

Referendum

Annual Student Fee for the New School of Nursing Building

The Board of Governors of UBC in December 2019 approved the development of a new building on the Gateway site (the northwest corner of Wesbrook Mall and University Boulevard) for the School of Nursing, the School of Kinesiology, Student Integrated Health Services, and UBC Health. The School's areas of this new building will be designed specifically for nursing education and nursing research, including nursing-specific and interprofessional clinical education in a High Fidelity Simulation suite, and state-of-the-art large and small classrooms. The School of Nursing, in partnership with the Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) and the Graduate Student Nursing Association (GSNA) is proposing an annual student fee be assessed to help support the proposed new building, which is slated to be built over the next 3-5 years. This fee will be charged to each nursing student each Winter Term during the September Instalment over the next 30 years, a typical length of time for building-related student fees.

This fee is being proposed for a number of reasons:

1. Several Faculties and Schools assess a student fee to help support buildings, often as a sign of commitment by students that they support the building and the continued future of their program.
2. The School of Kinesiology voted on a student fee of \$60 to support this proposed building several years ago, and have been collecting this fee ever since; one member of the Board of Governors noted that the School of Nursing students did not have a similar contribution toward the building in place. Ensuring parity in the fees will demonstrate our School's commitment to the building.
3. The fees will help purchase equipment for the new High Fidelity Simulation suite, furniture and supplies for the Clinical Skills labs, as well as furniture for the new student lounge and NUS/GSNA offices.

Do you support an annual student fee of \$60.00 towards the new School of Nursing building?

Yes No Abstain

(Please mark with an X or ✓)