Mississauga												
Society (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 1991)	18.39		18.76		18.76		17.74		18.39		18.39	
Blue Sky Solar Racing Car Team (refundable)	0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13	
Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) & CFS-Ontario (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved fall 2002)	7.77		7.93		7.93		7.50		7.77		7.77	
Day Care Subsidy (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Downtown Legal Services (refundable - cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2015)	1.04		1.06		1.06		0.50		1.04		1.04	
Foster Children Program	0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05	
Health Initiatives in Developing Countries (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
Orientation (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Radical Roots (refundable)	0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15	
Student Refugee Program (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2007)	0.70		0.71		0.71		0.68		0.70		0.70	
UTM Sexual Education Centre (refundable)	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
UTM Women's Centre (refundable)	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
Wheelchair Accessibility Projects	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
Women's Centre (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
University of Toronto Environmental Resource Network (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan (including administration fee and sales tax; refundable; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum - current provisions approved spring of 1998)			88.39		88.39				81.46		81.46	
Dental Plan (including administration fee and sales tax; refundable; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved spring of 1998)			73.89		73.89				72.44		72.44	
TOTAL	\$ 33.48		\$ 196.32		\$ 196.32		\$ 32.00		\$ 187.38		\$ 187.38	
Change From Previous Year	+4.6%		+4.8%		+4.8%		0.0%		+4.7%		+4.7%	
	\$ 1.48		\$ 8.94		\$ 8.94		\$ -		\$ 8.38		\$ 8.38	
Varsity Publications Inc.												
Society (cost of living increases permitted without referendum - approved spring 2007)	1.97		2.01		2.01		1.90		1.97		1.97	
TOTAL	\$ 1.97		\$ 2.01		\$ 2.01		\$ 1.94		\$ 1.97		\$ 1.97	
Change From Previous Year	+1.5%		+2.0%		+2.0%		+2.1%		+1.5%		+1.5%	
	\$ 0.03		\$ 0.04		\$ 0.04		\$ 0.04		\$ 0.03		\$ 0.03	