

BOARD FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MOTION AND FINAL DOCUMENT SUMMARY

The following Motions and Documents were considered by the Board Finance and Property Committee during an electronic vote of the committee held from April 24 to 26, 2024.

Agenda Title: Collection of University of Alberta Students' Union Operating / Referendum Fees 2024/2025

APPROVED MOTION: THAT the Board Finance and Property Committee, acting with delegated authority of the Board of Governors, approve the collection of the University of Alberta Students' Union fees for 2024/2025, as set forth in Attachment 1 of the agenda documentation, to take effect September 1, 2024.

Final Item: 1.

Agenda Title: Collection of Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Fees

APPROVED MOTION: THAT the Board Finance and Property Committee, acting with delegated authority of the Board of Governors, approve the collection of the following Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Fees for the 2024-2025 academic year:

- GSA Membership Fee for Full-Time Graduate Students (\$156.02) + GSA Dedicated Fee (\$2.00) -- \$158.02/annum
- GSA Membership Fee for Part-Time Graduate Students (\$117.01) + GSA Dedicated Fee (\$2.00) -- \$119.01/annum
- Graduate Student Assistance Program Fee --- \$21.80/annum
- U-Pass Fee --- \$540.00/per annum
- Indigenous Graduate Students' Association (IGSA) Dedicated Fee for Non-Indigenous Students --\$3.75/annum
- Campus Food Bank (CFB) Fee -- \$8/annum
- GSA Health Plan Fee -- \$396.60/annum
- GSA Dental Plan Fee \$298.22/annum

Final Item: 2.



Decision \square **Discussion** \square **Information** \square

ITEM OBJECTIVE: To approve the collection of University of Alberta Students' Union 2024-25 operating / referendum fees as per section 61(1) of the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) and the Board Finance and Property Committee Terms of Reference.

DATE	April 24, 2024
ТО	Board Finance and Property Committee
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO	University of Alberta Students' Union

MOTION: THAT the Board Finance and Property Committee, acting with delegated authority of the Board of Governors, approve the collection of the University of Alberta Students' Union fees for 2024/2025, as set forth in Attachment 1 of the agenda documentation, to take effect September 1, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

<u>Background</u>

The Students' Union Fees are comprised of two classifications; the SU Operating Fee, and the SU Referendum Fees. Faculty Association Fees, Residence Association Fees, and the Health and Dental Plan Fee are included in the Referendum Fees on either a per term or annual basis.

There are no other changes to the fee structure or the administration of Students' Union Fees.

For reference, the Students' Union's approved operating budget can be accessed online at http://su.ualberta.ca/about/budgetsfees/.

Analysis / Discussion

The SU is recommending an increase to all Students' Union Operating / Referendum fees by CPI (3.40%), with the exception of:

- the Access Fund (which is indexed on an average cost for budgeted administrative costs for the following fiscal year and the average of the total monies dispersed and net transfers to the fund over the previous three (3) fiscal years, pro-rated on a per-student basis),
- the Health & Dental Plan fees (which shall increase by 10% and will be assessed as follows):
 - For Fall enrollment, the Health Plan Fee has increased to \$182.97/annum (from \$166.34/annum) and the Dental Plan Fee increased to \$178.43/annum (from \$162.21/annum)
 - For Winter enrollment, the Health Plan Fee has increased to \$121.98/annum (from \$110.89/annum) and the Dental Plan Fee increased to \$118.95/annum (from \$108.14/annum)



- and specific referendum/dedicated fees listed below.
 - The CJSR-FM fee referendum/dedicated fee will decrease to \$2.50/term (from \$2.58/term) for Full-time students and decrease to \$0.90/term (from \$0.93/term) for Part-time students.
 - The Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) Fee will be re-established at a rate of \$2.64 per Fall and Winter term, and \$1.32 per Spring and Summer term, in which students are enrolled, for all Full-Time and Part-Time students. Augustana students will be exempt. Students may opt out of the fee.
 - The Landing referendum/dedicated fee will increase to \$3.75/term (from \$1.85/term) for all Full and Part-time students.
 - The Indigenous Students' Union (formerly known as Aboriginal Student Council) referendum/dedicated fee will decrease to \$1.10 (from \$1.14/term) per Full-Time Fall and Winter term students and decrease to \$0.55/term (from \$0.57/term) per Part-Time Fall and Winter term students. The fee shall decrease to \$1.10 (from \$1.14) per Full-Time Intersession term students and increase to \$1.10 (from \$0.57) per Part-Time Intersession term students. This fee shall now be assessed to students enrolled at Augustana campus.
 - The Faculty of Engineering Faculty Association Membership fee will increase to \$20.00/term (from \$10.00/term), for Full-time students and increase to \$20.00/term (from \$0.00/term) for Part-time students.
 - The Faculty of Arts (OASIS) Faculty Association Membership fee will increase to \$5.00 (from \$3.00/term), for Full and Part-time students.
 - The International Students' Association fee of \$3.50/term shall be suspended from being assessed to its members.
 - The HUB Community Residence Association fee shall be reinstated at a rate of \$45.00/year and assessed to all its residents. Residents may opt out of the fee.
 - The International House Community Residence Association fee of \$50.00/year shall be suspended from being assessed to its residents.

Risk Discussion / Mitigation of the Risk

- Student Success: Working alongside the University of Alberta, the Students' Union shall
 allocate these fees to the best case usage that represents and advocates for all
 undergraduate students. We are committed to ensuring that education is affordable and
 that their experience is a very positive one. Without approval of the respective fees, the
 Organization and Faculties would not be able to run many of their programs they have
 budgeted for the school year.
- Funding and Resource Management: Fees shall be collected, reconciled by the Registrar's Office, and distributed to the Students' Union. Management and usage of the fees shall adhere to their budgeted allocations, and overseen by Student Council, Audit Committee, and financial statements to be reviewed annually by an external auditor

Where applicable, list the legislation that is being relied upon

- Students' Union Strategic Plan
- Students' Union Bylaw 3000, 6000, and 8200
- Students' Union Budget Principles 2019/2020



- Post Secondary Learning Act (PSLA): Sections 95(2), 60(1)(b), and 62.
- Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC) Terms of Reference Section 2I

Next Steps

• Upon approval by the Board Finance and Property Committee, the Students' Union will advise the Registrar's Office of the new and updated fees.

Supporting Materials:

Attachments:

1. University of Alberta Students' Union Fee 2024-25 (for approval) (1 page)

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Undergraduate students are assessed fees from (Attachment 1)		5												
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Fall or Winter Term (Full Time) Fees:										Fall Term (Full Time) Fees:				
Students' Union Fee	\$ 61.37	\$ 61.37	\$ 61.37	\$ 61.37	\$ 61.37	\$	61.37	\$	61.37	Students' Union Fee	\$ 61.37	\$	61.37	\$ 61.37
Referendum Fees	\$ 84.79	\$ 104.79	\$ 82.29	\$ 94.79	\$ 89.79	\$	89.79	\$	87.79	Referendum Fees	\$ 98.29	\$	134.79	\$ 92.79
Total Fall or Winter Term (Full Time) Fees	\$ 146.16	\$ 166.16	\$ 143.66	\$ 156.16	\$ 151.16	\$	151.16	\$	149.16	Total Fall Term Full Time Fees	\$ 159.66	\$	196.16	\$ 154.16
Fall or Winter Term (Part Time) Fees:										Winter Term (Full Time) Fees:				
Students' Union Fee	\$ 36.03	\$ 36.03	\$ 36.03	\$ 36.03	\$ 36.03	s	36.03	s	36.03	Students' Union Fee	\$ 61.37	s	61.37	\$ 61.37
Referendum Fees	\$ 80.83		\$ 81.74	\$ 90.83	\$ 85.83		85.83	\$	83.83	Referendum Fees	\$ 84.79		84.79	\$ 84.79
Total Fall or Winter Term (Part Time) Fees	\$ 116.86	\$ 136.86	\$ 117.77	\$ 126.86	\$ 121.86	\$	121.86	\$	119.86	Total Winter Term Full Time Fees	\$ 146.16	\$	146.16	\$ 146.16
Fall or Winter Term Off Campus Student Fees:										Fall Term (Part Time) Fees:				
Students' Union Fee	\$ 36.03	\$ 36.03		\$ 36.03	\$ 36.03	\$	36.03	\$	36.03	Students' Union Fee	\$ 36.03	\$	36.03	\$ 36.03
Referendum Fees	\$ 80.83			\$ 80.83	\$ 80.83	\$	80.83	\$	80.83	Referendum Fees	\$ 90.83		80.83	\$ 88.83
Total Fall or Winter Term Off Campus Fees	\$ 116.86	\$ 116.86		\$ 116.86	\$ 116.86	\$	116.86	\$	116.86	Total Fall Part Time Fees	\$ 126.86	\$	116.86	\$ 124.86
Spring or Summer Term Fees:										Winter Term (Part Time) Fees:				
(Full / Part / Off-Campus):										Students' Union Fee	\$ 36.03	\$	36.03	\$ 36.03
Students' Union Fee	\$ 37.27	\$ 37.27		\$ 37.27	\$ 37.27	\$	37.27	\$	37.27	Referendum Fees	\$ 80.83	\$	80.83	\$ 80.83
Referendum Fees	\$ 49.36	\$ 49.36		\$ 49.36	\$ 49.36	\$	49.36	\$	49.36	Total Winter Term Part Time Fees	\$ 116.86	\$	116.86	\$ 116.86
Total Spring or Summer Term Fees	\$ 86.63	\$ 86.63		\$ 86.63	\$ 86.63	\$	86.63	\$	86.63					
Schedule 3:			l	Schedule 4:						Fall or Winter Term Off Campus Student Fees:				
See Note #10 below for explanation				See Note #12	below for expla	anation	1			Students' Union Fee	\$ 36.03	\$	36.03	\$ 36.03
Students' Union Undergraduate				12. Stud	lents' Union Res	sidence	e Associati	on Fees	s	Referendum Fees	\$ 80.83	\$	80.83	\$ 80.83
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Full Time Fees			1		HUB Community	/ \$	45.00			Students' Union Fee	\$ 37.27	\$	37.27	\$ 37.27
Part Time Fees			1		Lister Hall		75.00			Referendum Fees	\$ 49.36		49.36	\$ 49.36
Off-Campus Fees	\$ 182.97	\$ 178.43								Total Spring or Summer Term Fees			86.63	
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Full Time Fees	\$ 121.98	\$ 118.95	1		13. U-Pass Pr	rogram	n - TERM							
Part Time Fees			1	Effective	e: September 1	, 2024	to August	31, 2025	5					
Off-Campus Fees	\$ 121.98	\$ 118.95	1	l .	,									
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- 1 The Basic Fee (Column 1) applies to all students except those in the Faculties of Engineering, Augustana, Business, Science, Arts, Nursing, Law, Education, & Kinesiology
- Engineering students are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 2), plus a \$20.00/term Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF). This FAMF is only being assessed in the Fall and Winter Full Time and Part Time terms, not interession or Off-Campus.
- Augustana students are assessed the amount in Column 3 for Fall/Winter Terms. The Referendum portion of the Augustana Fee in Column 3 includes a \$65.00/term Faculty Association Membership Fee. Council has decided not to assess Augustana Off-Campus or Intersession students at this time.
- es students are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 4) , plus a \$10.00/term Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) This FAMF is only being assessed in the Fall and Winter Full Time and Part Time terms, not Intersession or Off-Campus
- Science students are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 5), plus a \$5.00/term Faculty Association Membership Fee (called SCI-5)
 This FAMF is only being assessed in the Fall and Winter Full Time and Part Time terms, not intersession or Off-Campus.
- 6 Arts students are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 6), plus a \$5.00/term Faculty Association Membership Fee (called OASIS) This FAMF is only being assessed in the Fall and Winter Full Time and Part Time terms, not Intersession or Off-Campus
- Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation students are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 7), plus a \$3.00 Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) This FAMF is only being assessed in the Fall and Winter Full Time and Part Time terms, not Intersession or Off-Campus.
- 8 Nursing students are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 7), plus a \$13.50 Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) for Full Time Fall Term Students, and a \$10.00 FAMF for Part Time Fall Term Students, which is included in the Referendum portion of the fee in Column This FAMF is only being assessed in the Fall Term, and does not include Intersession or Off-Campus students.
- idents are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 8), plus a \$50.00 Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) for Full Time Fall Term Students Only, which is included in the Referendum portion of the fee in Column 9. This FAMF is only being assessed in the Fall Term, and does not include Intersession or Off-Campus students.
- 10. Education students are assessed the Basic Fee for all terms (which is included in Column 9), plus a \$8.00 Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) for Full & Part-Time, Fall Term Students Only, which is included in the Referendum portion of the fee in Column 10.
- 11 Health and Dental Plan Fee: This fee is assessed to all full and part time undergraduate students on an annual basis effective September 1, 2009. The fee is assessed IN ADDITION to the term fees outlined in Schedule 1 & 2 above. Undergraduate students enrolled in the Fall Term, and taking 3 or more credit, shall be assessed the full amount. The plan will typically provide coverage from September to August year-long
- Undergraduate students enrolled in the Winter Term, taking 3 or more credit, & have not previously been assessed in the prior Fall Term, shall be assessed a pro-rated amount. The plan will typically provide coverage from January to August.
- Residence Association Membership Fee: These fees are assessed to all full-time and part-time residencs of the Residence Associations named as the Fund . Fees shall be assessed once per year, upon proof that the student is a resident of the residence at the time of fee assessment. These fees assessed are IN ADDITION to the term fees outlined in Schedule 1 & 2 above
- 13 U-Pass Program: Undergraduate students will be charged \$180 per semester for years 2021-2025, with no fee increase for the entire 4-year contract. The University of Alberta will no longer be subsidizing the U-Pass cost.

 Generally, students cannot opt out of this fee. All full-time and part-time undergraduate students must participate in the U-Pass program and pay the full-feee, with the exception of Augustana students and students whose course locations are designated as online, as defined by the Registrar's Office.
- Under certain circumstances, some undergradaute students will be exempt or eligible to opt out of the U-Pass program, as determined in the 2017-2021 Upass agreement, with new eligibility as such:
 Students who receive Assured Income for the Severly Handicapped (AISH)
 Students who are over the age of 65
- nce is an exceptional distance outside of the regional transit service areas These fees assessed are IN ADDITION to the term fees outlined in all other Schedules.
- All Students' Union fees (including Referendum fees) are subject to the Alberta CPI (3.40%) except for the Access Fund fee which is calculated on an Average Cost Index, nor the Faculty Association Fees, the Residence Association Fees, the Health and Dental Fees, and the U-Pass Fee All applicable increases are already built into the above figures.



Decision \square **Discussion** \square **Information** \square

ITEM OBJECTIVE: To approve the collection of University of Alberta GSA membership, health and dental plan, Graduate Student Assistance Program Fee, and U-Pass fee as per section 61(1) of the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) and the Board Finance and Property Committee Terms of Reference.

DATE	April 24, 2024
ТО	Board Finance and Property Committee
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO	University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association

MOTION: THAT the Board Finance and Property Committee, acting with delegated authority of the Board of Governors, approve the collection of the following Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Fees for the 2024-2025 academic year:

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- Campus Food Bank (CFB) Fee -- \$8/annum
- GSA Health Plan Fee -- \$396.60/annum
- GSA Dental Plan Fee \$298.22/annum

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is the presentation of the annual fees collected for the GSA for the year of 2024-2025. The Graduate Students' Association collects fees from graduate students. The collection of these fees is approved by the Board Finance and Property Committee with delegated authority of the Board of Governors on an annual basis.

Pending approval of their collection from the Board Finance and Property Committee, fees will be assessed to graduate students beginning in September 2024. The attached cover letter details those fees which are collected in term installments.

Analysis / Discussion

This letter is to inform you of the GSA fees for 2024-2025, as recommended by the GSA Budget and Finance Committee and the GSA Board, and ultimately approved by GSA Council or as previously approved by graduate students via referendum vote in 2021 (in the case of the



Graduate Student Assistance Program and U-Pass fees). There are no increases to the GSA Membership Fee from 2024-2025. There are, likewise, no changes to the GSA Dedicated Fee, the Graduate Student Assistance Program Fee, and the U-Pass Fee.

The GSA Dedicated Fee is \$1/term and is collected from all full- and part-time graduate students to support CJSR 88.5 FM (campus radio station); this fee was established by referendum in 2001 and was noted in the GSA operating budget approved by GSA Council on 27 February 2023.

Two new referenda fees were established in April 2024. Collection of these fees will begin in September 2024:

- The Indigenous Graduate Students' Association (IGSA) The dedicated Fee will be assessed from non-Indigenous full-time and part-time graduate students. The cost of the IGSAF will be \$1.50 in each of the Fall and Winter terms, and \$0.75 will be collected in the Intersession (Spring/Summer) term total annual amount of \$3.75. This fee applies only to non-indigenous students.
- The Campus Food Bank (**CFB**)- All full time and part time graduate students will pay a **\$3** each during the Fall and Winter semesters and **\$1** during each of the Spring/Summer terms. This will total an annual amount of **\$8**.

Risk Discussion / Mitigation of the Risk

The GSA utilizes the services ATB Wealth management to advise on risks and mitigation of risks. Risk relates to Funding and Resource Management and Student Success. Disapproval of these fees or a lack of funding would result in the dissolution of a number of services currently available to graduate students.

Where applicable, list the legislation that is being relied upon

- Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) Sections 95(1) and (2), 96(1), and 62;
- GSA Bylaw and Policy Sections B.BYL.2.1, B.BYL.2.2, B.BYL.2.3, K.POL.5.3, and M.POL.10.1
- Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC) Terms of Reference Section 21

Next Steps

Implementation of fee structure for collection starting in September 2024

Supporting Materials:

1. Letter to Rakesh Saraf from Bishoi Aziz, President Graduate Students' Association, dated 17 April 2024 (2 pages)



SCHEDULE A:

Engagement and Routing

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation / Approval Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity) < Governance Resources Section Student Participation Protocol>

Those who are actively participating:

- GSA Budget and Finance Committee
- GSA Board
- GSA Council

Those who have been **informed**:

Registrar's office

Approval Route:

- GSA Budget and Finance Committee (GSA Membership and Dedicated Fee), January 24 & February 21 2024 – Recommends to GSA Board and Council
- GSA Board (GSA Membership and Dedicated Fee), February 28 2024 Recommends to GSA Council
- GSA Council (GSA Membership and Dedicated Fee), March 18 2024 Approves
- GSA Board (GSA Health and Dental Plan Fee),– February 28 2024 Recommends to GSA Council
- GSA Council (GSA Health and Dental Plan Fee), March 18 2024 (discusses fee) & April 15 2024 Approves
- Board Finance and Property Committee, April 24, 2024 Approves collection of GSA fees

17 April 2024

Rakesh Saraf, Chair, Finance and Property Committee 3-04 South Academic Building University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, T6G 2G7

Re: GSA Fees 2024-2025

Dear Mr. Saraf

This letter is to inform you of the GSA fees for 2024-2025, as recommended by the GSA Budget and Finance Committee and the GSA Board, and ultimately approved by GSA Council or as previously approved by graduate students via referendum vote in 2021 and 2024.

The GSA asks that the Board Finance and Property Committee approve the collection of the approved fees noted below:

1) GSA Base Membership Fee for full-time graduate students: \$156.02 + GSA Dedicated Fee of \$2.00 = \$ (per year in equal installments in the fall and winter terms). This remains the same as the previous year with no increase to fees.

or

GSA Base Membership Fee for part-time graduate students: \$117.01 GSA Dedicated Fee of \$2.00 = \$ (per year in equal installments in the fall and winter terms). This remains the same as the previous year with no increase to fees.

[the GSA Dedicated Fee is \$1/term collected from full- and part-time graduate students to support CJSR]

2) Total GSA Health and Dental Plan Fee: **\$694.82 per annum** (increase of \$90.63 (15%) from 2023-2024) with health and dental fees separately set as:

GSA Health Plan Fee for full-time students: \$396.60 (charged in full in the fall term and charged at a pro-rated rate in January for graduate students beginning their academic programs in the winter term).

GSA Dental Plan Fee for full-time students: \$298.22 charged in full in the fall term and charged at a pro-rated rate in January for graduate students beginning their academic programs in the winter term).

3) Graduate Student Assistance Program Fee: \$ 21.80 per annum (\$10.90 in the fall term, \$10.90 in the winter term).

- 4) U-Pass Program Fee: \$540 per annum (\$180 in the fall term, \$180 in the winter term, and \$180 in the spring/summer term).
- 5) In the 2024-2025 elections, two referenda's were approved by graduate students via referendum vote in the recent elections.

New fees to be collected from Graduate Students starting September 2024:

- a) The Indigenous Graduate Students' Association (IGSA) The dedicated Fee will be assessed from non-Indigenous full-time and part-time graduate students. The cost of the IGSAF will be \$1.50 in each of the Fall and Winter terms, and \$0.75 will be collected in the Intersession (Spring/Summer) term total annual amount of \$3.75. This fee only applies to non-indigenous students. There is no opt-out option for non-Indigenous students. Campus St. Jean and off-campus graduate students are subject to the fee. These fees will increase to match CPI annually. Referenda results
- b) The Campus Food Bank (**CFB**)- All full time and part time graduate students will pay a **\$3** each during the Fall and Winter semesters and **\$1** during each of the Spring/Summer terms. This will total an annual amount of **\$8**. This fee will be collected from September 2024 to April 30, 2027. These fees will increase to match CPI annually. Referenda results

Should you have any questions or concerns about this fee structure, please feel free to contact me at gsa.frontdesk@ualberta.ca. For reference, the GSA Council approved operating budget can be accessed online here and information related to the U-Pass and Graduate Student Assistance Program referenda can be accessed online here and here, respectively.

Sincerely,

Bishoi Hany Gamil Aziz

Bishoi Aziz GSA President

cc: Kate Chisholm, Chair, Board of Governors
Verna Yiu, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Anna Foshay, Assistant Registrar
Juli Zinken, Board Secretary and Manager, Board Services