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AGENDA ITEM: 5 (c)

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 [For Approval] (April 22, 2021)**

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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Additional information is provided in the attached memorandum from Melinda Scott, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students and Student Policy Advisor.

The requests were reviewed by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students in light of the requirements of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* and found to be in compliance.

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 2021 session, the **Arts & Science Students' Union** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.08 per session in the society portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$3.61 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.19 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.18 for part-time students);
- (b) the continuation of the Blue Sky Solar Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (c) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.01 per fall and winter session in, the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (d) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.25 per fall and winter session in, the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);

- (e) the establishment of \$0.09 per fall session and \$0.08 per winter session in the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (f) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.25 per fall and winter session in, the Engineers in Action portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (g) the continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (h) the continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (i) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.15 per fall and winter session in, the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (j) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.10 per fall and winter session in, the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (k) the establishment of \$1.35 per fall and winter session in the U of T Hyperloop Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only); and
- (l) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.50 per fall and winter session in, the U of T Robotics Association portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only).

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Undergraduate Pharmacy Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.98 per fall and winter session in the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.23 per fall session and \$0.22 per winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.12 per fall session and \$0.11 per winter session for part-time students);
- (b) an increase of \$7.15 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$3.57 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.01 per fall session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (e) an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee (\$0.03 for part-time students);
- (f) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (\$0.01 for part-time students); and
- (g) an increase of \$0.01 per fall session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.01 per winter session for part-time students).

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.14 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$3.37 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;

- (c) an increase of \$2.82 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (e) an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee;
- (f) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- (g) an increase of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Student Aid Program Fund portion of the fee; and
- (h) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.77 per fall and winter session in, the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2024-25.

THAT beginning in the Winter 2022 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.43 per session in the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.65 per session in the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Varsity Publications** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the society portion of the fee (graduate); and
- (b) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the society portion of the fee (undergraduate).

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

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



To: Members of the University Affairs Board

From: Melinda Scott, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students and Student Policy Advisor

Date: April 13, 2021

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

The Office of the Vice-Provost, Students (OVPS) has received several 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

(b) 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 2020 consumer price index for Ontario was 0.7%.

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 Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS), the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU), and the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) 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. APUS and the UTSU 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.

Summary of Changes

Cost-of-Living and Inflationary Increases (No New Referendum Required)

| Student Society | Description of Fee |
|--|---|
| Arts & Science Students' Union | Cost-of-Living Increase – Society Fee |
| Association of Part-time Students | Inflationary Increase – Health Plan |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) |
| Engineering Society | Cost-of-Living Increase – Society Fee |
| University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union | Cost-of-Living Increase – Society Fee |
| | Inflationary Increase – Health Plan |
| | Inflationary Increase – Dental Plan |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Bikechain |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Sexual Education Centre |
| University of Toronto Students' Union | Cost-of-Living Increase – Society Fee |
| | Inflationary Increase – Health Plan |
| | Inflationary Increase – Dental Plan |
| | Increase in Student Commons Capital Levy (as per 2007 referendum) |
| | Increase in Student Commons Operating Levy (as per 2007 referendum) |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Bikechain |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Downtown Legal Services |
| Varsity Publications | Cost-of-Living Increase – Society Fee (Graduate) |
| | Cost-of-Living Increase – Society Fee (Undergraduate) |

New or Continuing Fees and Increases Requiring a Referendum

| Society | Description | Proposed Change (per session) | Yes | No | Abstain or Spoil | Total Votes | Eligible Voters |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Engineering Society | Continue Blue Sky Solar Team | N/A | 278 | 93 | 7 | 378 | 4,506 |
| | Continue & increase Concrete Canoe Team | \$0.01 | 213 | 79 | 5 | 297 | 4,506 |
| | Continue & decrease Concrete Toboggan Team | (\$0.25) | 203 | 78 | 8 | 289 | 4,506 |
| | Establish Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario | Fall: \$0.09 Winter: \$0.08 | 219 | 53 | 8 | 280 | 5,434 |
| | Continue & increase Engineers in Action | \$0.25 | 202 | 77 | 6 | 285 | 4,506 |
| | Continue Engineers Without Borders | N/A | 279 | 69 | 4 | 352 | 4,506 |
| | Continue Formula SAE Racing Team | N/A | 211 | 82 | 4 | 297 | 4,506 |
| | Continue & decrease Robotics for Space Exploration | (\$0.15) | 227 | 61 | 6 | 294 | 4,506 |
| | Continue & decrease U of T Aerospace Team | (\$0.10) | 290 | 74 | 4 | 368 | 4,506 |
| | Establish U of T Hyperloop Team | \$1.35 | 224 | 84 | 5 | 313 | 4,506 |
| | Continue & increase U of T Robotics Association | \$0.50 | 237 | 76 | 8 | 321 | 4,506 |
| Undergraduate Pharmacy Society | Increase Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns | \$0.98 | 51 | 32 | 3 | 86 | 949 |
| University of Toronto Students' Union | Increase Student Aid Program Fund | \$1.00 | 2,522 | 1,162 | 1,222 | 4,906 | 38,956 |
| | Continue & decrease U of T Aerospace Team | (\$0.77) | 1,929 | 1,592 | 1,385 | 4,906 | 38,956 |

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Arts & Science Students' Union (ASSU)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2020-21, the ASSU fee was \$11.00 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science. The fee included:

- \$11.00 per session for the Society portion of the fee.

Request

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

At its meeting held on March 24, 2021, the ASSU Council 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.

Summary of Changes

| Arts & Science Students' Union | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|---|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | 11.00 | | 11.08 | | 11.08 | | 11.00 | | 11.00 | | 11.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$11.00 | | \$11.08 | | \$11.08 | | \$11.00 | | \$11.00 | | \$11.00 | |
| Change from Previous Year | 0.0% \$ - | | +0.7% \$0.08 | | +0.7% \$0.08 | | +15.8% \$1.50 | | +0.0% \$ - | | 0.0% \$ - | |

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Arts & Science Students' Union** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.08 per session in the society portion of the fee.

If approved, the total fall/winter ASSU fee will be \$11.08 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science.

Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2020-21, the APUS fee was \$150.77 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses. The fee included:

- \$72.19 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee; and
- \$4.19 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee.

Request

1. An inflationary increase in the Health Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on April 9, 2021, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Health Plan portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on January 29, 2021, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase to the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) 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

| Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|--|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society | | 13.65 | | 13.65 | | 13.65 | | 13.65 | | 13.65 | | 13.65 |
| Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable) | | | | 75.80 | | 75.80 | | | | 72.19 | | 72.19 |
| Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable) | | | | 60.24 | | 60.24 | | | | 60.24 | | 60.24 |
| Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | | 4.19 | | 4.22 | | 4.22 | | 4.10 | | 4.19 | | 4.19 |
| Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (refundable) | | 1.00 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 1.00 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 |
| TOTAL | | \$18.84 | | \$154.41 | | \$154.41 | | \$18.75 | | \$150.77 | | \$150.77 |
| Change from Previous Year | | +0.5% \$0.09 | | +2.4% \$3.64 | | +2.4% \$3.64 | | +0.4% \$0.08 | | +0.1% \$0.09 | | +0.1% \$0.09 |

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$3.61 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee.

If approved, the total fall/winter APUS fee will be \$154.41 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Engineering Society (EngSoc)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2020-21, the EngSoc fee was \$101.15 per fall session and \$101.14 per winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (\$50.45 per fall session and \$50.44 per winter session for part-time students). The fee included:

- \$26.71 per session for the society portion of the fee (\$25.11 for part-time students);
- \$3.20 per session for the Blue Sky Solar Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.37 per session for the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.75 per session for the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$0.75 per session for the Engineers in Action portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.50 per session for the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$2.75 per session for the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$2.00 per session for the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$3.35 per session for the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee (full-time only); and
- \$2.00 per session for the U of T Robotics Association portion of the fee (full-time only).

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the EngSoc Board of Directors 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. Continuation of the Blue Sky Solar Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of the dedicated Blue Sky Solar Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$3.20 per semester per student levy for Blue Sky Solar Racing for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$3.20 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$6.40 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 278 (73.5%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 93 (24.6%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 378 (8.4%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 7 (1.9%) | | |
| Total: | 378 | | |

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

3. Continuation of, and increase in, the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Concrete Canoe Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$1.38 per semester per student levy for Concrete Canoe for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$1.38 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$2.76 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 213 (71.7%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 79 (26.6%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 297 (6.6%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 5 (1.7%) | | |
| Total: | 297 | | |

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

4. Continuation of, and decrease in, the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee.
 A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and a decrease in, the dedicated Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$1.50 per semester per student levy for Concrete Toboggan for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$1.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.00 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 203 (70.2%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 78 (27.0%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 289 (6.4%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 8 (2.8%) | | |
| Total: | 289 | | |

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

5. The establishment of the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support the Engineering Society rejoining the Engineering Student Society Council of Ontario (ESSCO) as a full member and the approval of a membership fee equal to \$0.085 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$0.17 annually?

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 219 (78.2%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 5,434 |
| No: | 53 (18.9%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 280 (5.2%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 8 (2.9%) | | |
| Total: | 280 | | |

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

6. Continuation of, and increase in, the Engineers in Action portion of the fee.
 A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Engineers in Action portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$1.00 per semester per student levy for Engineers in Action for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$1.00 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$2.00 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 202 (70.9%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 77 (27.0%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 285 (6.3%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 6 (2.1%) | | |
| Total: | 285 | | |

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

7. [Continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee.](#)

A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of the dedicated Engineers Without Borders portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$1.50 per semester per student levy for Engineers Without Borders for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$1.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.00 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 279 (79.3%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 69 (19.6%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 352 (7.8%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 4 (1.1%) | | |
| Total: | 352 | | |

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

8. [Continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee.](#)

A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of the dedicated Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$2.75 per semester per student levy for Formula SAE Racing Team for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$2.75 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$5.50 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 211 (71.0%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 82 (27.6%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 297 (6.6%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 4 (1.3%) | | |
| Total: | 297 | | |

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

9. Continuation of, and decrease in, the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee. A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and a decrease in, the dedicated Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$1.85 per semester per student levy for Robotics for Space Exploration for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$1.85 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.70 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 227 (77.2%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 61 (20.7%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 294 (6.5%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 6 (2.0%) | | |
| Total: | 294 | | |

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

10. Continuation of, and decrease in, the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee. A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and a decrease in, the dedicated U of T Aerospace Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$3.25 per semester per student levy for the University of Toronto Aerospace Team for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$3.25 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$6.50 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 290 (78.8%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 74 (20.1%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 368 (8.2%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 4 (1.1%) | | |
| Total: | 368 | | |

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

11. The establishment of the U of T Hyperloop Team portion of the fee. A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated U of T Hyperloop Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$1.35 per semester per student levy for the University of Toronto Hyperloop for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$1.35 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$2.70 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 224 (71.6%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 84 (26.8%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 313 (6.9%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 5 (1.6%) | | |
| Total: | 313 | | |

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

12. Continuation of, and increase in, the U of T Robotics Association portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2021 to April 1, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated U of T Robotics Association portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$2.50 per semester per student levy for the University of Toronto Robotics Association for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms? (\$2.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$5.00 annually).

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes: | 237 (73.8%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 4,506 |
| No: | 76 (23.7%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 321 (7.1%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 8 (2.5%) | | |
| Total: | 321 | | |

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

Summary of Changes

| Engineering Society | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | | | 26.90 | 25.29 | 26.90 | 25.29 | | | 26.71 | 25.11 | 26.71 | 25.11 |
| Baja SAE Design Team (discontinued after Winter 2021) | | | | | | | | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | |
| Blue Sky Solar Team (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 3.20 | | 3.20 | | | | 3.20 | | 3.20 | |
| Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (through 2021-22; referendum required for continuation) | | | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.33 | | | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.33 |
| Concrete Canoe Team (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 1.38 | | 1.38 | | | | 1.37 | | 1.37 | |
| Concrete Toboggan Team (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | | | | 1.75 | | 1.75 | |
| Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario | | | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.08 | | | | | | |
| Engineers in Action (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | | | | 0.75 | | 0.75 | |
| Engineers Without Borders (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | | | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | |
| Formula SAE Racing Team (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 2.75 | | 2.75 | | | | 2.75 | | 2.75 | |
| Human-Powered Vehicle Design (through 2021-22; referendum required for continuation) | | | 2.48 | | 2.48 | | | | 2.48 | | 2.48 | |
| Robotics for Space Exploration (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 1.85 | | 1.85 | | | | 2.00 | | 2.00 | |
| Skule Endowment Fund (through 2021-22; referendum required for continuation; refundable) | | | 50.00 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | | | 50.00 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 |
| Skule Night (through 2021-22; referendum required for continuation) | | | 1.95 | | 1.95 | | | | 1.95 | | 1.95 | |
| U of T Aerospace Team (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 3.25 | | 3.25 | | | | 3.35 | | 3.35 | |
| U of T Hyperloop Team (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 1.35 | | 1.35 | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| U of T Robotics Association (through 2022-23; referendum required for continuation) | | | 2.50 | | 2.50 | | | | 2.00 | | 2.00 | |
| TOTAL | | | \$102.04 | \$50.72 | \$102.02 | \$50.70 | | | \$101.15 | \$50.45 | \$101.14 | \$50.44 |
| Change from Previous Year | | | +0.9% \$0.89 | +0.5% \$0.27 | +0.9% \$0.88 | +0.5% \$0.26 | | | +1.2% \$1.17 | +1.7% \$0.86 | +1.2% \$1.16 | +1.7% \$0.85 |
| Note: Students engaged in the Professional Year Experience (PEY) program are charged the part-time society fee and do not pay the Skule Endowment Fund fee. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.19 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.18 for part-time students);
- (b) continuation of the Blue Sky Solar Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (c) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.01 per fall and winter session in, the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (d) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.25 per fall and winter session in, the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (e) the establishment of \$0.09 per fall session and \$0.08 per winter session in the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (f) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.25 per fall and winter session in, the Engineers in Action portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (g) the continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (h) the continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (i) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.15 per fall and winter session in, the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (j) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.10 per fall and winter session in, the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only);
- (k) the establishment of \$1.35 per fall and winter session in the U of T Hyperloop Team portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only); and
- (l) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.50 per fall and winter session in, the U of T Robotics Association portion of the fee through 2022-23 (full-time only).

If approved, the total fall/winter EngSoc fee will \$102.04 per fall session and \$102.02 per winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (\$50.72 per fall session and \$50.70 per winter session for part-time students).

Undergraduate Pharmacy Society (UPS)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2020-21, the UPS fee was \$36.00 per session, charged to all undergraduate Doctor of Pharmacy students in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. The fee included:

- \$9.50 per session for the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns portion of the fee.

Requests

1. An increase in the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 17, 2021 to March 19, 2021, in which undergraduate Doctor of Pharmacy students in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy were asked to support and increase in the dedicated Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns portion of the UPS fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Preamble

The Undergraduate Pharmacy Society (UPS) is seeking consent from its members for an increase to the CAPSI portion of the UPS Fee. The UPS Fee is \$36.00 per session and it is broken down into three components: Society (\$18.00 per fall/winter session), CAPSI (\$9.50 per fall/winter session), and Class fund (\$8.50 per fall/winter session). The proposed increase to the CAPSI portion of the UPS fee is \$0.98 per session.

The Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI) is a National organization that unifies and supports students from all 10 pharmacy faculties in Canada. All UofT PharmD students are automatically CAPSI members and the CAPSI fee goes directly towards your membership. This provides you access to our educational events, annual competitions (e.g. Compounding Competition, Patient Interview Competition, Over the Counter Competition, Advice for Life, Student Literary Challenge, etc.), awards, IPSF Student Exchange Programme, Mock OSCEs, pharmacy swag, and discounts on textbooks, professional development programs and PEBC preparation materials. Your CAPSI membership also provides you access to the annual Professional Development Week (PDW) Conference, Canada’s largest pharmacy student conference, which is hosted by UofT in January 2022.

UPS and CAPSI have made every effort in recent years to avoid increasing student fees and have not increased UPS student fees since 2012. The purpose of this fee increase is to keep up with increased costs of running student events and initiatives, so that CAPSI can continue to provide the aforementioned membership benefits and events to pharmacy students. If the increase is approved, the CAPSI portion of the UPS fee would be increased from \$9.50 to \$10.48 per session, making the total UPS fee \$36.98 per session. This would be charged to all Undergraduate PharmD students beginning in the Fall 2021 session.

Question

Are you in favour of the \$0.98/session increase in the CAPSI component of the Undergraduate Pharmacy Society fee as described in the preamble?

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Yes: | 51 (59.3%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 949 |
| No: | 32 (37.2%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 86 (9.1%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 3 (3.5%) | | |
| Total: | 86 | | |

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

Summary of Changes

| Undergraduate Pharmacy Society | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|--|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum - approved Spring 1991) | | | 18.00 | | 18.00 | | | | 18.00 | | 18.00 | |
| Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns | | | 10.48 | | 10.48 | | | | 9.50 | | 9.50 | |
| Class Fund | | | 8.50 | | 8.50 | | | | 8.50 | | 8.50 | |
| TOTAL | | | \$36.98 | | \$36.98 | | | | \$36.00 | | \$36.00 | |
| Change from Previous Year | | | +2.7% \$0.98 | | +2.7% \$0.98 | | | | 0.0% \$ - | | 0.0% \$ - | |

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Undergraduate Pharmacy Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.98 per fall and winter session in the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns portion of the fee.

If approved, the total fall/winter UPS fee will be \$36.98 per session, charged to all undergraduate Doctor of Pharmacy students in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2020-21, the UTGSU fee was \$356.70 per session, charged to all full-time graduate students on all campuses (\$332.22 per fall session and \$332.19 per winter session for part-time students). The fee included:

- \$32.10 per session for the society portion of the fee (\$16.05 for part-time students)
- \$183.72 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- \$123.98 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time).
- \$0.56 per session for the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.28 part-time for part-time students);
- \$8.73 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee (\$4.37 per fall session and \$4.36 per winter session for part-time students);
- \$2.81 per session for the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (\$1.41 per fall session and \$1.40 per winter session for part-time students); and
- \$0.55 per session for the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.28 per fall session and \$0.27 per winter session for part-time students).

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 30, 2021, the UTGSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the society portion of the fee.

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

2. [An inflationary increase in the Health Plan portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2021, the UTGSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Health 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 30, 2021, the UTGSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated 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.

4. [A cost-of-living increase in the Bikechain portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2021, the UTGSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Bikechain portion of the fee.

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

5. [A cost-of-living increase in the Canadian Federation of Students \(CFS\) portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2021, the UTGSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee.

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

6. [A cost-of-living increase in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2021, the UTGSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG 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 Sexual Education Centre designated portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2021, the UTGSU General Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated 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.

Summary of Changes

| University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|---|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society (cost-of-living increases up to CPI with a maximum of 5% permitted without referendum) | | 32.10 | 32.33 | 16.17 | 32.32 | 16.16 | | 31.44 | 32.10 | 16.05 | 32.10 | 16.05 |
| Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to health industry index permitted without referendum; refundable) | | | 190.87 | 190.87 | 190.87 | 190.87 | | | 183.72 | 183.72 | 183.72 | 183.72 |
| Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to dental industry index permitted without referendum; refundable) | | | 127.55 | 127.55 | 127.55 | 127.55 | | | 123.98 | 123.98 | 123.98 | 123.98 |
| Bikechain (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable) | | 0.28 | 0.57 | 0.29 | 0.56 | 0.28 | | 0.28 | 0.56 | 0.28 | 0.56 | 0.28 |
| Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | | 8.73 | 8.79 | 4.40 | 8.79 | 4.39 | | 8.56 | 8.73 | 4.37 | 8.73 | 4.36 |
| Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable) | | 2.81 | 2.83 | 1.42 | 2.83 | 1.41 | | 2.75 | 2.81 | 1.41 | 2.81 | 1.40 |
| Downtown Legal Services (refundable) | | 1.50 | 1.50 | 0.75 | 1.50 | 0.75 | | 1.50 | 1.50 | 0.75 | 1.50 | 0.75 |
| Sexual Education Centre (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | | | 0.56 | 0.28 | 0.55 | 0.28 | | | 0.55 | 0.28 | 0.55 | 0.27 |
| Students for Barrier-Free Access | | | 2.00 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | | | 2.00 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| 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 | 0.50 | 0.25 | 0.50 | 0.25 | | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.25 | 0.50 | 0.25 |
| TOTAL | | \$45.92 | \$367.75 | \$343.11 | \$367.72 | \$343.07 | | \$45.03 | \$356.70 | \$332.22 | \$356.70 | \$332.19 |
| Change from Previous Year | | +2.0% \$0.89 | +3.1% \$11.05 | +3.3% \$10.89 | +3.1% \$11.02 | +3.3% \$10.88 | | +0.6% \$0.25 | +6.1% \$20.59 | +6.5% \$20.15 | +6.1% \$20.59 | +6.4% \$20.11 |

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.23 per fall session and \$0.22 per winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.12 per fall session and \$0.11 per winter session for part-time students);
- (b) an increase of \$7.15 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$3.57 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.01 per fall session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (e) an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee (\$0.03 for part-time students);
- (f) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (\$0.01 for part-time students); and
- (g) an increase of \$0.01 per fall session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.01 per winter session for part-time students).

If approved, the total fall/winter UTGSU fee will be \$367.75 per fall session and \$367.72 per winter session, charged to all full-time graduate students on all campuses (\$343.11 per fall session and \$343.07 per winter session for part-time students).

University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2020-21, the UTSU fee was \$262.61 per fall session and \$270.97 per winter session for all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus. The fee included:

- \$19.89 per session for the society portion of the fee;
- \$112.30 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- \$93.87 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- \$12.39 per fall session and \$14.25 per winter session for the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee;
- \$6.50 per winter session for the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee;
- \$0.55 per session for the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- \$8.39 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee;
- \$3.36 per session for the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee.
- \$1.00 per session for the Student Aid Program Fund portion of the fee; and
- \$2.77 per session for the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors 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. [An inflationary increase in the Health Plan portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Health 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 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated 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.

4. [An increase in the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee.

The UTSU Board of Directors has requested the increase in accordance with the terms of the original 2007 Student Commons referendum. As operation of the Students Commons began in Winter 2021, increases to the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee are applied in the winter session.

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

5. [An increase in the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

The UTSU Board of Directors has requested the increase in accordance with the terms of the original 2007 Student Commons referendum. As operation of the Students Commons began in Winter 2021, increases to the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee are applied in the winter session.

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

6. [A cost-of-living increase in the Bikechain portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase to the dedicated Bikechain 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 Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee. At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase to the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee.

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

8. A cost-of-living increase to the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee. At its meeting held on March 27, 2021, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase to the dedicated 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.

9. An increase in the Student Aid Program Fund portion of the fee. A referendum was held from March 17, 2021 to March 21, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus were asked to support an increase in the dedicated Student Aid Program Fund portion of the UTSU fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Preamble

The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) is seeking consent of UTSU members to increase the levy of the Student Aid Program Fund from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Each member of the UTSU would pay an additional \$1.00 per session (excluding the Summer session).

The UTSU Student Aid Program provides direct financial assistance to students in need through its seven (7) current bursary programs. These include the Emergency Bursary, which helps students in need when they suffer a sudden loss of income; the Book & Academic Supplies Bursary, which helps students in need cover textbook and other costs; and the Health & Wellness Bursary, which supports students when they cannot afford increasing fees for mental health services.

The circumstances posed by COVID-19 have shifted students' needs on our campus, and the Student Aid Program has adapted to meet those needs. The program has been overwhelmed by applications this year, and the rate of new applicants has only been increasing since March of 2020. The program needs additional support.

Therefore, we would like to increase the Student Aid Program Fund, in order to be able to help more students and establish a consistent funding source from which to draw for our Student Aid Program.

Question

Are you in favour of increasing the Student Aid Program Fund, currently collected from UTSU members by the UTSU, from \$1.00 per student to \$2.00 per student per semester, for the purpose of funding the UTSU Student Aid Program?

Options

Yes, I am in favour of approving an increased fee that would require UTSU members to pay a total of \$2.00 per semester in support of the UTSU Student Aid Program, to come into effect during the Fall 2021 semester.

No, I am not in favour of approving an increased fee that would require UTSU members to pay a total of \$2.00 per semester in support of the UTSU Student Aid Program, to come into effect during the Fall 2021 semester.

The results of the referendum were as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Yes: | 2,522 (51.4%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 38,956 |
| No: | 1,162 (23.7%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 4,906 (12.6%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 1,222 (24.9%) | | |
| Total: | 4,906 | | |

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

13. Continuation of, and decrease in, the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 17, 2021 to March 21, 2021, in which full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus were asked to support the continuation of, and a decrease in, the dedicated U of T Aerospace Team portion of the UTSU fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Preamble

The University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) is seeking the consent of UTSU members to renew the UTAT Innovation Fund. Each UTSU member at the St George Campus would pay a fee of \$2.00 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 2021 to Spring 2025, at which point a referendum would be required for continued collection. UTAT would be required to spend all of the collected fees on co-curricular aerospace projects, including the development and launch of a satellite. The payload of each new satellite mission would be selected from designs submitted through a competition organized by UTAT and open to all University of Toronto students.

Question

Are you in favour of renewing the UTAT Innovation Fund fee, that will require UTSU members to pay \$2.00 per semester in support of the UTAT Innovation Fund, to come into effect during the Fall 2021 semester?

Options

*Yes, I am in favour of approving an increased fee that would require UTSU members to pay a total of **\$2.00 per semester** in support of the UTSU Student Aid Program, to come into effect during the Fall 2021 semester.*

*No, I am not in favour of approving an increased fee that would require UTSU members to pay a total of **\$2.00 per semester** in support of the UTSU Student Aid Program, to come into effect during the Fall 2021 semester.*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Yes: | 1,929 (39.3%) | Eligible Voters (approx.): | 38,956 |
| No: | 1,592 (32.5%) | Voter Turnout (approx.): | 4,906 (12.6%) |
| Abstain/Spoiled: | 1,385 (28.2%) | | |
| Total: | 4,906 | | |

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

Summary of Changes

| University of Toronto Students' Union | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|---|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | 19.89 | | 20.03 | | 20.03 | | 19.48 | | 19.89 | | 19.89 | |
| Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable) | | | 115.67 | | 115.67 | | | | 112.30 | | 112.30 | |
| Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable) | | | 96.69 | | 96.69 | | | | 93.87 | | 93.87 | |
| Student Commons Capital Levy (inflationary increases of up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved Fall 2007; through 2043-44; referendum required for continuation) | 14.25 | | 14.25 | | 15.68 | | 11.26 | | 12.39 | | 14.25 | |
| Student Commons Operating Levy (inflationary increases of up to 10% permitted without referendum) | 6.50 | | 6.50 | | 7.15 | | | | | | 6.50 | |
| Accessibility Resources Fund (through 2021-22; referendum required for continuation) | | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | |
| Bikechain (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable) | 0.55 | | 0.56 | | 0.56 | | 0.54 | | 0.55 | | 0.55 | |
| Blue Sky Solar Racing Car (refundable) | 0.13 | | 0.13 | | 0.13 | | 0.13 | | 0.13 | | 0.13 | |
| Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | 8.39 | | 8.45 | | 8.45 | | 8.21 | | 8.39 | | 8.39 | |
| Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (refundable) | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | |
| Centre for Women and Trans People (refundable) | 1.50 | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | | 1.50 | |
| Cinema Studies Students' Union (refundable) | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | |
| Dollars for Daycare (refundable) | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | |
| Downtown Legal Services (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable) | 3.36 | | 3.38 | | 3.38 | | 3.29 | | 3.36 | | 3.36 | |
| Food Security for Students (refundable) | 0.15 | | 0.15 | | 0.15 | | 0.15 | | 0.15 | | 0.15 | |
| 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 (refundable) | | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | |
| Orientation (refundable) | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | |
| Sexual Education & Peer Counselling Centre (refundable) | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | | 0.25 | |
| Student Aid Program Fund | | | 2.00 | | 2.00 | | | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | |
| 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) | 0.76 | | 0.76 | | 0.76 | | 0.74 | | 0.76 | | 0.76 | |
| U of T Aerospace Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation; refundable) | | | 2.00 | | 2.00 | | | | 2.77 | | 2.77 | |
| U of T Environmental Resource Network (refundable) | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 | |
| Wheelchair Accessibility Projects | 1.00 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$60.28 | | \$277.62 | | \$279.70 | | \$50.10 | | \$262.61 | | \$270.97 | |
| Change from Previous Year | +20.3% | | +5.7% | | +3.2% | | +3.6% | | +8.9% | | +12.4% | |
| | \$10.18 | | \$15.01 | | \$8.73 | | \$1.72 | | \$21.56 | | \$29.92 | |

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.14 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$3.37 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (c) an increase of \$2.82 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (e) an increase of \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) portion of the fee;
- (f) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- (g) an increase of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Student Aid Program Fund portion of the fee; and
- (h) the continuation of, and a decrease of \$0.77 per fall and winter session in, the U of T Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2024-25.

THAT beginning in the Winter 2022 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.43 per session in the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.65 per session in the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

If approved, the total fall/winter UTSU fee will be \$277.62 per fall session and \$279.70 per winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus.

Varsity Publications

Background

In Fall/Winter 2020-21, the Varsity Publications fee was \$0.84 per session for all full-time graduate students on all campuses and \$2.93 per session for all full-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Request

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

An email vote was held from March 8, 2021 to March 10, 2021, in which the Varsity Productions Board of Directors 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.

Summary of Changes

| Varsity Publications (Graduate) | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | 0.84 | | 0.85 | | 0.85 | | 0.82 | | 0.84 | | 0.84 | |
| TOTAL | \$0.84 | | \$0.85 | | \$0.85 | | \$0.82 | | \$0.84 | | \$0.84 | |
| Change from Previous Year | +2.4% \$0.02 | | +1.2% \$0.01 | | +1.2% \$0.01 | | +2.5% \$0.02 | | +2.4% \$0.02 | | +2.4% \$0.02 | |

| Varsity Publications (Undergraduate) | Summer 2021 | | Fall 2021 | | Winter 2022 | | Summer 2020 | | Fall 2020 | | Winter 2021 | |
|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time |
| Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum) | 2.93 | | 2.95 | | 2.95 | | 2.87 | | 2.93 | | 2.93 | |
| TOTAL | \$2.93 | | \$2.95 | | \$2.95 | | \$2.87 | | \$2.93 | | \$2.93 | |
| Change from Previous Year | +2.1% \$ 0.06 | | +0.7% \$0.02 | | +0.7% \$0.02 | | +2.1% \$0.06 | | +2.1% \$0.06 | | +2.1% \$0.06 | |

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the Fall 2021 session, the **Varsity Publications** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the society portion of the fee (graduate); and
- (b) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the society portion of the fee (undergraduate).

If approved, the total fall/winter Varsity Publications fee will be \$0.85 per session, charged to all for full-time graduate students on all campuses; and \$2.95 per session, charged to all for full-time undergraduate students on all campuses.