



MEMORANDUM

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

From: David Newman

Date: April 24, 2013

Subject: **Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases**

Requests from a number of student societies for the fee changes listed below have been received by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students. 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 2 of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* outlines the University's general expectations:

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

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

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

Evidence that the request to change the existing fee (or to institute a new charge) has been authorized by due constitutional process of the organization. This evidence should include a copy of or specific reference to the section of the society's constitution which relates to the mechanism for fee changes, minutes of the meeting at

which the resolution to request the change was passed, details and results of any referenda related to the subject which may have been held within the division, and publicity given the matter to ensure that those who may be affected by the change are aware of the proposal, including size and purpose of the increase, and have had the opportunity to make their views known.

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

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

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

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

Societies which have previously received approval (by referendum) from their members for an annual cost of living increase in the society's portion of the fee may request increases, upon approval by the society's board or council, of up to the previous Ontario December to December cost of living increase (consumer price index) calculated by Statistics Canada. The December 2012 consumer price index for Ontario was 0.8%.

Where members of a society have given consent (through a previous referendum) to the concept of inflationary increases according to a specific inflation factor or measure, this factor or measure may be used in place of CPI. For example, the Students' Administrative Council (SAC)¹, the Graduate Students' Union (GSU), the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS), and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) may request increases in the designated portions of their fees for health and dental plans at a rate established by approval of a previous referendum. SAC, APUS and SCSU may request increases in their health and dental plan fees of up to 10%. The GSU may request increases in its health and dental plan fees of an amount less than or equal to a health industry index.

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

In addition, the administration relies heavily on the assurances of student societies that due constitutional and fair procedures have been followed.

¹ The Students' Administrative Council is currently operating as the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU).

Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the APUS fee was \$92.55 per session charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses. The fee includes \$3.65 per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O).

Requests

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

At its meeting held on April 3, 2013, the APUS Assembly of Class Representatives approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)** fee be increased as follows: (a) by \$0.06 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) / CFS-Ontario portion of the fee. If approved, the total APUS fee will be \$92.61 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Engineering Society

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the total Engineering Society fee was \$161.47 per session for full-time Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering students (\$22.11 per session for part-time students and Professional Experience Year (PEY) students). The fee includes \$23.52 per session (\$22.11 part-time) for the society; \$2.75 per session (\$0.00 part-time) for the Formula SAE Racing Team; \$75.00 per session (\$0.00 part-time) for a Special Projects Levy; \$1.25 per session (\$0.00) for a Human Powered Vehicle Design project; \$1.25 per session (\$0.00 part-time) for Engineers Without Borders; \$50.00 per session (\$0.00 part-

time) for An Endowment Fund; and \$1.25 per session (\$0.00 part-time) for the Robotics Association. The mandates to continue to charge the Formula SAE Racing Team, Special Projects Levy, Human Powered Vehicle Design, Engineers Without Borders, and the Robotics Association portions of the fee end this year.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on February 20th, 2013 the University of Toronto Engineering Society Council approved a resolution for a cost of living increase in the society portion of the fee.

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

- 2) The continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held From March 28-April 3, 2013, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to continue the levy for the Formula SAE team. The levy will be \$5.50 per session per student (\$2.75 per Fall & Winter academic sessions).

If the levy is approved, it will continue to be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in fall 2013 and fall 2014. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2014/15 session.

Question

Are you in favour of the FSAE Levy as described above?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	437	51.5%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	377	44.4%	Voter Turnout	849	18.2%
SPOILED	35	4.1%			
TOTAL	849				

In course of considering this request, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students has

not received any complaints concerning the process leading up to the request.

- 3) The continuation and decrease of the Special Projects Levy portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held from March 6-8, 2013 in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is proposing that the Temporary Special Levy be continued and decreased from \$150 per year (\$75 per session) to \$125 per year (\$62.50 per session) for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

The fund has been crucial to the improvement of the undergraduate academic experience since its creation in 1983. The fund has been used to benefit all departments, paying for new computers for the ECF labs, for experiment set ups and tutorial demonstrations for all departments, and for tutor training for the Engineering Society tutoring service. The purpose of the fund is the purchase of equipment or services, such as laboratory setups, computer lab updates, and tutoring services that will directly enhance the engineering undergraduate education. In 2012-13, the fund enabled the creation of new study spaces in the Engineering and Computer Science Library and in the Bahen Centre

At the end of each fiscal year, the leftover funds that have not been spent due to lack of qualifying submissions may be transferred to the Skule™ Endowment Fund if approved by the elected Engineering Society board of Directors, which includes representatives from each discipline.

Question

Are you in favour of continuing and decreasing the Temporary Special Levy as described in the above preamble?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	490	81.8%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	101	16.9%	Voter Turnout	599	12.8%
SPOILED	8	1.3%			
TOTAL	599				

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

- 4) The continuation of the Human Powered Vehicle Design project portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held March 28 – April 3, 2013, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to continue the levy for the Human Powered Vehicle Design Team (HPVDT). The levy will be \$1.25 per session per student (\$2.50 per fall & winter academic sessions).

If the levy is approved, it will continue to be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in fall 2013 and fall 2014. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2014/2015 session.

Question

Are you in favour of continuing the HPVDT levy as described above?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	465	59.2%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	296	37.7%	Voter Turnout	786	16.9%
SPOILED	25	3.2%			
TOTAL	786				

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

- 5) The continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held March 28 - April 3, 2013 in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to continue the levy for the Engineers Without Borders – University of Toronto Chapter (EWB). The levy will be \$1.25 per session per student (\$2.50 per Fall & Winter academic sessions).

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If the levy is approved, it will continue to be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in fall 2013 and fall 2014. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2014/2015 session.

Question

Are you in favour of continuing the EWB levy as described above?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	502	59.5%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	328	38.9%	Voter Turnout	843	18.1%
SPOILED	13	1.5%			
TOTAL	843				

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

- 6) The continuation of the Endowment Fund portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held from March 6-8, 2013, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is proposing continuation of the Skule™ Endowment Fund levy of \$100 per year (\$50 per session) for the years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

The Skule™ Endowment Fund was established by referendum in the spring of 2011. Since then a total of \$857,038 has been collected. Since 1983, engineering students have paid into the Temporary Special Levy, initially \$100 per year until 2009 when it was increased to \$150. This fund is expended annually by engineering departments to pay for laboratory equipment, academic facilities and computer labs. The Endowment Fund is intended to gradually eliminate the need for future students to pay this levy.

The goals of the Skule™ Endowment Fund are:

- Establish a permanent endowment for improvement of student facilities, academic facilities, and student club funding*
- In the short term, reduce the cost of the Temporary Special Levy by offsetting it with income from the Endowment Fund*
- In the long term, replace the Temporary Special Levy with the associated gains of the Endowment Fund*

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- *Create a long-term financial plan for provision of capital projects such as building renovations and construction of new student space*

The Engineering Society has reached an agreement with the University of Toronto that allows the funds to be held and invested by the University in trust while elected student representatives retain control over the use of any income or principal.

Interest earned from the principal collected through the levy may be used each year to fund academic and student life improvements following the same procedure as the existing Temporary Special Levy. Capital improvements previously funded through similar student levies include the renovation of the Sandford Fleming Atrium and the Engineering and Computer Science library. The levy for the Endowment Fund will be renewed by referendum every two years.

In addition, the principal of the fund can be spent on capital projects such as building renovations and student space construction in the future when the need arises. Such decisions will be made by elected student representatives with the Engineering Society. The Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering is currently in the process of fundraising for the construction of an entirely new engineering building on St. George St. adjacent to the Galbraith Building. At this early stage, capital contributions from students through the Endowment Fund may be able to provide substantially superior student facilities in this new building, thereby improving student experience in the Faculty for decades to come.

An example of such a student-run Endowment Fund has been in place at the University of Waterloo since 1990. The Waterloo Engineering Education Foundation (WEEF) has collected more than \$9 million to date and distributes up to \$400,000 per year to student clubs, departments, and special projects.

Students will be able to opt out by November 1 of each year, and a cheque for the amount paid will be cut, payable to them, by the Engineering Society.

Question

Are you in favour of continuing the Skule™ Endowment Fund levy as described in the above preamble?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	417	75.1%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	131	23.6%	Voter Turnout	555	11.9%
SPOILED	7	1.3%			
TOTAL	555				

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

- 7) The continuation and increase of the Robotics Association portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held March 28 – April 3, 2013, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members to continue and increase the levy for the University of Toronto Robotics Association (UTRA). The levy will be \$1.50 per session per student (\$3.00 per Fall & Winter academic sessions).

If the levy is approved, it will continue to be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in fall 2013 and fall 2014. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2014/2015 session.

Question

Are you in favour of continuing the UTRA levy as described above?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	488	57.5%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	333	39.2%	Voter Turnout	849	18.2%
SPOILED	28	3.3%			
TOTAL	849				

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

- 8) The establishment of a Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held From March 28-April 3, 2013, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the establishment of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members for the establishment of University of Toronto Concrete Canoe (UTCC) levy from of \$0.90 per session (\$1.80 per fall & winter academic sessions).

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If the levy is approved, it will be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in Fall 2013 and Fall 2014. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2014/2015 session.

To see the group's budget and a letter detailing the request, visit: <http://skule.ca/fees/>.

Question

Are you in favour of the UofT Concrete Canoe levy as described above?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	428	52.9%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	358	44.3%	Voter Turnout	809	17.4%
SPOILED	23	2.8%			
TOTAL	809				

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

- 9) The establishment of a Blue Sky Solar Racing Team portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held from March 28-April 3, 2013, in which Applied Science & Engineering students were asked to support the establishment of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Engineering Society is seeking consent from its members for the establishment of the Blue Sky Solar Racing (BSSR) levy of \$2.75 per session (\$5.50 per Fall & Winter academic sessions).

If the levy is approved, it will be charged to all full-time undergraduate Applied Science and Engineering students in Fall 2013 and Fall 2014. Subsequent referendum approval will be required to continue the fee after the 2014/2015 session.

To see the group's budget and a letter detailing the request, visit: <http://skule.ca/fees/>.

Question

Are you in favour of the Blue Sky Solar Racing (BSSR) as described above?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	564	59.1%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,662	
NO	351	36.8%	Voter Turnout	954	20.5%
SPOILED	39	4.1%			
TOTAL	954				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendations

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Engineering Society** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.19 (\$0.18 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) continuation of the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through 2014-15; (c) continuation of and decrease of the Special Projects Levy portion of the fee of \$62.50 (\$0.00 part-time) through 2014-15; (d) continuation of the Human Power Vehicle Design portion of the fee through 2014-15; (e) continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through 2014-15; (f) the continuation of the Endowment Fund portion of the fee through 2014-15; (g) the continuation and increase of the Robotics Association portion of the fee \$1.50 (\$0.00 part-time) through 2014-15; (h) the establishment of a Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee \$0.90 (\$0.00 part-time) through 2014-15; (i) the establishment of a Blue Sky Solar Racing Team portion of the fee \$2.75 (\$0.00 part-time) through 2014-15. If approved, the total Engineering Society fee will be decreased to \$153.06 (\$22.29 part-time) per session, charged to all Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering students.

Association of Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS)

Background

At present, the EPUS fee includes an \$88.20 per session fee in the summer for a Mississauga Transit U-Pass for all part-time undergraduate University of Toronto Mississauga students.

Requests

- 1) An inflationary increase in the summer Mississauga Transit U-Pass portion of the fee.

In accordance with the original referendum question, EPUS may request increases to the Mississauga Transit U-Pass portion of the fee of up to 9.0% upon approval of a resolution by the Executive Committee of EPUS.

At its meeting held on October 19, 2012, the EPUS Board approved the resolution to request inflationary increases to the summer Mississauga Transit U-Pass portion of the fee.

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

- 2) The cancellation of fee collection on behalf of EPUS effective in the Fall 2013 session.

A referendum was held from March 26-28, 2013, in which UTM part-time undergraduate students were asked to support the permanent folding of the EPUS organization into the Erindale College Students Union (UTMSU). Part-time Students at UTM would continue to also be members of the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS). The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The University of Toronto Mississauga Students Union (UTMSU) [legally operating as the Erindale College Student Union, Inc] and the Association of Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS) are seeking consent from Part-Time Undergraduate Students at UTM to:

(1) Dissolve the Association Of Erindale Part-Time Undergraduate Students' (EPUS) effective August 31, 2013.

(2) Obtain part-time undergraduate membership in and representation by UTMSU effective September 1, 2013.

If these changes are approved,

(1) the EPUS Membership Fee of \$76.35 per Fall and Winter session and \$93.95 per Summer session will cease to be collected as of August 31, 2013;*

*(2) A total UTMSU Membership Fee** of \$90.49 per Fall and Winter session and \$107.84 per Summer session will be charged to all part-time undergraduate students at UTM effective the Fall 2013 and Summer 2014 sessions respectively;*

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(3) Annual cost of living and inflationary increases (determined as per the Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index for Ontario, except where expressly indicated otherwise on the back of this ballot) will be applied to the relevant designated portions of the UTMSU Membership Fee effective the Fall 2013 and Summer 2014 sessions respectively;

(4) Effective June 1st, 2013 the EPUS Membership Fee for summer 2013 will be administered in trust by the UTMSU.

Question:

Are you in favour of the changes in membership and fees as described in the preamble?

Yes / No

Note: Central representation of Part-Time students at UTM will continue through the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS), and this referendum will not affect membership in or fees payable to APUS.

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	53	75.7%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	761	
NO	16	22.9%	Voter Turnout	70	9.2%
SPOILED	1	1.4%			
TOTAL	70				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the summer 2013 session the **Association of Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase to \$94.12 per session (summer session only) for a Mississauga Transit U-Pass. If approved, the total EPUS fee will be \$99.87 per session in the summer session, charged to all part-time undergraduate UTM students.

AND

THAT, beginning in the fall 2013 session the University of Toronto Cease to recognize and collect student society fees on behalf of the **Association of Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS)**.

Erindale College Student Union (operating as the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union; UTMSU)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the total UTMSU fee was \$105.31 per session for full-time University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) students. The fee includes \$0.98 per session for Academic Societies, \$71.67 per session for the Mississauga Transit UPass and \$1.06 per session for a Student Refugee Program.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on February 28, 2013 the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on February 28, 2013 the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Academic Societies portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on February 28, 2013 the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

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

- 4) An inflationary increase in the Mississauga Transit UPass portion of the fee.

In accordance with the original referendum question, ECSU may request increases to the Mississauga Transit U-Pass portion of the fee of up to 9.0% upon approval of a resolution by the ECSU Board of Directors.

At its meeting held on February 28, 2013 the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the 8-month U-Pass program portion of the fee.

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

- 5) An inflationary increase in the Food Bank and the Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSPERT) portions of the fee.

At its meeting held on February 28, 2013 the UTMSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the Food Bank and the Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSPERT) portion of the fee.

** Please note that the CPI increase for 2013 was not significant enough to alter the dollar value of these two fees. The increase will however be taken into account as the base number for the calculation of next year's CPI increase.*

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

- 6) The establishment of fees for part-time students as per the 2013 EPUS Referendum question portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on April 11, 2013 the UTMSU Board approved resolutions to adopt a fee schedule for part-time students as dictated by the results of the 2013 EPUS Referendum.

The adopted fee schedule for part-time students is as follows:

Society (cost of living increases permitted)	\$1.00
Student Centre Levy	\$3.75
Mississauga Transit U-Pass (Increases up to 9% permitted without referendum)	\$78.12
On Campus First Aid Emergency Response (cost of living increases permitted)	\$0.51
Blind Duck Pub (refundable)	\$3.25
Club Funding and Resources	\$1.26
Academic Societies (cost of living increases permitted as per Statistics Canada Ontario CPI)	\$0.99

Food Bank (cost of living increases permitted as per Statistics Canada Ontario CPI)	\$0.54
Student Refugee Program (cost of living increases permitted as per Statistics Canada Ontario CPI)	\$1.07
TOTAL	\$90.49

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Erindale College Student Union (operating as the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union; UTMSU)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.11 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Academic Societies portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; and (d) an increase of \$6.45 per session in the Mississauga Transit UPass portion of the fee. If approved, the total ECSU fee will be increased to \$111.89 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Mississauga students.

AND

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Erindale College Student Union (operating as the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union; UTMSU)** begin collecting fees from UTM part-time undergraduate students as per the approved part-time fee schedule. If approved, the total ECSU fee will be \$90.49 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate University of Toronto at Mississauga students.

Graduate Students' Union (GSU)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the GSU fee was \$233.00 per session for full-time graduate students (\$99.98 for part-time graduate students). The fee includes \$7.70 per session for full-time students (\$3.85 per session for part-time students) designated for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O); \$110.87 (including an administration fee and sales tax) per session for Supplementary Health Coverage (full-time only); and \$77.82 (including an administration fee and sales tax) per session for a Dental Plan (full-time and part-time).

Requests

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

In accordance with the original referendum question, the GSU may request increases to the CFS/CFS-O levy by an amount identified by CFS/CFS-O upon approval of a resolution by the Council of the GSU.

At its meeting held on March 25, 2013, the GSU Council approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 25, 2013, the GSU Council approved a resolution to request a decrease in the Supplemental Health Coverage portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 25, 2013, the GSU Council approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Graduate Students' Union** (GSU) fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.11 (\$0.05 part-time) per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$5.80 (full-time students only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Supplementary Health Coverage portion of the fee; and (c) an increase of \$5.87 (\$5.87 part-time) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total GSU fee will be increased to \$244.78 per session (\$105.90 part-time), charged to all graduate students.

Innis College Residence Council (ICRC)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the MISC fee was \$20.00 per session for full-time Innis College Residence students (\$0 for part-time students). The fee includes \$20.00 (\$0.00 part-time) per session designated for the society.

Requests

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

A referendum was held February 4, 2013, in which Innis College Residence students were asked to support the increase to the society portion of the fee. The referendum question is as follows:

Preamble

The Innis Residence Council is seeking consent from its members for an increase to the Innis Residence Council fee. The proposed increase is \$20 per year as well as a yearly cost of living increase tied to the yearly percent change in the Innis Residence student fees.

If the increase is approved, the total fee for the Innis Residence Council would be \$60 per year starting in fall 2013, and would be charged to all full-time students living in Innis Residence. In following years the fee would be \$60, plus a percent change based on the Innis Residence Fees, plus the cumulative cost of living increases from years since fall 2013.

Question:

Are you in favour of an increase in the Innis Residence Council fee as described in the preamble?

Yes / No / Abstain

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	112	57.7%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	327	
NO	17	8.8%	Voter Turnout	194	59.3%
SPOILED	65	33.5%			
TOTAL	194				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Innis College Residence Council (ICRC)** fee be continued as follows: (a) an increase of \$10.00 per student per session (\$0 part-time) to the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total ICRC fee will be \$30.00 (\$0 part-time) per session, charged to all Innis College Residence students.

Master of Information Student Council (MISC)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the MISC fee was \$62.50 per session for full-time Faculty of Information students (\$31.25 for part-time students). The fee includes \$50.00 (\$25.00 part-time) per session designated for a Technology Upgrade Fund. The mandate to continue to collect the Technology Upgrade Fund ends this year.

Requests

- 2) The continuation of the Technology Upgrade Fund portion of the fee through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held March 27-29, 2013, in which Masters of Information students were asked to support the continuation of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Mater of Information Student Council is seeking consent from the Master of Information students for the continuity of the Technology (Upgrade) Fund special level. The proposed fee would stay at \$50 dollars per session for full-time students and \$25 per session for part-0time students.

Question

Are you in favour of the continuity of the Technology Upgrade Fund in the Master of Information fees as described in the preamble?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	103	92.8%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	433	
NO	8	7.2%	Voter Turnout	111	25.6%
SPOILED	0	0.0%			
TOTAL	111				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Master of Information Student Council (MISC)** fee be continued as follows: (a) continuation of the Technology Upgrade Fund portion of the fee through 2012-13. If approved, the total MISC fee will continue to be \$62.50 (\$31.25 part-time) per session, charged to all Master of Information students.

Museum Studies Graduate Student Association (MSGSA)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the MSGSA fee was \$50.00 per session for full-time Museum Studies graduate students (\$25.00 for part-time students). The fee includes \$50.00 (\$25.00 part-time) per session designated for a Technology Upgrade Fund. The mandate to continue to collect the Technology Upgrade Fund ends this year.

Requests

- 1) The continuation of the Technology Upgrade Fund levy through the 2014-15 fall/winter academic period.

A referendum was held April 1-4, 2013, in which Museum Studies students were asked to support the establishment of the levy for the next two years. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Museum Studies Graduate Student Association is seeking consent from the Masters of Museum Studies students for the continuity of the Technology (Upgrade) Fund special levy. The proposed fee would stay at \$50 dollars per session for full-time students and \$25 dollars per session for part-time students.

Question

Are you in favor of the continuity of the Technology Upgrade fund in the fees as described in the preamble?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	30	96.8%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	79	
NO	1	3.2%	Voter Turnout	31	39.2%
SPOILED	0	0.0%			
TOTAL	31				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, a **Museum Studies Graduate Students' Association (MSGSA)** fee be continued as follows: (a) the continuation of the Technology Upgrade Fund fee through 2014-15. If approved, the total MSGSA fee will continue to be \$50.00 (\$25.00 part-time) per session, charged to all Museum Studies graduate students.

Medical Society (MedSoc)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the MedSoc fee was \$29.27 per session for all Faculty of Medicine students. The fee includes \$23.77 per session for the society and \$5.50 for the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) portion of the fee.

Requests

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

A referendum was held from April 7 to 13, 2013, in which Faculty of Medicine students were asked to support an increase to the society portion of the fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble:

MedSoc is seeking consent from its members for an increase to the Medical Society fee. The proposed increase, if approved, will be charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Medicine starting in September 2013.

The current MedSoc fee is \$29.27 per student, per fall and winter term.

MedSoc student fees have not increased since 1997. Over the subsequent 16 years:

**The number of MedSoc funded groups has grown in response to student led initiatives from 7 to 78 groups, an over 10 fold increase in leadership, personal and professional development opportunities supported.*

**Inflation has increased by 30.4%, resulting in \$20.10 of lost revenue per student per year.*

**The annual fee MedSoc is required to pay to the Canadian Federation of Medical Students has increased by \$9.00, per student per year to a total of \$20.00 per student.*

If the increase is approved, the total fee for the Medical Society would be \$54.27 per session for full-time students for the fall and winter terms and would take effect in the fall 2013 session.

Question

Are you in favour of an increase in the Medical Society fee as described in the preamble?

Yes/No/Abstain

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	272	62.8%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	987	
NO	143	33.0%	Voter Turnout	433	43.9%
SPOILED	18	4.2%			
TOTAL	433				

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

- 2) An annual CPI increase in the Society and CFMS portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from April 7 to 13, 2013, in which Faculty of Medicine students were asked to support an increase to the CFMS portion of the fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble:

The Medical Society is seeking consent from its members to establish an annual cost of living increase to the Medical Society fee.

The Medical Society is seeking the ability to annually adjust Medical Society fees to reflect inflation as communicated by the University and measured by Statistics Canada (December-over-December) as of December 31 of the previous year. For the December 2011 to December 2012 period, the year over year change in consumer prices for Ontario was 0.8 %.

If the annual cost of living increase is approved, the Medical Society will, on an annual basis in the spring term, determine the amount of increase, up to the maximum level, and seek approval from the University to have this increase become effective to all full-time students of the Faculty of Medicine beginning in the subsequent fall/winter academic session. This increase will begin in the fall of 2014. Question:

Question

Do you approve of the fee change and Constitutional change described in the preamble?

Yes / No / Abstain

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	227	52.4%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	987	
NO	171	39.5%	Voter Turnout	433	43.9%
SPOILED	35	8.1%			
TOTAL	433				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Medical Society (MedSoc)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$20.50 per session in the society portion of the fee; and (b) an increase of \$4.50 in the CFMS designated portion of the fee. If approved, the total MedSoc fee will be \$54.27 per session, charged to all Faculty of Medicine students.

Faculty of Music Undergraduate Association (FMUA)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the FMUA fee was \$7.50 per session for all Faculty of Music students.

Requests

- 1) The establishment of a Special Levy portion of the fee through the 2015-16 academic period.

A referendum was held from March 11-15, 2013, in which Music students were asked to support the establishment of the Special Levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble:

The FMUA requires the vote of its members regarding the establishment of a special levy portion of the FMUA society fee, which is currently \$7.50 per session.

If approved as a special fee, the proposed increase would be charged to all full time and part time Faculty of Music Undergraduate Students beginning in the 2013 Fall Session. It would be reviewed in the Winter of 2016, requiring a referendum vote for continuation.

The special portion of the FMUA society fee would be implemented over three academic years in the following increments:

2013-2014 - \$300.00 per session;

2014-2015 - \$450.00 per session;

2015-2016 - \$600.00 per session.

The total FMUA society fee per academic year would therefore be:

2013-2014 - \$615.00;

2014-2015 - \$915.00;

2015-2016 - \$1,215.00.

The increase is proposed to cover the direct costs associated with the following Faculty of Music co-curricular student services including: FMUA services and events, theatre and student activity space improvement, external/extracurricular performance opportunities, career and development workshops, free concerts and complimentary tickets, student recording services, class accompanists.

Question

Are you in favour of the establishment of a special levy, as outlined in the preamble, to cover the special costs associated with student services at the Faculty of Music?

Yes/No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	193	66.6%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	567	
NO	97	33.4%	Voter Turnout	290	51.1%
SPOILED	0	0.0%			
TOTAL	290				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Faculty of Music Undergraduate Association (FMUA)** fee be increased as follows: (a) the establishment of a Special Levy portion of the fee of \$300.00 per session (to be increased to \$450.00 in 2014-15 and to \$600 in 2015-16). If approved, the total FMUA fee will be \$307.50 per session, charged to all undergraduate Faculty of Music students.

New College Student Council (NCSC)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the NCSC fee was \$17.00 per session (\$7.00 part-time for all New College students. The fee includes \$16.00 per session (\$6.00 part-time) for the society

and \$1.00 per session (both full and part-time) for the Admission Scholarships portion of the fee.

Requests

- 1) The establishment of a Computer Levy portion of the fee through the 2017-18 academic period.

A referendum was held from January 16-18, 2013, in which New College students were asked to support the establishment of the Computer Levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

From 1998 until 2011, New College students participated in a levy to fund the operation of the New College Student Computing Facility now located in the D. G. Ivey Library. In this period, this levy has funded the computing equipment upgrades and the operation of the Facility. New College funded the recent relocation of the Facility to the Library as well as the networking connection upgrade to 1 Gigabit.

Question:

Are you in favour of re-instating the levy to continue funding the New College Student Computing Facility? The levy will have the following provisions:

- *The fees collected by the levy shall fund the operation and maintenance of the New College Student Computing Facility including the remuneration of staff to manage the day-to-day operation of the services and facilities.*
- *In response to student demand, the levy shall fund a walk-in, trouble-shooting clinic for students' personal portable computing devices.*
- *The levy shall fund computer hardware and software upgrades as well as the provision of popular software applications such as Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite and the SPSS statistics package.*
- *The levy shall fund printing services reducing the charge to 3 cents per page.*
- *The levy shall fund the expansion of wireless services such as wireless printing.*
- *The annual amount of this levy shall will [sic] be \$19.00 for full-time students, \$9.50 for part-time students, to be levied as part of the New College Student Council fees collected in each of the Fall and Winter sessions.*
- *The New College Student Computing Facility and services will be available only to New College students.*
- *The New College Student Council shall have oversight of the funds raised through the levy.*
- *The levy shall commence in September 2013 for a duration of five (5) years.*
- *For more information, please visit www.myncsc.com.*

Question

Student Society Proposals for Fee Increases

Are you in favour of re-instating the levy to continue funding the New College Student Computing Facility?

Yes / No / Abstain

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	272	76.6%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,752	
NO	76	21.4%	Voter Turnout	355	7.5%
SPOILED	7	2.0%			
TOTAL	355				

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

- 2) The establishment of a Capital Levy portion of the fee through the 2017-18 academic period.

A referendum was held from September 25-26, 2012, in which New College students were asked to support the establishment of the Capital Levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

From 1998 until 2011, New College students participated in a levy to fund projects under the New College Student Council Capital Projects Fund. In this period, this levy has funded projects such as the student lounges in Wilson Hall, Wetmore Hall and 45 Willcocks.

Are you in favour of re-instating the New College levy to continue funding projects under the New College Student Council Capital Projects Fund? This levy will have the following provisions:

- The majority of the fees collected by the levy will be used to contribute to the funding necessary to create the New College Plaza - a public gathering space outside the Ivey Library for New College students.*
- The balance of the levy will be used to fund capital projects determined by the New College Student Council.*
- The amount of this levy shall be \$7.00 for full-time students, \$3.00 for part-time students, to be levied as part of the New College Student Council fees.*
- The New College Student Council shall have oversight of the funds raised through the levy.*
- The levy shall commence in September 2013 for a duration of five (5) years.*
- For more information, please visit www.myncsc.com.*

Question

Are you in favour of this levy?

Yes / No / Abstain

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	193	73.7%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,752	
NO	40	15.3%	Voter Turnout	262	5.5%
SPOILED	29	11.1%			
TOTAL	262				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **New College Student Council (NCSC)** fee be increased as follows: (a) the establishment of a Computer Levy portion of the fee of \$9.50 per session (\$4.75 part-time), and (b) the establishment of a Capital Levy portion of the fee of \$3.50 per session (\$1.50 part-time). If approved, the total NCSC fee will be \$30.00 per session (\$13.25 part-time), charged to all New College students.

Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the SCSU fee was \$229.94 per session for full-time students (\$21.07 per session for part-time students). The fee includes \$24.39 (\$1.34 part-time) per session for the society portion of the fee, \$0.75 (\$0.25 part-time) per session for a Refugee Student Program, \$36.35 (\$10.89 part-time) per session for the UTSC Student Centre, \$7.28 (full-time only) per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O), \$43.26 (\$8.49 part-time) per session for the UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex, \$51.49 full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) for an Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan and \$60.94 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) for a Dental Plan. The mandate to collect the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee ends this year.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 1, 2013 the SCSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

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

- 2) Continuation of the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

At its meeting held on March 1, 2013 the SCSU Board approved a resolution to request continuation of the levy through the fall/winter 2013-14 academic period.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 1, 2013 the SCSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 1, 2013 the SCSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

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

- 5) An inflationary increase in the UTSC Sports & Recreation Complex Levy.

At its meeting held on March 1, 2013 the SCSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 1, 2013 the SCSU Board approved a resolution to delegate the approval of an increase to the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan fee for the 2013-14 academic year to the Executive Committee of the SCSU so that a firm price increase could be obtained by the insurance provider. At its meeting held on March 15, 2013 the SCSU Executive Committee approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 1, 2013 the SCSU Board approved a resolution to delegate the approval of an increase to the Dental Plan fee for the 2013-14 academic year to the Executive Committee of the SCSU so that a firm price increase could be obtained by the insurance provider. At its meeting held on March 15, 2013 the SCSU Executive Committee approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.20 (\$0.01 part-time) per session to the society portion of the fee; (b) the continuation of the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.29 (\$0.09 part-time) per session in the Student Centre portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$0.06 (full-time only) per session in the CFS/CFS-O portion of the fee; (e) an increase of \$1.73 (\$0.34 part-time) per session in the UTSC Sports and Recreation Centre Levy portion of the fee; (f) an increase of \$5.15 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Insurance Plan portion of the fee; and (g) an increase of \$5.15 (full-time only) per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Dental Plan portion of the fee. If approved, the total SCSU fee will be \$243.46 (\$21.51 part-time) per session, charged to all undergraduate University of Toronto Scarborough students.

Students' Administrative Council (operating as the University of Toronto Students' Union; UTSU)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the UTSU fee was \$159.63 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the St. George Campus and \$150.61 per session for full-time undergraduate students on the UTM campus. The fee on both campuses includes \$17.34 per session designated for the society; \$0.66 per session for a Student Refugee Program; \$7.28 per session for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and CFS-Ontario (CFS-O); \$62.73 (including an administration fee and sales tax) for an Accident and Prescription Drug Plan; and \$56.52 (including an administration fee and sales tax) for a Dental Plan. In addition, full-time undergraduate St. George Campus students are charged \$0.25 for a Bike Chain (formerly BikeShare) levy and \$6.77 per session for the Student Commons.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 28, 2013 the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 28, 2013 the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

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

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

In accordance with the original referendum question, the UTSU may request increases to the CFS/CFS-O levy by an amount identified by CFS/CFS-O upon approval of a resolution by the Board of Directors of the UTSU.

At its meeting held on March 28, 2013 the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the levy.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 28, 2013 the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 28, 2013 the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 28, 2013 the UTSU Board approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the levy.

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

- 7) An increase to the Bike Chain (formerly BikeShare) portion of the fee (St. George Students only).

A referendum was held from March 12-14, 2013, in which St. George undergraduate students were asked to support an increase to the Bike Chain levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

Bike Chain (formerly Bike Share) is the on-campus bicycle repair facility, which offers the use of tools and the advice of trained mechanics for free to the University community. Bike Chain also operates a bike lending program that is free to students, as well as various events and seminars through the course of the school year.

Currently, Bike Chain receives a levy of \$0.25 per student per semester as a refundable part of the University of Toronto Students' Union fee as per a Winter 2004 referendum. This funding is split equally between the do-it-yourself repair space and the bike lending program. Bike Chain has grown in their capacity to service the University community every year. Bike Chain currently hires 3 mechanics during the summer and 15 work-study positions during the

year. In 2010, more than 3900 service visits were logged at Bike Chain, and that number continues to grow. Bike Chain needs additional funding to expand its services.

The University of Toronto Students' Union is asking its members whether they consent to a proposed increase of \$0.25 per semester to the Bike Share refundable levy collected (for a total of \$0.50 per semester per student) for the purpose of funding Bike Chain, as described in the preamble. U.T.S.U. is also requesting that the total levy be indexed annually to the Statistics Canada Ontario consumer price index rate for the previous year pending the approval of the UTSU board.

Question

Are you in favor of the proposed increase and the proposal, as described in the preamble?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	1,758	66.4%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	35,288	
NO	765	28.9%	Voter Turnout	2646	7.5%
SPOILED	123	4.6%			
TOTAL	2,646				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **Students' Administrative Council (operating as the University of Toronto Students' Union; UTSU)** fees be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.14 per session in the society portion of the fee; (b) an increase of \$0.01 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee; (c) an increase of \$0.11 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – CFS-Ontario portion of the fee; (d) an increase of \$6.27 per session (including an administration fee and sales tax) in the Accident & Prescription Drug Plan portion of fee; and (e) an increase of \$5.65 per session for the Dental Plan portion (including an administration fee and sales tax); (f) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of the fee for the Bike Chain (formerly BikeShare) levy of \$0.25 per session; and (g) for full-time undergraduates on the St. George Campus only, an increase of the fee for the Student Common Project of \$0.68 per session. If approved, the total UTSU-St. George fee will increase to \$172.74, charged to all full-time

undergraduate students on the St. George Campus; and the total UTSU-UTM fee will increase to \$162.79, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus.

University College Literary and Athletic Society (UC Lit)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, the UC Lit fee was \$16.94 per session for full-time undergraduate University College students (\$7.62 for part-time students). The fee includes \$10.76 (\$3.61 part-time) per session designated for the society.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on May 27, 2012, the UC Lit Council approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

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

- 2) The establishment of a UC Follies Theatre Troupe portion of the fee.

A referendum was held on September 20, 2012, in which University College students were asked to support the establishment of a UC Follies Theatre Troupe levy. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The University College Literary & Athletic Society is seeking consent from its members for the creation of a new portion of the University College Literary & Athletic Society fee. The proposed increase is \$0.50 per session.

The new portion of the fee will be used to ensure financial stability to[sic] the UC Follies, the College's own theatre troupe founded in the 1890s. Unlike the Gargoyle or the UC Review, the UC Follies do not currently rely on a fixed student levy to support its theatrical productions. The Council of the UC Lit would like to remedy to this situation and provide the Follies with their own levy.

If the increase is approved, the total fee for the University College Literary & Athletic Society will be \$18.60 per session and will be charged to all full-time and part-time University College students beginning in the fall 2013 session.

Question

Are you in favor an increase in the University College Literary & Athletic Society as described in the preamble?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	233	69.8%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	4,165	
NO	93	27.8%	Voter Turnout	334	8.0%
SPOILED	8	2.4%			
TOTAL	334				

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, the **University College Literary and Athletic Society (UC Lit)** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.09 (\$0.03 part-time) per session in the society portion of the fee; and (b) the establishment of the UC Follies Theatre Troupe portion of the fee of \$0.50 (full and part-time) per session. If approved, the total UC Lit fee will be \$17.53 (\$8.15 part-time) per session, charged to all University College students.

Varsity Publications Inc. (The Varsity)

Background

In fall/winter 2012-13, The Varsity fee was \$1.36 per session for full-time undergraduate University of Toronto students.

Requests

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

A referendum was held from January 28-30, 2013, in which all full-time undergraduate students (all 3 campuses) were asked to support an increase to the society portion of the fee. The wording of the question is as follows:

Preamble

The Varsity is the University of Toronto’s largest student newspaper, with a print circulation of 20,000 across all three campuses and one of the most visited websites of any student publication in Canada. The Varsity is a voice for University of Toronto Students, covering issues and events that matter to the community.

The Varsity receives a student levy of \$1.36 per semester from full-time undergraduates at the University of Toronto. The levy is four times less than the average for Canadian university newspapers.

The Varsity is seeking to increase its student levy by \$0.50 per semester from the current fee of \$1.36 per semester to \$1.86 per semester. The annual cost of living increase approved in the spring 2007 referendum would continue to apply to this fee.

Question

Are you in favor an increase to The Varsity’s student levy as described in the preamble?

Yes / No

The results of the referendum are as follows:

YES	1,143	66.5%	Approximate Number of Eligible Voters	55,719	
NO	577	33.5%	Voter Turnout	1720	3.1%
SPOILED	0	0.0%			
TOTAL	1,720				

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

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

At its meeting held on April 12, 2013, the Varsity Board approved a resolution to request a cost of living increase to the society portion of the fee.

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

Summary of Changes

See Schedule 1: Student Society Fees (attached).

Recommendation

THAT beginning in the fall 2013 session, **The Varsity** fee be increased as follows: (a) an increase of \$0.51 per session in the society portion of the fee. If approved, the total Varsity fee will be \$1.87 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate University of Toronto students.