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**TO:** University Affairs Board

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**PRESENTER:** See Sponsor

**DATE:** April 4, 2024, for April 11, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5 (c)

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Student Societies: Requests for Fee Increases – St. George & University-Wide

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Section 5 of the *Terms of Reference* lists student societies and compulsory non-academic incidental fees among the University Affairs 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 11, 2024)

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

Requests for changes to existing student society fees and/or the establishment of new fees may be brought forward to the University Affairs Board on one or more occasions each year. The Board last considered changes to St. George and University-wide student society fees on May 31, 2023.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The following student organizations have requested changes to fees charged on their behalf by the University or for the University to begin charging fees on their behalf:

- Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students
- Bachelor of Information Student Association
- Engineering Society
- Graduate Business Council

- Museum Studies Student Association
- Students' Law Society
- Undergraduate Pharmacy Society
- University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
- University of Toronto Students' Union
- Varsity Publications

Details regarding these requests and the recommendations below are provided in the included memorandum from Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students.

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 IMPLICATIONS:**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Be It Resolved:

THAT, subject to confirmation of approval of the following fee change proposals by the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students Board of Directors and at the society's annual general meeting, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of up to \$8.59 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of up to \$6.63 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee; and
- (c) an increase of up to \$0.16 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Bachelor of Information Student Association** society fee be established at \$15.00 per fall and winter session (\$7.50 for part-time students) and charged to all Bachelor of Information students in the Faculty of Information.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.02 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.96 for part-time students).

THAT, subject to ratification of referendum results by the Engineering Society Board of Directors, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) the establishment of \$3.50 per fall and winter session in the Blue Sky Solar Racing Team portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (b) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.05 per fall and winter session in, the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students portion of the fee through 2025-26 for full-time students;
- (c) the establishment of \$0.40 per fall and winter session in the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students portion of the fee through 2025-26 for part-time students;

- (d) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.50 per fall and winter session in, the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team portion of the fee through 2025-26 for full-time students;
- (e) the establishment of \$2.50 per fall and winter session in the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team portion of the fee through 2025-26 for part-time students;
- (f) the establishment of \$3.50 per fall and winter session in the Robotics Association portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (g) the continuation of the Skule Endowment Fund portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (h) the continuation of the Skule Nite portion of the fee through 2025-26 for full-time students;
- (i) the establishment of \$2.10 per fall and winter session in the Skule Nite portion of the fee through 2025-26 for part-time students;
- (j) the establishment of \$1.50 per fall and winter session in the Women in Science and Engineering portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (k) the establishment of \$3.55 per fall and winter session in the Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (l) the establishment of \$1.75 per fall and winter session in the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (m) the establishment of \$1.50 per fall and winter session in the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (n) the establishment of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Engineers in Action portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (o) the establishment of \$1.50 per fall and winter session in the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (p) the establishment of \$3.95 per fall and winter session in the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (q) the establishment of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (r) the establishment of \$2.10 per fall and winter session in the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (s) the establishment of \$1.42 per fall and winter session in the Seismic Design Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (t) the establishment of \$1.75 per fall and winter session in the Supermileage Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students; and
- (u) the establishment of \$1.55 per fall and winter session in the UTWind portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Graduate Business Council** society fee be increased by \$1.62 per session (full-time only).

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Museum Studies Student Association** society fee be established at \$12.50 per session and charged to all full-time Master of Museum Studies students in the Faculty of Information.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Students' Law Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$5.00 per fall and winter session in the Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program portion of the fee (\$2.50 for part-time students).

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Undergraduate Pharmacy Society** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.61 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.21 per fall session and \$1.22 per winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.60 per fall session and \$0.61 per winter session for part-time students);
- (b) an increase of \$17.35 per fall session and \$17.34 per winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time & part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$10.43 per fall session and \$10.44 per winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time & part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.05 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.03 per fall session and \$0.02 per winter session for part-time students);
- (e) an increase of \$0.33 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee (\$0.16 per fall session and \$0.17 per winter session for part-time students); and
- (f) an increase of up to \$0.10 per fall session and \$0.11 per winter session in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (up to \$0.05 per session for part-time students).

THAT, subject to ratification of referendum results by the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union Board of Directors, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union** fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.38 per session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.19 per session for part-time students); and
- (b) the establishment of \$7.23 per session in the Regenesis portion of the fee (\$3.62 for part-time students).

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.76 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$6.75 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (c) an increase of \$5.64 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (e) an increase of \$0.32 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee;
- (f) an increase of \$0.07 per session in the Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the fee;
- (g) an increase of \$0.13 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- (h) an increase of \$0.07 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee;
- (i) an increase of \$0.50 per session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee; and
- (j) an increase of \$2.00 per fall and winter session in the Student Aid Program portion of the fee.

THAT, beginning in the Winter 2025 session, the **University of Toronto Students' Union** (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.50 per session in the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.87 per session in the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the **Varsity Publications** society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the society fee for graduate students; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.11 per session in the society fee for undergraduate students.

**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

- Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: St. George & University-Wide Student Societies - Proposals for Fee Increases



**To:** Members of the University Affairs Board

**From:** Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students

**Date:** April 1, 2024

**Re:** Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees: St. George & University-Wide Student Societies - Proposals for Fee Increases

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Requests from several St. George and University-wide student societies for the fee changes listed below have been received by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students (OVPS), which manages the University-wide administrative processes related to student society fee requests. 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 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 student societies' governing documents. 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 governing documents, such as quorum, must also be met).
3. The referendum question itself should be clear and provide enough information to students to gain a full understanding of the implications of the question and proposed fee to them.
4. The referendum must be held in a fair manner, advertised and promoted in a reasonable manner, and the members of the organization should be given a reasonable opportunity to vote.
5. Each organization must comply with the provisions of its own constitution, by-laws, and specific policies and procedures, as approved by the society's board or council.

Student societies which have previously received approval from their members (by referendum) 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 2023 consumer price index for Ontario was 3.4%.

As outlined in the excerpt from the *Policy* above, where members of a student 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, and established policies that set the standards for acceptable results in referenda. In some cases, societies' governing documents 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 student society's board or council, the administration relies on the assurances of societies that due 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
Association of Part-time Students	Inflationary increase – Health Plan
	Inflationary increase – Dental Plan
	Cost-of-living increase – Canadian Federation of Students
Engineering Society	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee
Graduate Business Council	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee
Undergraduate Pharmacy 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
	Cost-of-living increase – Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG
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
	Cost-of-living increase - Community Housing & Employment Support Services
	Cost-of-living increase – Downtown Legal Services
	Cost-of-living increase – Student Refugee Program
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

<b>Student Society</b>	<b>Description of Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Change (per session)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain or Spoil</b>	<b>Total Ballots</b>	<b>Eligible Voters</b>
Bachelor of Information Student Association	Establish Society	\$15.00 (FT) \$7.50 (PT)	15	5	2	22	65
Engineering Society	Establish Blue Sky Solar Racing Team (Full-Time & Part-Time)	\$3.50	277	193	7	477	6,009
	Continue & increase (full-time) / establish (part-time) Canadian Federation of Engineering Students	\$0.05 (FT) \$0.40 (PT)	205	139	10	354	6,009
	Continue & increase (full-time) / establish (part-time) Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team	\$0.50 (FT) \$2.50 (PT)	309	137	4	450	6,009
	Establish Robotics Association (full-time & part-time)	\$3.50	297	168	7	472	6,009
	Continue Skule Endowment Fund (full-time & part-time)	N/A	242	154	8	404	6,009
	Continue (full-time) / establish (part-time) Skule Nite	N/A (FT) \$2.10 (PT)	321	127	5	453	6,009
	Establish Women in Science and Engineering (full-time & part-time)	\$1.50	337	102	4	443	6,009
	Establish Aerospace Team (part-time)	\$3.55	227	183	3	413	4,676
	Establish Concrete Canoe Team (part-time)	\$1.75	180	147	2	329	4,676
	Establish Concrete Toboggan Team (part-time)	\$1.50	190	140	4	334	4,676
	Establish Engineers in Action (part-time)	\$1.00	173	143	5	321	4,676
	Establish Engineers Without Borders (part-time)	\$1.50	201	119	1	321	4,676
	Establish Formula SAE Racing Team (part-time)	\$3.95	207	192	3	402	4,676
	Establish Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (part-time)	\$1.00	168	152	4	324	4,676

New or Continuing Fees and Increases Requiring a Referendum (cont.)

Student Society	Description of Fee	Proposed Change (per session)	Yes	No	Abstain or Spoil	Total Ballots	Eligible Voters
Engineering Society (cont.)	Establish Robotics for Space Exploration (part-time)	\$2.10	194	145	4	343	4,676
	Establish Seismic Design Team (part-time)	\$1.42	183	139	5	327	4,676
	Establish Supermileage Team (part-time)	\$1.75	201	142	3	346	4,676
	Establish UTWind (part-time)	\$1.55	174	138	6	318	4,676
Museum Studies Student Association	Establish Society (Full-Time)	\$12.50	52	1	3	56	110
Students' Law Society	Increase Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program	\$5.00 (FT) \$2.50 (PT)	145	65	26	236	669
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Increase Sexual Education Centre & establish cost-of-living allowance	\$0.38 (FT) \$0.19 (PT)	957	326	273	1,556	20,341
	Establish Regenesiis	\$7.23 (FT) \$3.62 (PT)	878	373	305	1,556	20,341
University of Toronto Students' Union	Increase Sexual Education Centre	\$0.50	2,096	1,373	2,007	5,476	41,730
	Increase Student Aid Program	\$2.00	1,964	1,310	2,202	5,476	41,730

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

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### Background

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the APUS fee was \$170.99 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses. The fee included:

- \$85.88 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- \$66.26 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee; and
- \$4.70 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

### Requests

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

At its meeting on April 9, 2024, the APUS Board of Directors will consider a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Health Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the resolution will then be considered by the APUS membership at the society's annual general meeting on April 23, 2024.

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 Dental Plan portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting on April 9, 2024, the APUS Board of Directors will consider a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the resolution will then be considered by the APUS membership at the society's annual general meeting on April 23, 2024.

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 Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting on April 9, 2024, the APUS Board of Directors will consider a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee. If approved, the resolution will then be considered by the APUS membership at the society's annual general meeting on April 23, 2024.

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

## Summary of Changes

If approved, the total fall/winter APUS fee will be up to \$186.37 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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)				Up to \$94.47		Up to \$94.47				85.88		85.88
Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable)				Up to \$72.89		Up to \$72.89				66.26		66.26
Canadian Federation of Students (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)		4.42		Up to \$4.86		Up to \$4.86		4.42		4.70		4.70
Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (refundable)		1.00		0.50		0.50		1.00		0.50		0.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$19.07</b>		<b>Up to \$186.37</b>		<b>Up to \$186.37</b>		<b>\$19.07</b>		<b>\$170.99</b>		<b>\$170.99</b>
Change from Previous Year		+1.1% \$0.20		Up to +9.0% \$15.38		Up to +9.0% \$15.38		+1.1% \$0.20		+9.0% \$14.11		+9.0% \$14.11

## Recommendation

THAT, subject to confirmation of approval of the following fee change proposals by the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students Board of Directors and at the society's annual general meeting, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of up to \$8.59 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of up to \$6.63 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee; and
- (c) an increase of up to \$0.16 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

## Bachelor of Information Student Association (BISA)

### Background

As the University does not currently collect student fees on BISA's behalf, it is not currently a student society. As such, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has reviewed BISA's constitution and proposed membership and has found them to be in compliance with the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*.

### Request

1. Establishment of a new society fee.

A referendum was held from March 11, 2024, to March 13, 2024, in which Bachelor of Information students in the Faculty of Information were asked to support the establishment of a new society fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

#### **Preamble**

*The Bachelor of Information Student Association (BISA) is seeking consent from its members to establish a society fee.*

*A society fee would enable BISA to provide meaningful and impactful programming to the students in the Bachelor of Information (BI), including community events, professional opportunities and workshops, allocation of resources & facilities, merch apparel, and more. As the program continues to grow, BISA finds it essential to create this sustainable and scalable form of funding to reliably serve BI students.*

*If establishment of this fee is approved, the BISA society fee would be \$15.00 per fall/winter session for full-time students and \$7.50 per fall/winter session part-time students, charged to students registered in the Bachelor of Information program, beginning in the Fall 2024 session. The BISA society fee would not be charged in the summer session.*

**Question**

*Are you in favour of establishing the BISA society fee as described in the preamble?*

*Yes / No / Abstain*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	15 (68.2%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	65
No:	5 (22.7%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	22 (33.8%)
Abstain:	2 (9.1%)		
Total ballots:	22		

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

**Recommendation**

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Bachelor of Information Student Association society fee be established at \$15.00 per fall and winter session (\$7.50 for part-time students) and charged to all Bachelor of Information students in the Faculty of Information.

**Engineering Society (EngSoc)**

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**Background**

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the EngSoc fee was \$105.62 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (\$53.66 per session for part-time students). The fee included:

- \$30.00 per session for the society portion of the fee (\$28.21 for part-time students);
- \$0.35 per session for the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students portion of the fee (full-time & part-time);
- \$2.00 per session for the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$50.00 per session for the Skule Endowment Fund portion of the fee (\$25.00 for part-time students);
- \$2.10 per session for the Skule Nite portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$3.55 per session for the Aerospace Team portion of the fee (full-time only);

- \$1.75 per session for the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.50 per session for the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.00 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);
- \$3.95 per session for the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee (full-time only); and
- \$2.10 per session for the Robotics for Space Exploration 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 February 26, 2024, 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. Establishment of a Blue Sky Solar Racing Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 27, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Blue Sky Solar Racing Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

#### **Preamble**

*Blue Sky Solar Racing's letter to students can be found here:*

*<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iwoL8Y8GUA45r42h9PmNE4s8OnEP3hoP/view?usp=sharing>*

#### **Question**

*Do you support a \$3.50 per semester per student levy for Blue Sky Solar Racing (BSSR) for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms? (\$3.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$7.00 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	277 (58.1%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	6,009
No:	193 (40.5%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	477 (7.9%)
Spoiled:	7 (1.5%)		
Total ballots:	477		

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 Canadian Federation of Engineering Students portion of the fee for full-time students, and establishment of this portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 27, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Canadian Federation of Engineering Students

portion of the EngSoc fee for full-time students. As only full-time students had participated in this referendum previously, this would also result in the establishment of this portion of the fee for part-time students. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

*The CFES is a bilingual national student organization representing Canadian engineering students. Their goal is to enhance the student experience through opportunities fostering the development of leadership, professional and ethical qualities, engineering identity, technical proficiency, and communication. Each year, they host a number of annual engineering conferences to foster leadership and networking, engineering competitions to inspire innovation, and work with external partners to provide education and outreach opportunities.*

**Question**

*Do you support a \$0.40 per semester per student levy for the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms? (\$0.40 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$0.80 annually).*

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	205 (57.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	6,009
No:	139 (39.3%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	354 (5.9%)
Spoiled:	10 (2.8%)		
Total ballots:	354		

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

- 4. Continuation of, and increase in, the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team portion of the fee for full-time students, and establishment of this portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 27, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team portion of the EngSoc fee for full-time students. As only full-time students had participated in this referendum previously, this would also result in the establishment of this portion of the fee for part-time students. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

*HPVDT’s letter to students can be found here:*

*[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_r1NHLL6Z6Q9lgwOK3hkmwBsR-q-mzdvv/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_r1NHLL6Z6Q9lgwOK3hkmwBsR-q-mzdvv/view?usp=sharing)*

**Question**

*Do you support a \$2.50 per semester per student levy for the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team (HPVDT) for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms? (\$2.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$5.00 annually).*



YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	309 (68.7%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	6,009
No:	137 (30.4%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	450 (7.5%)
Spoiled:	4 (0.9%)		
Total ballots:	450		

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

5. Establishment of a Robotics Association portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 27, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Robotics Association portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

*UTRA's letter to students can be found here:*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14uh9ovhVuuR-hOMASOO5nhbXIWYYz1L1/view?usp=sharing>

**Question**

*Do you support a \$3.50 per semester per student levy for The University of Toronto Robotics Association (UTRA) for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms? (\$3.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$7.00 annually).*

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	297 (62.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	6,009
No:	168 (35.6%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	472 (7.9%)
Spoiled:	7 (1.5%)		
Total ballots:	472		

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

6. Continuation of the Skule Endowment Fund portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 27, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of the dedicated Skule Endowment Fund portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

*The Skule Endowment Fund (SEF) is a fund that is added to every year through a special Student Levy. The interest earned on this fund is used each year on various student projects and initiatives. It establishes a perpetual source of funds dedicated exclusively to the improvement of the student*

experience of undergraduate engineering students at the University of Toronto. Past projects have included Skule150, The 2022 Ontario Engineering Competition, Design Team Vehicles, and the Myhal Arena. Support for the Skule Endowment Fund is optional and students are able to opt-out of this levy.

**Question**

Do you support a \$50.00 per semester per full-time and \$25 per semester per part-time student for the Skule Endowment Fund (SEF) for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms? (\$50 or \$25 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$100 or \$50 annually).

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	242 (59.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	6,009
No:	154 (38.1%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	404 (6.7%)
Spoiled:	8 (2.0%)		
Total ballots:	404		

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

7. Continuation of the Skule Nite portion of the fee for full-time students and establishment of this portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 27, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of the dedicated Skule Nite portion of the EngSoc fee for full-time students. As only full-time students had participated in this referendum previously, this would also result in the establishment of this portion of the fee for part-time students. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

Skule Nite’s letter to students can be found here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i4ux\\_aF5AlKnuh5BFnVsFxQZIsj1a1vj/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i4ux_aF5AlKnuh5BFnVsFxQZIsj1a1vj/view?usp=sharing)

**Question**

Do you support a \$2.10 per semester per student levy for Skule Nite for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms? (\$2.10 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$4.20 annually).

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	321 (70.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	6,009
No:	127 (28.0%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	453 (7.5%)
Spoiled:	5 (1.1%)		
Total ballots:	453		

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

8. Establishment of a Women in Science and Engineering portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 27, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Women in Science and Engineering portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

WISE's letter to students can be found here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1duW30D3ruOGV1p\\_FhhKcetPIYxku9k78/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1duW30D3ruOGV1p_FhhKcetPIYxku9k78/view?usp=sharing)

**Question**

Do you support a \$1.50 per semester per student levy for Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 terms? (\$1.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.00 annually).

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	337 (76.1%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	6,009
No:	102 (23.0%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	443 (7.4%)
Spoiled:	4 (0.9%)		
Total ballots:	443		

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

9. Establishment of an Aerospace Team portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Aerospace Team portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$3.55 per semester per student levy for University of Toronto Aerospace Team (UTAT) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$3.55 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$7.10 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	227 (55.0%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	183 (44.3%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	413 (8.8%)
Spoiled:	3 (0.7%)		
Total ballots:	413		

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

10. Establishment of a Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Concrete Canoe Team portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.75 per semester per student levy for Concrete Canoe for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.75 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.50 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	180 (54.7%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	147 (44.7%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	329 (7.0%)
Spoiled:	2 (0.6%)		
Total ballots:	329		

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

11. Establishment of a Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had

participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.50 per semester per student levy for Concrete Toboggan for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.00 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	190 (56.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	140 (41.9%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	334 (7.1%)
Spoiled:	4 (1.2%)		
Total ballots:	334		

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

12. Establishment of an Engineers in Action portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Engineers in Action portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.00 per semester per student levy for Engineers in Action (EIA) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.00 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$2.00 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	173 (53.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	143 (44.5%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	321 (6.9%)
Spoiled:	5 (1.6%)		
Total ballots:	321		

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

13. Establishment of an Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Engineers Without Borders portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.50 per semester per student levy for Engineers Without Borders (EWB) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.50 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.00 annually).*

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	201 (62.6%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	119 (37.1%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	321 (6.9%)
Spoiled:	1 (0.3%)		
Total ballots:	321		

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

14. Establishment of a Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$3.95 per semester per student levy for University of Toronto Formula Racing (UTFR) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$3.95 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$7.90 annually).*

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	207 (51.5%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	192 (47.8%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	402 (8.6%)
Spoiled:	3 (0.7%)		
Total ballots:	402		

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

15. Establishment of an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.00 per semester per student levy for IEEE University of Toronto Student Branch for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.00 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$2.00 annually).*

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	168 (51.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	152 (46.9%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	324 (6.9%)
Spoiled:	4 (1.2%)		
Total ballots:	324		

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

16. Establishment of a Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$2.10 per semester per student levy for Robots for Space Exploration (RSX) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$2.10 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$4.20 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	194 (56.6%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	145 (42.3%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	343 (7.3%)
Spoiled:	4 (1.2%)		
Total ballots:	343		

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

17. Establishment of a Seismic Design Team portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Seismic Design Team portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.42 per semester per student levy for University of Toronto Seismic Design for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.42 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$2.84 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	183 (56.0%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	139 (42.5%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	327 (7.0%)
Spoiled:	5 (1.5%)		
Total ballots:	327		

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

18. Establishment of a Supermileage Team portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated Supermileage Team portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated.



On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.75 per semester per student levy for University of Toronto Supermileage (UTSM) for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.75 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.50 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	201 (58.1%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	142 (41.0%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	346 (7.4%)
Spoiled:	3 (0.9%)		
Total ballots:	346		

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

#### 19. Establishment of a UTWind portion of the fee for part-time students.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which **all** undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support a dedicated UTWind portion of the EngSoc fee. EngSoc previously reported that only full-time students participated in this referendum but later discovered that all members had participated. On January 28, 2024, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to charge all levy fees approved during this referendum to part-time students.

For reference, the wording of the question was as follows (noting that only the fees for the 2024-25 academic year would be applied to part-time students):

*Do you support a \$1.55 per semester per student levy for UTWind for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$1.55 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$3.10 annually).*

*YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	174 (54.7%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	4,676
No:	138 (43.4%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	318 (6.8%)
Spoiled:	6 (1.9%)		
Total ballots:	318		

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

## Summary of Changes

If approved, the total fall/winter EngSoc fee will be \$115.69 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (\$88.84 per session for part-time students).

Engineering Society	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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)			31.02	29.17	31.02	29.17			30.00	28.21	30.00	28.21
Aerospace Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55			3.55		3.55	
Blue Sky Solar Racing Team (through 2025-26; referendum required for continuation)			3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50						
Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (through 2025-26; referendum required for continuation)			0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40			0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Concrete Canoe Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75			1.75		1.75	
Concrete Toboggan Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50			1.50		1.50	
Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10			0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Engineers in Action (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			1.00		1.00	
Engineers Without Borders (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50			1.50		1.50	
Formula SAE Racing Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95			3.95		3.95	
Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team (through 2025-26; referendum required for continuation)			2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50			2.00		2.00	
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			1.00		1.00	
Robotics Association (through 2025-26; referendum required for continuation)			3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50						
Robotics for Space Exploration (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10			2.10		2.10	
Seismic Design Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42			1.42		1.42	

Engineering Society (cont.)	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Skule Endowment Fund (through 2025-26; referendum required for continuation; refundable)			50.00	25.00	50.00	25.00			50.00	25.00	50.00	25.00
Supermileage Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75			1.75		1.75	
Skule Nite (through 2025-26; referendum required for continuation)			2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10			2.10		2.10	
UTWind (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55			1.55		1.55	
Women in Science & Engineering (through 2025-26; referendum required for continuation)			1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50						
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$115.69</b>	<b>\$88.84</b>	<b>\$115.69</b>	<b>\$88.84</b>			<b>\$105.62</b>	<b>\$53.66</b>	<b>\$105.62</b>	<b>\$53.66</b>
Change from Previous Year			+9.5%	+65.6%	+9.5%	+65.6%			+2.4%	+3.1%	+2.4%	+3.1%
			\$10.07	\$35.18	\$10.07	\$35.18			\$2.50	\$1.61	\$2.51	\$1.62

## Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Engineering Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.02 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.96 for part-time students).

THAT, subject to ratification of referendum results by the Engineering Society Board of Directors, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Engineering Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) the establishment of \$3.50 per fall and winter session in the Blue Sky Solar Racing Team portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (b) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.05 per fall and winter session in, the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students portion of the fee through 2025-26 for full-time students;
- (c) the establishment of \$0.40 per fall and winter session in the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students portion of the fee through 2025-26 for part-time students;
- (d) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.50 per fall and winter session in, the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team portion of the fee through 2025-26 for full-time students;
- (e) the establishment of \$2.50 per fall and winter session in the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team portion of the fee through 2025-26 for part-time students;
- (f) the establishment of \$3.50 per fall and winter session in the Robotics Association portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (g) the continuation of the Skule Endowment Fund portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (h) the continuation of the Skule Nite portion of the fee through 2025-26 for full-time students;
- (i) the establishment of \$2.10 per fall and winter session in the Skule Nite portion of the fee through 2025-26 for part-time students;
- (j) the establishment of \$1.50 per fall and winter session in the Women in Science and Engineering portion of the fee through 2025-26 (full-time & part-time);
- (k) the establishment of \$3.55 per fall and winter session in the Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (l) the establishment of \$1.75 per fall and winter session in the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;

- (m) the establishment of \$1.50 per fall and winter session in the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (n) the establishment of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Engineers in Action portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (o) the establishment of \$1.50 per fall and winter session in the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (p) the establishment of \$3.95 per fall and winter session in the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (q) the establishment of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (r) the establishment of \$2.10 per fall and winter session in the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (s) the establishment of \$1.42 per fall and winter session in the Seismic Design Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students;
- (t) the establishment of \$1.75 per fall and winter session in the Supermileage Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students; and
- (b) the establishment of \$1.55 per fall and winter session in the UTWind portion of the fee through 2024-25 for part-time students.

## Graduate Business Council (GBC)

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### Background

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the GBC society fee was \$47.50 per session, charged to all graduate students enrolled in a master's program at the Rotman School of Management (\$15.00 per session for part-time students).

### Request

1. A cost-of-living increase in the society portion of the fee for full-time students.  
At its meeting, held on March 30, 2023, the GBC approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the society portion of the fee for full-time students.

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

## Summary of Changes

If approved, the fall/winter GBC society fee will be \$49.12 per session, charged to all graduate students enrolled in a master’s program at the Rotman School of Management (\$15.00 per session for part-time students).

Graduate Business Council	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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)			49.12	15.00	49.12	15.00			47.50	15.00	47.50	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$49.12</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$49.12</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>			<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Change from Previous Year			3.4%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
			\$1.62	\$ -	\$1.62	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

## Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Graduate Business Council society fee be increased by \$1.62 per session (full-time only).

## Museum Studies Student Association (MUSSA)

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### Background

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the MUSSA fee was \$20.00 per session, charged to all Master of Museum Studies students in the Faculty of Information (\$10.00 per session for part-time students). The MISC/MUSSA Tech Levy, which will be discontinued at the end of the Winter 2024 session, made up the entirety of the fee.

### Request

1. Establishment of a new society fee for full-time students.

A referendum was held from March 4, 2024, to March 8, 2024, in which Master of Museum Studies students in the Faculty of Information were asked to support the establishment of a new society fee for full-time students. The wording of the question was as follows:

#### **Preamble**

*The Master of Museum Studies Student Association is seeking consent from its members to establish a society fee.*

*MUSSA is hoping to establish a society fee to increase the availability and quality of social, professional, and other types of activities for MUSSA’s constituency. This includes more independent and larger scale events than what we are currently offering, such as end-of-year galas, field trips, extracurricular, and social events being supported to a greater extent than previously possible. Doing so would ensure that MUSSA is more responsive to the needs of MUSSA’s constituency, continuing our commitment to represent MMSt and CDP students in all Faculty and social matters as they relate to the iSchool and beyond.*

*Previously, the Faculty’s Tech Fund was sponsored by MUSSA constituents, resulting in a \$20.00 fee per term – the Faculty is assuming this responsibility, and MUSSA will no longer be collecting this fee on their behalf.*

*If establishment of this fee is approved, the MUSSA society fee would be \$12.50 per session for full-time students, charged to students registered in the Master of Museum Studies program, beginning in the Fall 2024 session.*

**Question**

*Are you in favour of establishing the MUSSA society fee as described in the preamble?*

*Yes / No / Abstain*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	52 (92.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	110
No:	1 (1.8%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	56 (50.9%)
Abstain:	3 (5.4%)		
Total ballots:	56		

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

**Summary of Changes**

If approved, the fall/winter MUSSA society fee will be \$12.50 per session, charged to all full-time Master of Museum Studies students in the Faculty of Information (no fee for part-time students).

Museum Studies Student Association	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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			12.50		12.50							
MISC/MUSSA Tech Levy (discontinue after Winter 2024)									20.00	10.00	20.00	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$12.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$12.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Change from Previous Year			-37.5% (\$7.50)	-100.0% (\$10.00)	-37.5% (\$7.50)	-100.0% (\$10.00)			0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -

**Recommendation**

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Museum Studies Student Association society fee be established at \$12.50 per session and charged to all full-time Master of Museum Studies students in the Faculty of Information.

**Students' Law Society (SLS)**

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**Background**

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the SLS fee was \$45.00 per session, charged to all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Law (\$22.50 per session for part-time students). This included \$15.00 per session for the Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program portion of the fee (\$7.50 per fall for part-time students).

## Request

1. An increase in the Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 16, 2024, to March 18, 2024, in which undergraduate students in the Faculty of Law were asked to support an increase in the dedicated Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program portion of the SLS fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

*On February 12 and 15, SLAC and SFC respectively passed resolutions instructing the Executive to carry out a referendum on the following question:*

*Do you approve of the SLS Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program Fee increasing from:*

*\$15.00/semester to \$20.00/semester for full-time students; and  
\$7.50/semester to \$10.00/semester for part-time students?*

*Yes / No / Abstain*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	145 (61.4%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	669
No:	65 (27.5%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	236
Abstain:	26 (11.0%)		(35.3%)
Total ballots:	236		

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

## Summary of Changes

If approved, the fall/winter SLS fee will be \$50.00 per session, charged to all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Law (\$25.00 for part-time students).

Students' Law Society	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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			30.00	15.00	30.00	15.00			30.00	15.00	30.00	15.00
Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program (refundable)			20.00	10.00	20.00	10.00			15.00	7.50	15.00	7.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>			<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$22.50</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$22.50</b>
Change from Previous Year			+11.1%	+11.1%	+11.1%	+11.1%			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
			\$5.00	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$2.50			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

## Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Students' Law Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$5.00 per fall and winter session in the Public Interest Advocacy Summer Employment Program portion of the fee (\$2.50 for part-time students).

## Undergraduate Pharmacy Society (UPS)

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### Background

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the UPS fee was \$36.98 per session, charged to all full-time Doctor of Pharmacy students in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. This included \$18.00 per session for the society portion of the fee.

### Referendum

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

At its meeting, held on March 26, 2024, the UPS 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.

### Summary of Changes

If approved, the fall/winter UPS fee will be \$37.59 per session, charged to all full-time Doctor of Pharmacy students in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

Undergraduate Pharmacy Society	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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)			18.61		18.61				18.00		18.00	
Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns			10.48		10.48				10.48		10.48	
Class Fund			8.50		8.50				8.50		8.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$37.59</b>		<b>\$37.59</b>				<b>\$36.98</b>		<b>\$36.98</b>	
Change from Previous Year			+1.6% \$0.61		+1.6% \$0.61				0.0% \$ -		0.0% \$ -	

### Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Undergraduate Pharmacy Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.61 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee.

## University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU)

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### Background

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the UTGSU fee was \$440.21 per fall session and \$440.17 per winter session, charged to all full-time graduate students on all campuses (\$412.77 per fall session and \$412.74 per winter session for part-time students). The fee included:

- \$35.71 per fall session and \$35.70 per winter session for the society portion of the fee (\$17.86 per fall session and \$17.85 per winter session for part-time students);
- \$255.62 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time & part-time);



- \$129.68 per fall session and \$129.67 per winter session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time & part-time);
- \$1.50 per session for the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.75 per session for part-time students);
- \$9.67 per fall session and \$9.66 per winter session for the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee (\$4.84 per fall session and \$4.83 per winter session for part-time students);
- \$3.16 per fall session and \$3.15 per winter session for the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (\$1.58 per session for part-time students); and
- \$0.62 per session for the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.31 per 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 18, 2024, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request 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 did not receive any complaints.

### 2. An inflationary increase in the Health Plan portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the UTGSU 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 18, 2024, the UTGSU 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. A cost-of-living increase in the Bikechain portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in 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 portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students 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 18, 2024, the UTGSU Board of Directors will consider a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in 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. An increase in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee.  
A referendum was held from March 26, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which graduate students on all campuses were asked to support an increase in the dedicated Sexual Education Centre portion of the UTGSU fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

*The University of Toronto Sexual Education Centre (SEC) has operated since 1976 to provide students with access to safer sex supplies and information about sex and sexuality. We offer students and the wider community free condoms, personal lubricant, and menstrual supplies, and provide education about consent, pleasure, contraceptives, and more through in-office peer education and presentations in the community. To continue serving the student body, and to meet current demand for menstrual products and condoms, we request a levy increase from \$0.31/semester (\$0.62/year) to \$0.50 /semester (\$1.00/year) for part-time graduate students and from \$0.62/semester (\$1.24/year) to \$1.00/semester (\$2.00/year) for full-time graduate students, adjusted annually in accordance with the Ontario Consumer Price Index, to come into effect for Fall 2024.*

**Question**

*Do you agree to a levy increase for the Sexual Education Centre resulting in \$0.50/semester (part-time student) and \$1.00/semester (full-time student) fees for each UTGSU member, adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Ontario Consumer Price Index, to come into effect for Fall 2024?*

- *Yes, I support the levy increase*
- *No, I do not support the levy increase*
- *Abstain*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	957 (61.5%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	20,341
No:	326 (21.0%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	1,556
Abstain:	273 (17.5%)		(7.6%)
Total ballots:	1,556		

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

8. Establishment of a Regenesi s portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 26, 2024, to March 29, 2024, in which graduate students on all campuses were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Regenesi s portion of the UTGSU fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

*Regenesi s is an environmental organization at the University of Toronto.*

*We are seeking the consent of UTGSU members to help fund Regenesi s programs and initiatives. Starting in Fall 2024, each UTGSU member will pay a fee of \$7.23 per session and will be able to obtain a refund of said fee through Regenesi s.*

*Regenesi s would be required to spend all the collected fees on its environmental and community-related projects and initiatives. The collected fees would go towards supporting environmental initiatives and programming on/near the three UofT campuses, including:*

- *Free Stores that provide students free clothes, books and other items while diverting local waste (donations, lost and found, resident move-out)*
- *Food co-operatives that address student food insecurity with programs that provide affordable options for meals and groceries.*
- *Growing produce at our Dig In! Campus Agriculture community gardens and greenhouse. The produce is provided to students for free.*
- *Item libraries that lend items to students that might be too expensive, too large, or aren't often used – this would include tools, board games, camping equipment, media equipment, and other items.*
- *Reuse centres that provide free repair, resize and restyle of clothing, repair electronics, and repair/reuse of other items to reduce waste.*
- *A Community Bike Centre that provides free and low-cost bike repair, services, and education [Scarborough Only, as similar programs exist at UTSG and UTM already]*

**Question**

*Do you agree to a levy of \$7.23 per Fall & Winter session for each full-time UTGSU member and \$3.62 per Fall & Winter session for each part-time UTGSU member; adjusted annually in accordance with the Ontario Consumer Price Index?*

- *Yes, I support the funding Regenesi s UofT*
- *No, I do not support funding Regenesi s UofT*
- *Abstain*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	878 (56.4%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	20,341
No:	373 (24.0%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	1,556
Abstain:	305 (19.6%)		(7.6%)
Total ballots:	1,556		

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

## Summary of Changes

If approved, the total fall/winter UTGSU fee will be \$476.79 per fall session and \$476.77 per winter session, charged to all full-time graduate students on all campuses (\$444.95 per fall session and \$444.93 per winter session for part-time students).

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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)			36.92	18.46	36.92	18.46			35.71	17.86	35.70	17.85
Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to health industry index permitted without referendum; refundable)			272.97	272.97	272.96	272.96			255.62	255.62	255.62	255.62
Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to dental industry index permitted without referendum; refundable)			140.11	140.11	140.11	140.11			129.68	129.68	129.67	129.67
Bikechain (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)			1.55	0.78	1.55	0.77			1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75
Canadian Federation of Students (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			10.00	5.00	9.99	5.00			9.67	4.84	9.66	4.83
Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)			3.26	1.63	3.26	1.63			3.16	1.58	3.15	1.58
Downtown Legal Services (refundable)			1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75			1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75
Environmental Resource Network (refundable)			0.25	0.13	0.25	0.13			0.25	0.13	0.25	0.13
Regenesis (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)			7.23	3.62	7.23	3.62						
Sexual Education Centre (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			1.00	0.50	1.00	0.50			0.62	0.31	0.62	0.31
Students for Barrier-Free Access			2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00			2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Women's Centre (discontinue after Summer 2024)									0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$476.79</b>	<b>\$444.95</b>	<b>\$476.77</b>	<b>\$444.93</b>			<b>\$440.21</b>	<b>\$412.77</b>	<b>\$440.17</b>	<b>\$412.74</b>
Change from Previous Year			+8.3%	+7.8%	+8.3%	+7.8%			+13.7%	+14.2%	+13.7%	+14.2%
			\$36.58	\$32.18	\$36.60	\$32.19			\$53.01	\$51.31	\$53.01	\$51.31

## Recommendations

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.21 per fall session and \$1.22 per winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.60 per fall session and \$0.61 per winter session for part-time students);
- (b) an increase of \$17.35 per fall session and \$17.34 per winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time & part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$10.43 per fall session and \$10.44 per winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time & part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.05 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.03 per fall session and \$0.02 per winter session for part-time students);
- (e) an increase of \$0.33 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee (\$0.16 per fall session and \$0.17 per winter session for part-time students); and
- (f) an increase of up to \$0.10 per fall session and \$0.11 per winter session in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (up to \$0.05 per session for part-time students).

THAT, subject to ratification of referendum results by the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union Board of Directors, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.38 per session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.19 per session for part-time students); and
- (b) the establishment of \$7.23 per session in the Regenesys portion of the fee (\$3.62 for part-time students).

## University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU)

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### Background

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the UTSU fee was \$301.84 per fall session and \$303.11 per winter session for all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus and Toronto School of Theology students. The fee included:

- \$22.33 per session for the society portion of the fee;
- \$122.71 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- \$102.58 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- \$16.15 per fall session and \$16.63 per winter session for the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee;
- \$7.87 per fall session and \$8.66 per winter session for the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee;
- \$0.61 per session for the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- \$9.42 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee;
- \$2.00 per session for the Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the fee;
- \$3.77 per session for the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- \$2.07 per session for the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee;
- \$0.25 per session for the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee; and
- \$3.00 per fall and winter session for the Student Aid Program Fund portion of the fee.

## Requests

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

At its meeting, held on March 17, 2024, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request 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. [An inflationary increase in the Health Plan portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting, held on March 17, 2024, 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 17, 2024, 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 17, 2024, 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 17, 2024, 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 17, 2024, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in 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 portion of the fee.

At its meeting, held on March 17, 2024, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students 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 in the Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the fee.

At its meeting, held on March 17, 2024, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Community Housing & Employment Support 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. A cost-of-living increase in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee.

At its meeting, held on March 17, 2024, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in 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.

10. A cost-of-living increase in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

At its meeting, held on March 17, 2024, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated 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.

11. An increase in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee and establishment of a cost-of-living allowance.

A referendum was held from March 4, 2024, to March 7, 2024, in which full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus and Toronto School of Theology students were asked to support an increase in the dedicated Sexual Education Centre portion of the UTSU fee and the establishment of a cost-of-living allowance for that portion. The wording of the question was as follows:

**Preamble**

*The University of Toronto Sexual Education Centre (SEC) has operated since 1976 to provide students with access to safer sex supplies and information about sex and sexuality. We offer students and the wider community free condoms, personal lubricant, and menstrual supplies, and provide education about consent, pleasure, contraceptives, and more through in-office peer education and presentations in the community. In 1996, we secured a \$0.25 per semester levy from UTSU members, which has not increased in the 25+ years since. To continue serving the student body, and to meet current demand for menstrual products and condoms, we request a levy increase to \$0.75 per semester, adjusted annually in accordance with the Ontario Consumer Price Index.*

**Question**

*Do you agree to a \$0.50 per semester increase to the University of Toronto Sexual Education Centre (SEC) levy, resulting in a fee of \$0.75 per semester for each UTSU member beginning in Fall 2024, adjusted annually in accordance with the Ontario Consumer Price Index?*

*Yes / No / Abstain*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	2,096 (38.3%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	41,730
No:	1,373 (25.1%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	5,476
Abstain:	2,007 (36.7%)		(13.1%)
Total ballots:	5,476		

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

12. [An increase in the Student Aid Program Fund portion of the fee.](#)

A referendum was held from March 4, 2024, to March 7, 2024, in which full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus and Toronto School of Theology students 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 Student’s Union (UTSU) understands that students are experiencing an unprecedented affordability crisis. To help mitigate that issue, we offer financial assistance through the Student Aid Program (SAP), allowing students to request up to 500 dollars for their housing, transit, academic, and other needs. Through three previously approved referenda, UTSU members now contribute \$3.00 per semester to fund the SAP. This program has been highly successful, timely, and well-used by U of T students. To continue serving the student body and meet the current demand for financial aid, we request that the levy be increased to \$5.00 per semester.*



**Question**

*Do you agree to a \$2.00 per semester increase to the Student Aid Program (SAP) levy, resulting in a fee of \$5.00 per semester for each UTSU member beginning in Fall 2024, in order to help make education more affordable, equitable, and accessible to all?*

*Yes / No / Abstain*

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	1,964 (35.9%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	41,730
No:	1,310 (23.9%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	5,476
Abstain:	2,202 (40.2%)		(13.1%)
Total ballots:	5,476		

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

**Summary of Changes**

If approved, the total fall/winter UTSU fee will be \$319.37 per fall session and \$320.74 per winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus.

University of Toronto Students' Union	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	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)	22.33		23.09		23.09		21.07		22.33		22.33	
Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable)			129.46		129.46				122.71		122.71	
Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable)			108.22		108.22				102.58		102.58	
Student Commons Capital Levy (inflationary increases of up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved Fall 2007; through 2043-44; referendum required for continuation)	16.63		16.63		17.13		16.15		16.15		16.63	
Student Commons Operating Levy (inflationary increases of up to 10% permitted without referendum)	8.66		8.66		9.53		7.87		7.87		8.66	
Accessibility Resources Fund (through 2021-22; referendum required for continuation; established Spring 2017)			0.50		0.50				0.50		0.50	
Aerospace Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation; refundable)			2.00		2.00				2.00		2.00	
Bikechain (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)	0.61		0.63		0.63		0.58		0.61		0.61	
Blue Sky Solar Racing Car (refundable)	0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13	
Canadian Federation of Students (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)	9.42		9.74		9.74		8.86		9.42		9.42	
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	

University of Toronto Students' Union (cont.)	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Cinema Studies Students' Union (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
Community Housing & Employment Support Services (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)	2.00		2.07		2.07				2.00		2.00	
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)	3.77		3.90		3.90		3.56		3.77		3.77	
Environmental Resource Network (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
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 Centre (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)	0.25		0.75		0.75		0.25		0.25		0.25	
Student Aid Program Fund			5.00		5.00				3.00		3.00	
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)	2.07		2.14		2.14		1.95		2.07		2.07	
Wheelchair Accessibility Projects	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$72.07</b>		<b>\$319.37</b>		<b>\$320.74</b>		<b>\$66.62</b>		<b>\$301.85</b>		<b>\$303.12</b>	
Change from Previous Year	+8.2% \$5.45		+5.8% \$17.53		+5.8% \$17.63		+6.4% \$4.03		+4.1% \$11.94		+4.1% \$12.02	

## Recommendations

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the University of Toronto Students' Union (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.76 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$6.75 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (c) an increase of \$5.64 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.02 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (e) an increase of \$0.32 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee;
- (f) an increase of \$0.07 per session in the Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the fee;
- (g) an increase of \$0.13 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee;
- (h) an increase of \$0.07 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee;
- (i) an increase of \$0.50 per session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee; and
- (j) an increase of \$2.00 per fall and winter session in the Student Aid Program portion of the fee.

THAT, beginning in the Winter 2025 session, the University of Toronto Students' Union (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.50 per session in the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.87 per session in the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

## Varsity Publications

### Background

In Fall/Winter 2023-24, the Varsity Publications society fee was \$0.93 per session for all full-time graduate students on all campuses and \$3.23 per session for all full-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

### Request

1. An increase in the society fee.

At its meeting, held on March 28, 2024, the Varsity Productions Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the society fee.

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

### Summary of Changes

If approved, the total fall/winter Varsity Publications society fee will be \$0.96 per session, charged to all for full-time graduate students on all campuses, and \$3.34 per session, charged to all for full-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Varsity Publications (Graduate)	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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)	0.93		0.96		0.96		0.88		0.93		0.93	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.93</b>		<b>\$0.96</b>		<b>\$0.96</b>		<b>\$0.88</b>		<b>\$0.93</b>		<b>\$0.93</b>	
Change from Previous Year	+5.7%		+3.2%		+3.2%		+3.5%		+5.7%		+5.7%	
	\$0.05		\$0.03		\$0.03		\$0.03		\$0.05		\$0.05	

Varsity Publications (Undergraduate)	Summer 2024		Fall 2024		Winter 2025		Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024	
	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)	3.23		3.34		3.34		3.05		3.23		3.23	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3.23</b>		<b>\$3.34</b>		<b>\$3.34</b>		<b>\$3.05</b>		<b>\$3.23</b>		<b>\$3.23</b>	
Change from Previous Year	+5.9%		+3.4%		+3.4%		+3.4%		+5.9%		+5.9%	
	\$0.18		\$0.11		\$0.11		\$0.10		\$0.18		\$0.18	

### Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2024 session, the Varsity Publications society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the society fee for graduate students; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.11 per session in the society fee for undergraduate students.