

Referendum

Nursing 'Undergrad Society Fee' Increase

The Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) is proposing an increase to the 'Undergrad Society Fee' of \$11.50 from the current \$28.50 to \$40.00. In addition, the NUS is proposing an annual increase of \$2.00 for 5 years at which time the fee will be reassessed. This fee is charged to each nursing student each Winter Term during the September Instalment. This fee is then collected and used by the NUS for a variety of reasons and activities such as, but not limited to: the semi-formal event, orientation, enriched experience fund (EEF), yearbook, blue book, and social events.

This fee increase is being proposed for a number of reasons:

1. The NUS is currently running a deficit and the existing surplus is predicted to be spent within 3-5 years. This fee increase will therefore support the NUS achieving fiscal responsibility.
2. According to obtained records, the last previous fee change was from 2009 and perhaps earlier than that. The 'Undergrad Society Fee', therefore, has not been increasing in line with inflation and increasing prices of commodities.
3. According to obtained records from 1994, students paid approximately \$15 per year to the NUS during their four-year degree. This amounts to a total of \$60 per student for the duration of their time as a NUS member, therefore, a total of \$31.20 more was paid by students in 1994 than current NUS members.
4. The proposed \$40.00 Undergrad Society Fee will better align the NUS with other constituencies such as the Forestry Undergraduate Society (\$50.00), Medicine Post-Baccalaureate Society (\$58.00), Pharmacy Undergraduate Society (\$64.79), and Applied Science Undergraduate Society (\$104.33).

Do you support an Undergrad Society Fee increase of \$11.50 from the current \$28.50 fee to \$40.00?

Yes

No

Abstain

(Please mark with an X or ✓)

Do you support an annual increase of the Undergrad Society Fee of \$2.00 for 5 years?

Yes

No

Abstain

(Please mark with an X or ✓)