

## AMS Fee Restructure Proposal

The current fee structure that the AMS uses is fixed and lacks flexibility on the spending that can be allotted to various projects. Furthermore, there are numerous ancillary fees that have been added since 1966 which now results in a total of 21 individual fees charged to AMS members on a yearly basis excluding all exceptions. The current fee structure also holds the fees indefinitely with no accountability factors on how the money is spent and whether students still want to participate in funding such services. This is vital as students should have the opportunity to vote on whether to renew fees without the only means to do that being running a referendum against it which can be quite difficult. Amongst the many policy changes over the years, one that is significant is the distinction between service and capital fees introduced under the Societies' Act which allows members of the society to opt-out of service based fees. This is crucial to quantify what fees are essential for the continued operations of our society and ensure future financial success.

The current fee structure is as follows:

<b>General Fee</b>	\$	<b>40.23</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund Fee</b>	\$	7.79
<b>Student Aid Bursary Fee</b>	\$	12.00
<b>Athletics and Intramural Fee</b>	\$	21.00
<b>Ombudsperson Fee</b>	\$	1.07
<b>Sexual Assault Support Services Fee</b>	\$	3.55
<b>SUB Renewal Building Fee</b>	\$	100.00
<b>WUSC Fee</b>	\$	5.34
<b>Resource Groups Fee</b>	\$	1.64
<b>Lighter Footprint Fee</b>	\$	2.46
<b>International Fee</b>	\$	0.27
<b>Bike Kitchen Fee</b>	\$	1.06
<b>Clubs Benefit Fee</b>	\$	1.64
<b>Childcare Bursary Levy Fee</b>	\$	1.09
<b>CiTR Fee</b>	\$	5.46
<b>Student Legal Fund Fee</b>	\$	1.00
<b>Campus Culture and Performance Fee</b>	\$	1.75
<b>Health and Dental Fee</b>	\$	232.49
<b>Graduating Class</b>	\$	7.00
<b>U-Pass (Per Term)</b>	\$	164.00
<b>Ubysey</b>	\$	6.55

### Solution:

A new proposed fee structure that would encourage accountability, transparency and provide students with the ability to vote on the fees that they wish to pay for. Taking into account some vital fees that are mandatory for successful future AMS operations the fee structure functions in 3 main categories; (1) Bundle Phase; (2) Renewal Phase; (3) Roll-Over Phase.

### Bundle Phase

- a. These are fees that are absolutely necessary for successful future AMS operations and can be tied in with Capital.

### Renewal Phase

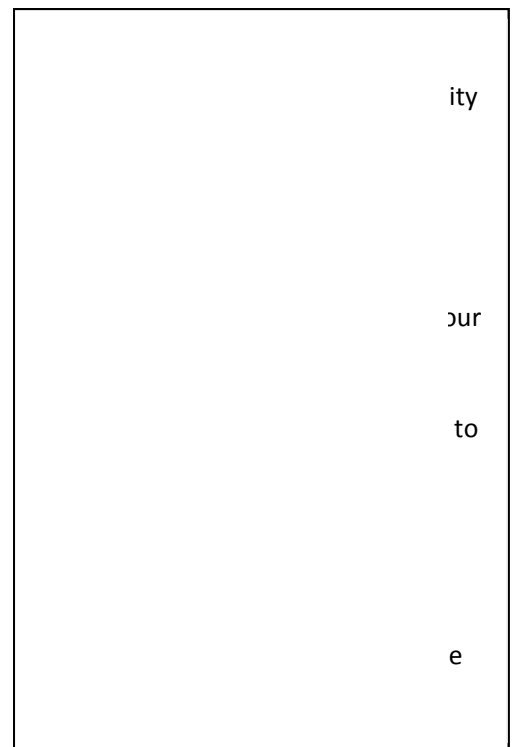
- b. Each fee that is not included in the “Bundle Phase” is up for renewal on a 3 year term basis. Upon running the referendum, it has to successfully pass in order for the AMS to continue administering the fee.
- c. This will encourage transparency and accountability of all organizations receiving moneys and remind students of the purpose of the fee. The decision for administration should be entirely on the AMS Student body to decide which fees they deem necessary and important at least once throughout their academic lifetimes and contribute as members of the society.

### Roll-Over Phase

- d. If a fee has not been successfully voted to continue administering, it will not be discontinued immediately as this could be abrupt and damage the service provided severely.
- e. The roll-over phase is intended to provide a smooth transition into discontinuing all the operations of the funded service.

The new proposed structure is:

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Campus Culture and Performance Fee	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.75
<b>Graduating Class Fee</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>	<b>\$ 3.55</b>
Ubyyssey	\$ 6.55	\$ 6.55



The Current fees not included in the fee restructure are as follows: Health and Dental Fee (\$232.49) U-Pass Fee (\$328) SUB Renewal Building Fee – mandatory for financing the current AMS Student Nest and other external services that support student well-being.