

Summary of Why SASC Needs a Fee Increase

- SASC provides vital services to the UBC community including:
 - Emotional support and crisis Intervention, safety planning, accompaniments, support groups and resources
 - Free public education, healthier masculinities program, events, volunteer program and free safer sex supplies, menstrual supplies and harm reduction supplies
 - The SASC leadership team reviews policy and provides recommendations, writes grant proposals, liaises with community partner and organizes education and support services
 - Hours: Mon to Fri, 9am-9pm; weekends & stats: 11am-7pm
 - We are the only crisis support on campus with extended support hours
 - SASC is also a Harm Reduction site, distributes Naloxone Kits, safer sex supplies, menstrual supplies, pregnancy tests, etc
- Why does SASC need funding?
 - SASC has seen a large increase in support service usage
 - In 2018, we supported 726 people
 - In 2019, we supported 1145 people
 - In 2020, we supported 1145 people
 - In 2021, we supported 2028 people
 - Service usage has tripled since the last fee increase in 2019
- What about the education and volunteer program?
 - Since return-to-campus (Sept 2021-Jan 2022), SASC has reached 4,203 people through workshops, events, booths, campaigns, and social media
 - We have a team of 25 volunteers supporting this work
- SASC has seen an increase in staffing numbers since the last referendum
 - In 2019, SASC had a total of 9 staff
 - In 2020, SASC created an Assistant Manager position and an additional part-time support worker position (from 3 to 4 support workers) to address increasing demand for services
 - Due to the continued demand, we are struggling to address this need with current staffing levels and the \$9.58 is not enough to create this change
- What will we do with the funding?
 - From 4 part-time support workers to **3 full-time and 2 part-time** support workers
 - Why? Maintain service delivery and accessibility of services by having more staff available for drop-ins and crisis calls, consistency and continuity of care for survivors
 - **Add 1 full-time educator** to the 3 part-time educator team, and part-time social media coordinator
 - Why? Curriculum development, more education, events and outreach, online engagement
 - Leadership: Increased capacity
 - Why? Increase capacity to work on policies, advocate for students on a policy, community and government level, additional support, professional development, and reduce staff turnover

- Fee Increase
 - Increase the fee from \$9.58 to \$15.00, then gradually increase the fee by \$2 for 5 years after that.
 - This will ensure SASC is able to make the necessary restructuring/staffing changes this upcoming fiscal, plan for the future growth and be able to adapt to the changing needs of the UBC community, fund student initiatives and projects, expand support services, and pay off SASC's deficit.
- What if there is no fee increase?
 - **Projected 2022-23 budget is \$631,000 but the \$9.58 for 54,000 AMS members (approximately), results in a shortfall of \$113,670**
 - With the **proposed changes, the budget is \$820,000**. With the **fee increase** from \$9.58 to **a total of \$15 per student** for the entire 54,000 people, we will have **\$810,000** - this is **still short by \$10,000**.
 - Cuts to service is not ideal given how many people we support on an ongoing basis, and would have detrimental impacts on them.