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TO: University Affairs Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 5 (c)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

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

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

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

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

GOVERNANCE PATH:

- 1. University Affairs Board [For Approval] (April 19, 2023)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

Requests for changes to existing fees and/or the establishment of new fees are brought forward to the University Affairs Board on one or more occasions each year. This is the first set of requests on behalf of St. George and University-wide student societies to be brought forward this year.

HIGHLIGHTS:

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

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

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

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it Resolved,

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$7.81 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$6.02 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee; and
- (c) an increase of \$0.28 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Engineering Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.70 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$1.60 for part-time students);
- (b) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.30 per fall and winter session in, the Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (c) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.37 per fall and winter session in, the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (d) the continuation of the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (e) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.01 per fall session and \$0.02 per winter session in, the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time and part-time);

- (f) the continuation of the Engineers in Action portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (g) the continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (h) the continuation of, and an increase of \$1.20 per fall and winter session in, the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (i) the establishment of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (j) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.25 per fall and winter session in, the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (k) the establishment of \$1.42 per fall and winter session in the Seismic Design Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (l) the establishment of \$1.75 per fall and winter session in the Supermileage Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only); and
- (m) the establishment of \$1.55 per fall and winter session in the UTWind portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only).

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Innis College Student Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.62 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (full-time and part-time); and
- (b) an increase of \$3.06 per fall and winter session in the Innis College Orientation portion of the fee (first-year students only; full-time and part-time).

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.70 per session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.85 for part-time students);
- (b) an increase of \$36.86 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$12.76 per fall session and \$12.75 per winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.03 per fall session and \$0.04 per winter session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.02 per fall and summer session, and \$0.01 per winter session, for part-time students);
- (e) an increase of \$0.58 per fall session and \$0.57 per winter session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee (\$0.29 per fall and winter session, and \$0.58 per summer session, for part-time students); and
- (f) an increase of \$0.03 per fall session and \$0.04 per winter session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.01 per fall session and \$0.02 per winter session for part-time students).

THAT, subject to confirmation of approval by the UTGSU Board of Directors, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of up to \$0.18 per session in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (up to \$0.09 for part-time students).

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the University of Toronto Students' Union (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.26 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$3.57 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (c) an increase of \$2.99 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (e) an increase of \$0.56 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee
- (f) the establishment of \$2.00 per session in the Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the fee;
- (g) an increase of \$0.21 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee; and
- (h) an increase of \$1.12 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

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

- (a) an increase of \$0.48 per session in the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.79 per session in the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Varsity Publications fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.05 per session in the society fee (graduate); and
- (b) an increase of \$0.18 per session in the society fee (undergraduate).

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

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



To: Members of the University Affairs Board

From: Melinda Scott, Executive Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students

Date: April 5, 2023

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

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

Requests for fee increases from student societies must meet a number of requirements. Section B.4. of the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees* outlines the University's general expectations:

Requests to change the fee collected on behalf of a student society and requests for new fees shall be approved only when evidence has been presented that the request has been authorized by due constitutional process in the organization. The procedures to request approval of a new fee or an increase to an existing fee shall be published in the Handbook for Student Societies.

Cost-of-Living Increases

(a) Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is not greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices for Ontario as measured by Statistics Canada (December-over-December) as of December 31 of the previous year, the request must be supported by the results of a previous referendum approving the principle of a cost-of-living adjustment. In special circumstances (e.g., when a portion of a student society fee is designated for a health plan or capital project), other inflation indexes or predetermined inflation factors may be used, provided that the request is supported by the results of a previous referendum approving the use of the specific inflation index or predetermined inflation factor.

Referendum Requirement

(b) Where the amount of an increase in the fee charged is greater than the year-over-year change in consumer prices, the request must be supported by the majority of the society's members voting in a recent referendum.

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

Evidence that the request to change the existing fee (or to institute a new charge) has been authorized by due constitutional process of the organization. This evidence should include a copy

of or specific reference to the section of the society's constitution which related to the mechanism for fee changes, minutes of the meeting at which the resolution to request the change was passed, details and results of any referenda related to the subject which may have been held within the division, and publicity given the matter to ensure that those who may be affected by the change are aware of the proposal, including size and purpose of the increase, and have had the opportunity to make their views known.

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

Occasionally, the OVPS is asked to look into complaints about referendum procedures and compliance with relevant portions of student societies' governing documents. The results of these investigations play a significant role in the assessment of the request and the recommendation for approval.

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

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

Student societies which have previously received approval from their members (by referendum) for an annual cost-of-living increase in the society's portion of the fee may request increases, upon approval by the society's board or council, of up to the previous Ontario December-over-December cost-of-living increase (consumer price index) calculated by Statistics Canada. The December 2022 consumer price index for Ontario was 6%.

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

It is important to note that when dealing with a student society request for a fee change, it is the society's own constitution, by-laws, and established policies that set the standards for acceptable results in referenda. In some cases, societies' governing documents establish a minimum voter turnout in order

to consider a referendum result to be valid. The University has not established additional criteria with respect to valid referendum voter turnout.

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

Summary of Changes

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

Student Society	Description of Fee
Association of Part-time Students	Inflationary increase – Health Plan
	Inflationary increase – Dental Plan
	Cost-of-living increase – Canadian Federation of Students
Engineering Society	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee
Innis College Student Society	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee
	Cost-of-living increase – Orientation fee
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee
	Inflationary increase – Health Plan
	Inflationary increase – Dental Plan
	Cost-of-living increase – Bikechain
	Cost-of-living increase – Canadian Federation of Students
	Cost-of-living increase – Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG
	Cost-of-living increase – Sexual Education Centre
University of Toronto Students' Union	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee
	Inflationary increase – Health Plan
	Inflationary increase – Dental Plan
	Increase in Student Commons Capital Levy (as per 2007 referendum)
	Increase in Student Commons Operating Levy (as per 2007 referendum)
	Cost-of-living increase – Bikechain
	Cost-of-living increase – Canadian Federation of Students
	Cost-of-living increase – Downtown Legal Services
	Cost-of-living increase – Student Refugee Program
Varsity Publications	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee (graduate)
	Cost-of-living increase – Society fee (undergraduate)

New or Continuing Fees and Increases Requiring a Referendum

Society	Description	Proposed Change (per session)	Yes	No	Abstain or Spoil	Total Votes	Eligible Voters
Engineering Society	Continue & increase Aerospace Team	\$0.30	227	183	3	413	4,676
	Continue & increase Concrete Canoe Team	\$0.37	180	147	2	329	4,676
	Continue Concrete Toboggan Team	N/A	190	140	4	334	4,676
	Continue & increase Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario	Fall: \$0.01 Winter: \$0.02	167	116	2	285	5,782
	Continue Engineers in Action	N/A	173	143	5	321	4,676
	Continue Engineers Without Borders	N/A	201	119	1	321	4,676
	Continue & increase Formula SAE Racing Team	\$1.20	207	192	3	402	4,676
	Establish Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	\$1.00	168	152	4	324	4,676
	Continue & increase Robotics for Space Exploration	\$0.25	194	145	4	343	4,676
	Establish Seismic Design Team	\$1.42	183	139	5	327	4,676
	Establish Supermileage Team	\$1.75	201	142	3	346	4,676
	Establish UTWind	\$1.55	174	138	6	318	4,676
Innis Residence Council	Establish cost-of-living allowance for society fee	N/A	49	23	24	96	301
University of Toronto Students' Union	Establish Community Housing & Employment Support Services	\$2.00	1,860	1,320	1,284	4,464	40,934

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Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the APUS fee was \$156.88 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses. The fee included:

- \$78.07 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- \$60.24 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee; and
- \$4.42 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on February 13, 2023, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Health Plan portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on February 13, 2023, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Dental Plan portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on February 13, 2023, the APUS Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

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

Summary of Changes

Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Society		13.65		13.65		13.65		13.65		13.65		13.65
Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable)				85.88		85.88				78.07		78.07
Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable)				66.26		66.26				60.24		60.24
Canadian Federation of Students (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)		4.42		4.70		4.70		4.22		4.42		4.42
Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (refundable)		1.00		0.50		0.50		1.00		0.50		0.50
TOTAL		\$19.07		\$170.99		\$170.99		\$18.87		\$156.88		\$156.88
Change from Previous Year		+1.1% \$0.20		+9.0% \$14.11		+9.0% \$14.11		+0.2% \$0.03		+1.6% \$2.47		+1.6% \$2.47

Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$7.81 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$6.02 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee; and
- (c) an increase of \$0.28 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

If approved, the total fall/winter APUS fee will be \$170.99 per session, charged to all part-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Engineering Society (EngSoc)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the EngSoc fee was \$103.12 per fall session and \$103.11 per winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (\$52.05 per fall session and \$52.04 per winter session for part-time students). The fee included:

- \$28.30 per session for the society portion of the fee (\$26.61 for part-time students);
- \$3.25 per session for the Aerospace Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.38 per session for the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.50 per session for the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$3.25 per session for the Engineers in Action portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$1.50 per session for the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee (full-time only);
- \$2.75 per session for the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee (full-time only); and
- \$1.85 per session for the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee (full-time only).

Requests

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

At its meeting held on February 28, 2023, the EngSoc Board of Directors approved a resolution to seek a cost-of-living increase in the society portion of the fee.

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

2. Continuation of, and increase in, the Aerospace Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Aerospace Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

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

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Concrete Canoe Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

4. Continuation of the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of the dedicated Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

5. Continuation of, and increase in, the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Do you support a \$0.10 per semester per student levy for ESSCO for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 terms? (\$0.10 per semester per student for both Fall and Winter semesters, for a total of \$0.20 annually).

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	167 (58.6%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	5,782
No:	116 (40.7%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	285 (4.9%)
Spoiled:	2 (0.7%)		
Total:	285		

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

6. Continuation of the Engineers in Action portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support

the continuation of the dedicated Engineers in Action portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

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

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of the dedicated Engineers Without Borders portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

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

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

- Establishment of an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the fee. A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

- Continuation of, and increase in, the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee. A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the continuation of, and an increase in, the dedicated Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

11. Establishment of a Seismic Design Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Seismic Design Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

12. Establishment of a Supermileage Team portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Supermileage Team portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

13. Establishment of a UTWind portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from March 30, 2023, to March 31, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated UTWind portion of the EngSoc fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

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

YES / NO / SPOIL BALLOT

The results of the referendum were as follows:

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

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

Summary of Changes

Engineering Society	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			30.00	28.21	30.00	28.21			28.30	26.61	28.30	26.61
Aerospace Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			3.55		3.55				3.25		3.25	
Blue Sky Solar Racing Team (discontinued Winter 2023)									3.20		3.20	
Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (through 2023-24; referendum required for continuation)			0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35			0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Concrete Canoe Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.75		1.75				1.38		1.38	

Engineering Society (continued)	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Concrete Toboggan Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.50		1.50				1.50		1.50	
Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10			0.09	0.09	0.08	0.08
Engineers in Action (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.00		1.00				1.00		1.00	
Engineers Without Borders (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.50		1.50				1.50		1.50	
Formula SAE Racing Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			3.95		3.95				2.75		2.75	
Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team (through 2023-24; referendum required for continuation)			2.00		2.00				2.00		2.00	
U of T Hyperloop Team (discontinued Winter 2023)									1.35		1.35	
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.00		1.00							
Robotics Association (discontinued Winter 2023)									2.50		2.50	
Robotics for Space Exploration (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			2.10		2.10				1.85		1.85	
Seismic Design Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.42		1.42							
Skule Endowment Fund (through 2023-24; referendum required for continuation; refundable)			50.00	25.00	50.00	25.00			50.00	25.00	50.00	25.00
Supermileage Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.75		1.75							
Skule Nite (through 2023-24; referendum required for continuation)			2.10		2.10				2.10		2.10	
UTWind (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation)			1.55		1.55							
TOTAL			\$105.62	\$53.66	\$105.62	\$53.66			\$103.12	\$52.05	\$103.11	\$52.04
Change from Previous Year			+2.4%	+3.1%	+2.4%	+3.1%			+1.1%	+2.6%	+1.1%	+2.6%
			\$2.50	\$1.61	\$2.51	\$1.62			\$1.08	\$1.33	\$1.09	\$1.34

Note: Students engaged in the Professional Year Experience program are charged the part-time society fee and do not pay the Skule Endowment Fund fee.

Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Engineering Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.70 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (\$1.60 for part-time students);

- (b) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.30 per fall and winter session in, the Aerospace Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (c) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.37 per fall and winter session in, the Concrete Canoe Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (d) the continuation of the Concrete Toboggan Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (e) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.01 per fall session and \$0.02 per winter session in, the Engineering Student Societies' Council of Ontario portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time and part-time);
- (f) the continuation of the Engineers in Action portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (g) the continuation of the Engineers Without Borders portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (h) the continuation of, and an increase of \$1.20 per fall and winter session in, the Formula SAE Racing Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (i) the establishment of \$1.00 per fall and winter session in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (j) the continuation of, and an increase of \$0.25 per fall and winter session in, the Robotics for Space Exploration portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (k) the establishment of \$1.42 per fall and winter session in the Seismic Design Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only);
- (l) the establishment of \$1.75 per fall and winter session in the Supermileage Team portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only); and
- (m) the establishment of \$1.55 per fall and winter session in the UTWind portion of the fee through 2024-25 (full-time only).

If approved, the total fall/winter EngSoc fee will \$105.62 per session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (\$53.66 per session for part-time students).

Innis College Student Society (ICSS)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the ICSS fee was \$39.03 per session, charged to all undergraduate students in Innis College (\$90.03 for first-year students). The fee included:

- \$27.03 per session for the society portion of the fee (full-time and part-time); and
- \$51.00 per session for the Innis College Orientation portion of the fee (first-year students only; full-time and part-time).

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the ICSS Council approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the society portion of the fee.

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

2. A cost-of-living increase in the Innis College Orientation portion of the fee.
At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the ICSS Council approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Innis College Orientation portion of the fee.

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

Summary of Changes

Innis College Student Society	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			28.65	28.65	28.65	28.65			27.03	27.03	27.03	27.03
Innis College Building Expansion (through 2023-24; increasing to \$15.00 for 20 years beginning in the session in which the new building opens; referendum required for continuation)			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program			7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00			7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
TOTAL			\$40.65	\$40.65	\$40.65	\$40.65			\$90.03	\$90.03	\$90.03	\$90.03
Change from Previous Year			4.2% \$1.62	4.2% \$1.62	4.2% \$1.62	4.2% \$1.62			0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -

Innis College Student Society - First-Year Students	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			28.65	28.65	28.65	28.65			27.03	27.03	27.03	27.03
Innis College Building Expansion (through 2023-24; increasing to \$15.00 for 20 years beginning in the session in which the new building opens; referendum required for continuation)			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Innis College Orientation (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			54.06	54.06	54.06	54.06			51.00	51.00	51.00	51.00
World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program			7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00			7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
TOTAL			\$94.71	\$94.71	\$94.71	\$94.71			\$90.03	\$90.03	\$90.03	\$90.03
Change from Previous Year			5.2% \$4.68	5.2% \$4.68	5.2% \$4.68	5.2% \$4.68			0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -	0.0% \$ -

Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Innis College Student Society fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.62 per fall and winter session in the society portion of the fee (full-time and part-time); and

- (b) an increase of \$3.06 per fall and winter session in the Innis College Orientation portion of the fee (first-year students only; full-time and part-time).

If approved, the total fall/winter ICSS fee will be \$40.65 per session, charged to all undergraduate students in Innis College (\$94.71 for first-year students).

Innis Residence Council (IRC)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the IRC society fee was \$30.57 per session, charged to all student residents of the Innis Residence. This fee did not have an associated cost-of-living allowance.

Referendum

1. Establishment of a cost-of-living allowance in the society fee.

A referendum was held from March 15, 2023, to March 22, 2023, in which student residents of the Innis Residence were asked to support the establishment of a cost-of-living allowance in the ICSS society fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Section(s) Affected

- 9.1, 12.8

Old Section(s)

9.1. Any proposal to increase the student levy, or any issue on which a majority of council feels it necessary, shall be brought to referendum.

12.8. The total fee for the Innis Residence Council will be \$61.14, and will be charged to all full-time students living in Innis Residence.

Proposed New Section(s)

9.1. Any proposal to increase the student levy (except for cost of living increases as outlined in 12.8.1), or any issue on which a majority of council feels it necessary, shall be brought to referendum.

12.8 The total fee for the Innis Residence Council will be \$61.14 per academic year (or \$30.57 per fall/winter session), and will be charged to all full-time students living in Innis Residence.

12.8.1. On an annual basis, starting in the 2023-24 academic year, the council may apply a cost of living increase to this fee.

12.8.1.1 A cost of living increase requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favour by the Council and will take effect in the following school year.

12.8.1.2 A cost of living increase may be at most the December-over-December Ontario consumer price index as measured by Statistics Canada.

Rationale

This will allow future IRCs to increase the IRC fee (currently \$61.14 per academic year (or \$30.57 per fall/winter session)) by an amount less than or equal to the December over December Ontario Consumer Price Index (which has a historical average of 2.86% over the past 100 years). Comparable student organisations such as the Innis College Student Society (ICSS) and the Chestnut Residence Council already have a similar clause in their constitution. This does not involve a price increase for next year (23-24), nor does it necessitate an annual increase in fees. It will instead allow future IRCs, when a need arises, to increase the fee with a council vote rather than a building-wide referendum in order to keep up with inflation. As a council, we've experienced rapid increases in costs over the last few years, with catering, residence t-shirts, and expenses related to our annual semi-formal of particular note. This measure will allow future councils to continue to provide excellent programming and events to the students of Innis Residence without financial constraints.

Question

Are you in favour of the changes to the Innis Residence Council Constitution listed above? (Cost of Living Fee Increases)

Yes / No / Abstain

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	49 (51.0%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	301
No:	23 (24.0%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	96 (31.9%)
Abstain:	24 (25.0%)		
Total:	96		

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

Recommendation

As there are no proposals to increase the IRC society fee for the 2023-24 academic year, these referendum results are being provided to the University Affairs Board for information as they will affect proposals to increase the IRC society fee that may be considered in future years.

University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the UTGSU fee was \$387.20 per fall session and \$387.16 per winter session, charged to all full-time graduate students on all campuses (\$361.46 per fall session and \$361.43 per winter session for part-time students). The fee included:

- \$34.01 per fall session and \$34.00 per winter session for the society portion of the fee (\$17.01 per fall session and \$17.00 per winter session for part-time students);
- \$218.76 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- \$116.92 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- \$0.60 per fall session and \$0.59 per winter session for the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.30 per session for part-time students);

- \$9.09 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee (\$4.55 per fall session and \$4.54 per winter session for part-time students);
- \$2.98 per fall session and \$2.97 per winter session for the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (\$1.49 per session for part-time students); and
- \$0.59 per fall session and \$0.58 per winter session for the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.30 per fall session and \$0.29 per winter session for part-time students).

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 20, 2023, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the society portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 20, 2023, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Health Plan portion of the fee.

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

3. [An inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 20, 2023, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Dental Plan portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 20, 2023, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Bikechain portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 20, 2023, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

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

6. A cost-of-living increase in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee.
At its April 25, 2023 meeting, the UTGSU Board of Directors will consider a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee.

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

7. A cost-of-living increase in the Sexual Education Centre designated portion of the fee.
At its meeting held on March 20, 2023, the UTGSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee.

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

Summary of Changes

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Society (cost-of-living increases up to CPI with a maximum of 5% permitted without referendum)		34.01	35.71	17.86	35.70	17.85		32.33	34.01	17.01	34.00	17.00
Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to health industry index permitted without referendum; refundable)			255.62	255.62	255.62	255.62			218.76	218.76	218.76	218.76
Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to dental industry index permitted without referendum; refundable)			129.68	129.68	129.67	129.67			116.92	116.92	116.92	116.92
Bikechain (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)		0.30	0.63	0.32	0.63	0.31		0.29	0.60	0.30	0.59	0.30
Canadian Federation of Students (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)		9.09	9.67	4.84	9.66	4.83		8.79	9.09	4.55	9.09	4.54
Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)		2.98	Up to 3.16	Up to 1.58	Up to 3.15	Up to 1.58		2.83	2.98	1.49	2.97	1.49
Downtown Legal Services (refundable)		1.50	1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75		1.50	1.50	0.75	1.50	0.75
Environmental Resource Network (refundable)			0.25	0.13	0.25	0.13			0.25	0.13	0.25	0.13
Sexual Education Centre (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			0.62	0.31	0.62	0.31			0.59	0.30	0.58	0.29
Students for Barrier-Free Access			2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00			2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Women's Centre (refundable)		0.50	0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25		0.50	0.50	0.25	0.50	0.25
TOTAL		\$48.38	Up to \$439.33	Up to \$343.11	Up to \$367.72	Up to \$343.07		\$46.24	\$387.20	\$343.11	\$367.72	\$343.07
Change from Previous Year		+4.6% \$2.14	Up to +13.5% \$52.13	Up to +14.1% \$50.86	Up to +13.5% \$52.14	Up to +14.1% \$50.86		+0.7% \$0.32	+5.3% \$19.45	+5.3% \$18.35	+5.3% \$19.44	+5.4% \$18.36

Recommendations

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.70 per session in the society portion of the fee (\$0.85 for part-time students);

- (b) an increase of \$36.86 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (c) an increase of \$12.76 per fall session and \$12.75 per winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee (full-time and part-time);
- (d) an increase of \$0.03 per fall session and \$0.04 per winter session in the Bikechain portion of the fee (\$0.02 per fall and summer session, and \$0.01 per winter session, for part-time students);
- (e) an increase of \$0.58 per fall session and \$0.57 per winter session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee (\$0.29 per fall and winter session, and \$0.58 per summer session, for part-time students); and
- (f) an increase of \$0.03 per fall session and \$0.04 per winter session in the Sexual Education Centre portion of the fee (\$0.01 per fall session and \$0.02 per winter session for part-time students).

THAT, subject to confirmation of approval by the UTGSU Board of Directors, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of up to \$0.18 per session in the Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG portion of the fee (up to \$0.09 for part-time students).

If approved, the total fall/winter UTGSU fee will be up to \$439.33 per fall session and up to \$439.30 per winter session, charged to all full-time graduate students on all campuses (up to \$412.32 per fall session and up to \$412.29 per winter session for part-time students).

University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU)

Background

In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the UTSU fee was \$289.91 per fall session and \$291.10 per winter session for all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus. The fee included:

- \$21.07 per session for the society portion of the fee;
- \$119.14 per session for the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- \$99.59 per session for the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- \$15.68 per fall session and \$16.15 per winter session for the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee;
- \$7.15 per fall session and \$7.87 per winter session for the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee;
- \$0.58 per session for the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- \$8.86 per session for the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee;
- \$3.56 per session for the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee; and
- \$1.95 per session for the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

Requests

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

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the society portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Health Plan portion of the fee.

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

3. [An inflationary increase in the Dental Plan portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Dental Plan portion of the fee.

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

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

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee.

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

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

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

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request an inflationary increase to the dedicated Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

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

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

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

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Bikechain portion of the fee.

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

7. A cost-of-living increase in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.
At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee.

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

8. Establishment of a Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the fee.

A referendum was held from February 14, 2023, to February 17, 2023, in which full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus were asked to support the establishment of a dedicated Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the UTSU fee. The wording of the question was as follows:

Preamble

The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) is seeking consent of UTSU members to establish a new levy, titled "UTSU: Community Housing & Employment Support Services (CHESS)", for the purposes of providing a new service to members.

It is becoming more and more difficult for students to find safe, secure housing and employment opportunities that enable them to support themselves during their post-secondary education. Many students face homelessness, housing instability, and often illegal and dangerous conditions both at home and at work. There is a need at the University of Toronto for a student-led alternative support hub that offers students additional sources of support as they navigate the Toronto housing and job markets.

Therefore, the UTSU is requesting support for the creation of this service by establishing a levy that would be used for the following purposes:

- *Safe classifieds for housing and employment opportunities;*
- *Personalized student tenancy, employment supports, and peer support;*
- *Long-term career and objectives support and guidance;*
- *Research into systemic housing and employment concerns for students;*
- *The creation of UTSU emergency and other housing initiatives for students; and*
- *Increased advocacy and resources for student tenants and employment rights.*

Question

Are you in favour of creating a Community Housing & Employment Support Services (CHESS) levy, collected from UTSU members by the UTSU, of \$2.00 per student per semester and tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), for the purpose of funding the CHESS Program?

Yes, I am in favour of establishing a new levy that would require UTSU members to pay a total of \$2.00 per semester for the purpose of creating a new UTSU Community Housing & Employment service (CHESS), to come into effect during the Fall 2023 semester and be subsequently tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

No, I am not in favour of establishing a new levy that would require UTSU members to pay a total of \$2.00 per semester for the purpose of creating a new UTSU Community Housing & Employment service (CHESS), to come into effect during the Fall 2023 semester and be subsequently tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Abstain

The results of the referendum were as follows:

Yes:	1,860 (41.7%)	Eligible Voters (approx.):	40,934
No:	1,320 (29.6%)	Voter Turnout (approx.):	4,464
Abstain:	1,284 (28.8%)		(10.9%)
Total:	4,464		

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

9. [A cost-of-living increase in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee.

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

10. [A cost-of-living increase in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.](#)

At its meeting held on March 30, 2023, the UTSU Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the dedicated Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

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

Summary of Changes

University of Toronto Students' Union	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)	21.07		22.33		22.33		20.03		21.07		21.07	
Health Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable)			122.71		122.71				119.14		119.14	
Dental Plan (including sales tax; increases up to 10% permitted without referendum; refundable)			102.58		102.58				99.59		99.59	
Student Commons Capital Levy (inflationary increases of up to 10% permitted without referendum - approved Fall 2007; through 2043-44; referendum required for continuation)	16.15		16.15		16.63		15.68		15.68		16.15	
Student Commons Operating Levy (inflationary increases of up to 10% permitted without referendum)	7.87		7.87		8.66		7.15		7.15		7.87	
Accessibility Resources Fund (through 2021-22; referendum required for continuation; established Spring 2017)			0.50		0.50				0.50		0.50	
Aerospace Team (through 2024-25; referendum required for continuation; refundable)			2.00		2.00				2.00		2.00	
Bikechain (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)	0.58		0.61		0.61		0.56		0.58		0.58	
Blue Sky Solar Racing Car (refundable)	0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13		0.13	
Canadian Federation of Students (Canadian CPI cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)	8.86		9.42		9.42		8.45		8.86		8.86	
Centre for Social Justice - OPIRG (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Centre for Women and Trans People (refundable)	1.50		1.50		1.50		1.50		1.50		1.50	
Cinema Studies Students' Union (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
Community Housing & Employment Support Services (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)			2.00		2.00							
Dollars for Daycare (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Downtown Legal Services (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum; refundable)	3.56		3.77		3.77		3.38		3.56		3.56	
Environmental Resource Network (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Food Security for Students (refundable)	0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15		0.15	
Foster Children Program	0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05		0.05	
Health Initiatives in Developing Countries (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
LGBTOUT (refundable)			0.25		0.25				0.25		0.25	
Orientation (refundable)	0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50		0.50	
Sexual Education & Peer Counselling Centre (refundable)	0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	
Student Aid Program Fund			3.00		3.00				3.00		3.00	
Students for Barrier-free Access (refundable)	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
Student Refugee Program (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)	1.95		2.07		2.07		0.76		1.95		1.95	
Wheelchair Accessibility Projects	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00		1.00	
TOTAL	\$66.62		\$301.85		\$303.12		\$62.59		\$289.91		\$291.10	
Change from Previous Year	+6.4%		+4.1%		+4.1%		+3.8%		+4.4%		+4.1%	
	\$4.03		\$11.94		\$12.02		\$2.31		\$12.29		\$11.40	

Recommendations

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the University of Toronto Students' Union (legally, the Students' Administrative Council) fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$1.26 per session in the society portion of the fee;
- (b) an increase of \$3.57 per fall and winter session in the Health Plan portion of the fee;
- (c) an increase of \$2.99 per fall and winter session in the Dental Plan portion of the fee;
- (d) an increase of \$0.03 per session in the Bikechain portion of the fee;
- (e) an increase of \$0.56 per session in the Canadian Federation of Students portion of the fee
- (f) the establishment of \$2.00 per session in the Community Housing & Employment Support Services portion of the fee;
- (g) an increase of \$0.21 per session in the Downtown Legal Services portion of the fee; and
- (h) an increase of \$1.12 per session in the Student Refugee Program portion of the fee.

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

- (a) an increase of \$0.48 per session in the Student Commons Capital Levy portion of the fee; and
- (b) an increase of \$0.79 per session in the Student Commons Operating Levy portion of the fee.

If approved, the total fall/winter UTSU fee will be \$301.85 per fall session and \$303.12 per winter session, charged to all full-time undergraduate students on the St. George campus.

Varsity Publications

Background

In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the Varsity Publications society fee was \$0.88 per session for all full-time graduate students on all campuses and \$3.05 per session for all full-time undergraduate students on all campuses.

Request

1. An increase in the society fee.

At its meeting held on March 22, 2023, the Varsity Productions Board of Directors approved a resolution to request a cost-of-living increase in the society fee.

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

Summary of Changes

Varsity Publications (Graduate)	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time										
Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)	0.88		0.93		0.93		0.85		0.88		0.88	
TOTAL	\$0.88		\$0.93		\$0.93		\$0.85		\$0.88		\$0.88	
Change from Previous Year	+3.5% \$0.03		+5.7% \$0.05		+5.7% \$0.05		+1.2% \$0.01		+3.5% \$0.03		+3.5% \$0.03	

Varsity Publications (Undergraduate)	Summer 2023		Fall 2023		Winter 2024		Summer 2022		Fall 2022		Winter 2023	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
Society (cost-of-living increases permitted without referendum)	3.05		3.23		3.23		2.95		3.05		3.05	
TOTAL	\$3.05		\$3.23		\$3.23		\$2.95		\$3.05		\$3.05	
Change from Previous Year	+3.4% \$0.10		+5.9% \$0.18		+5.9% \$0.18		+0.7% \$ 0.02		+3.4% \$0.10		+3.4% \$0.10	

Recommendation

THAT, beginning in the Fall 2023 session, the Varsity Publications fee be modified as follows:

- (a) an increase of \$0.05 per session in the society fee (graduate); and
- (b) an increase of \$0.18 per session in the society fee (undergraduate).

If approved, the total fall/winter Varsity Publications society fee will be \$0.93 per session, charged to all for full-time graduate students on all campuses; and \$3.23 per session, charged to all for full-time undergraduate students on all campuses.