



THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VANCOUVER

**SUCCESSFUL AMS REFERENDUM QUESTIONS
(APPENDIX TO THE BYLAWS)**

AMS Bylaw 4(6):

6. *Records of all successful referenda, except referenda that amend the Bylaws, shall be included in an appendix to the Bylaws until such time as they are repealed.*

In accordance with Bylaw 4(6), here are questions that were approved during past referendums.

[**Not included:** Questions that were later repealed or superseded or that lapsed or were completed. Also opinion referenda and questions that are no longer relevant (e.g., a question that approved funding to expand the Pit Pub in the old SUB).]

Questions are in reverse chronological order.

March 6-10, 2023

AMS Bike Co-op/Bike Kitchen Fee Increase

(Yes **7066**, No 4722) **Passed**

Do you support increasing the AMS Bike Co-op/Bike Kitchen fee to \$4.17 to support accessible and affordable transportation through increased programming, alleviate its pandemic-related accumulated debt, and invest in sustainable and active transportation for the UBC community?

Note 1: This constitutes a \$3 increase from the current AMS Bike Co-op/Bike Kitchen fee.

Note 2: The fee will continue to be fully refundable upon request through a digital opt-out.

Note 3: The fee will continue to be indexed annually according to the BC Consumer Price Index.

March 6-10, 2023

AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase for Gender-Affirming Coverage

(Yes **8026**, No 4224) **Passed**



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If the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase Referendum is approved, do you support an additional increase of \$8 in the fee for the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Fee (for a total fee of \$338) for the upcoming academic year for Gender-Affirming Coverage not provided by provincial coverage?

Note: If the separate General AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase Referendum is not approved, then this Gender-Affirming Coverage fee will not take effect.

March 6-10, 2023

General AMS/GSS Health and Dental Fee Increase

(Yes **8907**, No 3693) **Passed**

Do you support an increase of \$52.50 in the fee for the AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan Fee (\$277.50 to \$330) for the upcoming academic year to maintain similar levels of current coverage, which may include but is not limited to, dental care, drugs, and psychology coverage?

Note: If this fee increase does not pass, the AMS will be unable to maintain similar levels of current coverage, which may include but is not limited to, dental care, drugs, and psychology coverage (\$1250 for mental health), and significant cuts in coverage will be made.

March 7-11, 2022

Sexual Assault Support fee increase to \$16 a year

(Yes **6529**, No 2370) **Passed**

Do you support an increase of \$6.42 in the fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund (\$9.58 to \$16) for the academic year 2022-23?

Note 1: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services and initiatives. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

Note 2: The fee shall continue to be increased annually in accordance with the BC CPI.

March 7-11, 2022



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**Fee Reduction and Digital Opt-outs
(Yes 8013, No 890) Passed**

Do you support and approve the following changes and reductions to the AMS student fees?

- i) Requiring all opt-outable fees to be opt-outable by digital means. (Note: Organizations collecting opt-outable fees shall ensure there is a digital opt-out option by the 2023-24 year.)
- ii) Eliminating the \$1.18 fee for the Childcare Bursary Fund. (Note: This fund currently has approximately \$320,000 in it, and funding will continue to be disbursed from the remaining amount)
- iii) Reducing the fee for the Clubs Benefit Fund from \$1.78 to \$0.75. (Note: This fund currently has approximately \$700,000 in it.)
- iv) Renaming the Lighter Footprint/Sustainable Projects Fee as the Climate Action Fee and reducing it from \$2.66 to \$1.50. (Note: The fund associated with this fee currently has approximately \$580,000 in it.)

Note: The two reduced fees will continue to be indexed to the BC Consumer Price Index.

March 4-8, 2019

**Sexual Assault Support fee increase to \$9.30 a year
(Yes 6692, No 3377) Passed**

Do you support an increase in your AMS fees by \$5.67, to increase the fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund from \$3.63 to \$9.30 a year, as of September 2019?

Note 1: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services and initiatives. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

Note 2: The \$9.30 fee will be indexed to inflation, increasing each year in accordance with any increase in BC CPI, beginning in September 2020.

March 4-8, 2019



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Indigenous Student Fund fee (\$0.95 per student)

(Yes **6780**, No 3487) **Passed**

Do you support the AMS establishing a fee of \$0.95 a year to contribute to an Indigenous Student Fund, as of September 2019?

Note 1: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Indigenous Student Fund and may be used only for Indigenous student support and initiatives. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for Indigenous student support and initiatives.

Note 2: The \$0.95 fee will be indexed to inflation, increasing each year in accordance with any increase in BC CPI, beginning in September 2020.

March 4-8, 2019

U-Pass renewal

(Yes **11,259**, No 629) **Passed**

Do you approve of the continuation of the U-Pass BC program with an increase to the U-Pass Fee from \$41.00 per month to \$42.50 per month commencing May 1, 2020, and, furthermore, approve annual increases to the U-Pass Fee of up to 2% (rounded up to the nearest nickel)?

Note 1: A long-term renewal has been secured for the U-Pass BC program until April 30, 2025.

Note 2: If this referendum is not approved, UBC students will no longer be eligible for the U-Pass BC program.

March 4-8, 2019

Grad Class fee reduction from \$7 to \$3

(Yes **9030**, No 1036) **Passed**



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Do you support a decrease in the Graduating Class fee from the current \$7.00 to \$3.00 upon graduation, to begin in September 2019?

Note 1: All money raised through the Grad Class Fee will be deposited in the Grad Class Fund and may be used only for the purpose of supporting Grad Class as defined in the AMS Code of Procedure. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for Grad Class.

March 4-8, 2019

**Thrift store referendum (\$0.95 fee per student to support Get Thrifty project)
(Yes 7018, No 3009) **Passed****

Do you support the AMS establishing a refundable fee of \$0.95 to contribute to the establishment of a permanent thrift store local on campus?

Note 1: The fee would be fully refundable upon request.

Note 2: The fee would be levied annually on all active AMS members beginning in September 2019 until the thrift store is self-sustaining as determined by Project Imagine executives in consultation on with the AMS.


Note 3: The fee would be used for operational purposes.

Note 4: The fee is indexed annually to the BC Consumer Price Index.

Options

Yes [\[view details\]](#)

Our goal is to establish a permanent thrift shop on campus! We are completely donation based and run by UBC students and neighbouring communities. Get Thrifty is currently a series of monthly pop-up thrift shops and has garnered an abundance of support.



Our operations are entirely volunteer-run and items carefully curated. We decrease waste by encouraging sustainable and cyclical usage, and subsidize various costs for students and staff alike. Our items include books and sanitized clothing.

Eventually, the thrift shop will also be a location used to promote student art, music, and organizations that support sustainability and student culture!

No

Abstain



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March 4-8, 2019

**Campus Culture & Performance Fee (adjusting terms of reference)
(Yes 6575, No 1684) **Passed****

Do you support changing the terms of reference for the Campus Culture and Performance Fee to allow additional clubs to receive funding from the fee according to the following formula:

- a) The clubs already receiving the funding from the fee shall establish criteria according to which additional clubs can receive funding.
- b) The AMS Finance Committee shall screen applicants and refer any club it thinks meets the criteria to the clubs already receiving funding.
- c) The clubs already receiving funding shall collectively decide if the referred club should receive funding.
- d) No more than one additional club shall be approved to receive funding in any one year.
- e) Once approved, a club shall be permanently added to the number of clubs receiving funding and shall get an equal share of the funding.
- f) Any club can voluntarily give up its right to receive funding from the fee.

Note: This change will not affect the amount of money you pay in AMS fees.

March 5-9, 2018

**U-Pass extension
(Yes 10,283, No 350) **Passed****

Do you support and approve the continuation of the U-Pass BC program at the current price of \$41.00/month, effective April 2018?

Note: If this referendum is not approved, UBC students will no longer be eligible for the U-Pass BC program

March 5-9, 2018

**Sustainable Food Access Fund
(Yes 7471, No 1283) **Passed****



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Do you support the AMS establishing a Sustainable Food Access Fund through a refundable fee of \$0.35 to support on campus sustainable food initiatives (subsidize food prices and increase programming at Agora Cafe and UBC Sprouts, and offer a student discount at the UBC Farm Market and Roots on the Roof)?

Yes side explanatory details: UBC students have limited access to sustainable food on campus. The Sustainable Food Access Fund will work to increase the affordability of four critical sustainable food outlets. Agora Cafe and UBC Sprouts are two student run initiatives that work to combat student food insecurity by offering affordable, organic, locally produced food at three on-campus cafes. In order to maintain the affordability of their food and services, they require additional funding.

The UBC Farm and Roots on the Roof are two on campus growing operations that offer three farmers markets and weekly veggie box programs. They have found their price point to be a barrier to student access and therefore wish to offer a student discount on produce.

This referendum would fund these four initiatives to achieve their goal of providing UBC students access to sustainable food. Agora Café and UBC Sprouts would receive funding to continue offering low prices, expand current community programming, and increase sourcing from on campus food producers. UBC Farm and Roots on the Roof would receive funding to implement a student discount.

March 6-10, 2017

Athletics Facility Fee

(Yes **5278**, No 1010) **Passed**

Do you support the AMS establishing a graduated fee (“The Fee”) to contribute to the construction of a student fitness and recreation building at UBC Vancouver?

The Fee will not be levied until an agreement between the AMS and the University has been reached including but not limited to the terms of the financial contribution of the University, and construction has started.



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- The amount of The Fee will begin at a rate of \$5. It will increase to \$10 the year following, and will continue to increase by \$5 per academic year up to a maximum of \$25.
- The Fee would be levied on all UBC Vancouver students on an annual basis.
- The Fee would continue to be levied until the AMS has completed all its financing obligations for the student fitness and recreation building.
- The AMS Council will establish a process for active AMS members demonstrating need to apply for a refund of The Fee.
- The Fee will finance a maximum of \$22.5M dollars towards project costs. The AMS' goal is to use the momentum generated by the referendum to negotiate with the University to secure as many funds from UBC as possible to finance the remainder of project costs.

March 6-10, 2017

Selling AMS artwork

(Yes **7557**, No 1866) **Passed**

Do you authorize the AMS to sell up to four pieces of art from the AMS Permanent Collection?

Note: Proceeds from sale will go directly into the AMS endowment and the interest generated from the balance of the endowment that is attributed to the sale of the AMS Permanent collection which will create a sustainable source of funding for programming and initiatives through the Hatch Art Gallery. The 72 piece collection is currently valued at approximately \$4 million.

Note: Four artworks have been sold (as of 2023).

February 29 – March 4, 2016

WUSC fee increase from \$2.61 to \$5.22

(Yes **6079**, No 3242) **Passed**



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Do you support an increase in your AMS fees from \$2.61 to \$5.22 a year to allow the UBC Branch of the World University Services Canada (WUSC) to enhance supports for refugee students at UBC?

February 29 – March 4, 2016

U-Pass

(Yes **10,830**, No 330) **Passed**

Do you support and approve the continuation of the U-Pass BC program at the following prices: \$39.50/month: May 2016 – April 2017, \$41.00/month: May 2017 – April 2018?

Note: If this referendum is not approved, UBC students will no longer be eligible for the U-Pass BC program.”

February 29 – March 4, 2016

Health and Dental Plan fee rule change

(Yes **4351**, No 1986) **Passed**

Do you support the following modification to the fee structure of the AMS/GSS Health & Dental extended health plan?

1. At minimum, the AMS/GSS Extended Health & Dental Plan fee will increase by the higher of:
 - a. 0%
 - b. increase of the Consumer Price Index of the previous year
2. An increase in excess of this minimum percentage and up to 5% annually may be made if approved by a special resolution of the GSS Council and a 2/3rds resolution of the AMS Council, provided that a recommendation for such an increase is made by the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee.
3. The recommendation made by the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan Committee regarding fee increases will reflect the financial status of the plan as well as any coverage changes in the plan.

Note: currently, the increase of the plan is indexed to the Health and Personal Spending component of the BCCPI which has been consistently below the



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BCCPI and sometimes even negative. This proposal will not be accepted until voted upon and approved by both societies' members.

February 29 – March 4, 2016

Bring Back the Gallery

(Yes **7279**, No 1680) **Passed**

Do you direct the AMS to provide a new, social restaurant lounge in the Nest for students with a social culture reminiscent of the former Gallery Lounge.

February 29 – March 4, 2016

Campus Culture & Performance fee

(Yes **5028**, No 3892) **Passed**

Do you support the AMS establishing a refundable, graduated Campus Culture and Performance Fee of \$1.50 to contribute to student performance and cultural groups on campus?

- a) The fee would be fully refundable upon request.
- b) The fee would be levied annually on all active AMS members beginning in September 2016.
- c) The amount of the fee would increase annually by \$0.25 for ten years and then annually in accordance with CPI.
- d) The fee will be administered by the Finance Commission and split equally among UBC Film Society, Blank Vinyl Project, UBC Debate Society, UBC Slam, UBC Jazz Café Club, UBC Player's Club, and UBC Musical Theatre Troupe, or their successors.

[Note the modification of these rules in the 2019 referendum.]

January 27-31, 2014

Changes to AMS Fees (Lobbying Fee and Student Services Fee abolished; Student Spaces Fee is reduced, the fund is renamed and expanded)



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(Yes **6730**, No 1374) **Passed**

Do you support and approve the following changes to the AMS student fees?

- i) Consolidating the \$4.14 fee for External and University Lobbying and Advocacy and the \$7.25 fee for Student Services into the AMS Membership Fee.
- ii) Reducing the fee for the Student Spaces Fund by \$5.00 from \$12.39 to \$7.39 and transferring the \$5.00 into the AMS Membership Fee.
- iii) Renaming the Student Spaces Fund as the Capital Projects Fund, and adding the following project to the mandate and permitted purposes of the fund:
 - Additions and improvements to AMS software system.

Note: Your overall AMS student fees will not increase or decrease. If approved, the new fee structure will take effect in September 2014.

January 27-31, 2014

Do you authorize the disposal of the UBC Whistler Lodge?

(Yes **4814**, No 4007) **Passed**

Do you authorize the AMS Student Council to dispose of the land located at 2124 Nordic Drive in Whistler, BC (legally described as PID: 006-959-831, Lot 56 Except Part in Plan LMP22342, District Lot 7179, Plan 19839) together with all buildings thereon, such land and buildings collectively being the 'AMS Whistler Lodge'?

Note: Any proceeds from the disposal of the AMS Whistler Lodge will go to the AMS Endowment Fund.

January 27-31, 2014

Microbrewery Fee

(Yes **5076**, No 4063) **Passed**

Do you support the AMS establishing a graduated Microbrewery Fee (the Fee) to finance the construction and outfitting of an AMS microbrewery?



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- The Fee would be levied on all active AMS members on a yearly basis.
- The amount of the Fee would be \$2.50 in the first two years after a financing agreement for the Microbrewery construction is reached with the University; \$5.00 in the third and fourth years after the financing agreement is reached; and \$7.00 in the fifth year, after which the Fee will increase annually in accordance with CPI.
- The Fee will continue until the AMS has completed all its financing obligations for the construction of the Microbrewery. The Fee will not be levied until the AMS reaches a financing agreement with the University for the construction of the Microbrewery.

The AMS Council will establish a process for active AMS members demonstrating need to apply for a refund of the Fee.

January 27-31, 2014

Do you call on the Alma Mater Society to make all reasonable efforts to urge UBC to divest from fossil fuels?

(Yes **6786**, No 2034) **Passed**

Whereas the University of British Columbia has demonstrated a strong commitment to environmental sustainability, and whereas it is unconscionable to fund our education with investments in fossil fuels that threaten our future on this planet, UBC should immediately forgo further investments in fossil fuel companies, and divest from all existing fossil fuel holdings within five years.

January 27-31, 2014

Advocating for Reduced Tuition

(Yes **8730**, No 873) **Passed**

Should the AMS, guided by the principle that education is a right, advocate for reduced tuition for both national and international students?

[See similar referendum in 2011.]



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January 21-25, 2013

U-Pass Renewal

(Yes **21,181**, No 793) **Passed**

Do you support and approve the continuation of the U-Pass BC program at the following prices?

\$30/month: April 2013

\$35/month: May 2013 – April 2014

\$36.75/month: May 2014 – April 2015

\$38/ month: Beginning May 2015

Note: If this referendum is not approved, the UBC students will no longer be eligible for the U-Pass BC program.

January 21-25, 2013

Bike Kitchen fee (\$1), opt-outable

(Yes **5450**, No 870) **Passed**

Do you support and approve the introduction of a \$1 annual student fee, refundable upon request, for the AMS Bike Co-op, allowing them to improve the services offered to cyclists on campus, beginning September 1, 2013?

January 23-27, 2012

Ombuds fee and Student Spaces Fee

(Yes **3966**, No 1082), **Passed**

Do you support and approve the following changes to the AMS student membership fees?

- a) The reduction of the current Student Spaces Fund fee by \$3.88, effective September 2012.
 - The Student Spaces Fund is administered by the AMS Student Council and is used to maintain and improve UBC student spaces including the Student Union Building, the Whistler Lodge, athletic



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facilities in the vicinity of the Student Union Building and childcare spaces.

- If the reduction is approved, the Student Spaces Fund fee will be \$12.25 effective September 2012.
 - If the reduction is rejected, the Student Spaces Fund fee will be \$16.13 effective September 2012.
- b) The introduction of an annual Ombudsperson fee in the amount of \$1 to provide funding for ombuds services to UBC students, effective September 2012.
- This fee will be indexed to the British Columbia Consumer Price Index.
 - This fee will be eligible for subsidy.
 - Members will not have the option to opt-out from paying this fee.
 - This fee will not be pro-rated based on the number of classes taken.

Note: The net effect of these fee changes will be to lower annual AMS student membership fees by \$2.88.

[Note: The Student Spaces Fee was previously known as the CPAC fee. In the 2014 referendum it was renamed the fee for the Capital Projects Fund or CPF.]

January 23-27, 2012

**Authorizing Council to sell up to three artworks from the AMS Art Collection
(Yes 4166, No 808), Passed**

Over the past few decades, the AMS has come to possess a sizeable art collection through purchases and donations – some of these works have significantly increased in value.

These works are expensive to insure, expensive to store, and really hard to display frequently. Students do not get to benefit from these works, yet they have to pay for them.

The plan: the AMS proposes to sell up to 3 paintings from our collection and put the proceeds towards an Arts Endowment Fund. This fund will support more student art initiatives and programming.

A YES vote will ensure that our works of art are brought out of our basement and shared with the world, help fund and nurture UBC artists, and create a constant and abundant flow of art with each passing generation. Voting NO means less funding for student art initiatives and continued high insurance/storage costs.

The wording of the referendum question is as follows:



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"Do you authorize the AMS Student Council to sell a maximum of three (3) paintings owned by the AMS at any time prior to February 28, 2013, such paintings to be selected at the discretion of the AMS Student Council?
Note: Proceeds from the sale will go towards an AMS Arts Endowment Fund, which fund will be used to purchase additional art and support other on-campus arts programming and initiatives."

March 7-11, 2011

U-Pass Renewal

(Yes **12896**, No 678) **Passed**

Do you support and approve a \$30.00 monthly U-Pass fee, beginning 1 September 2011, ending 31 March 2013?

Note:

- The U-Pass will not continue if this referendum fails.
- Charge will now be \$30.00/ month, up from \$23.75/month, until 31 March 2013, as agreed to by the AMS, UBC, Province of BC and TransLink.

March 7-11, 2011

Lobbying for Lower Tuition

(Yes **8737**, No 1304) **Passed**

"Do you think that the AMS should lobby for lower tuition for domestic and international students?"

[See the similar 2014 referendum.]

March 7-11, 2011

AMS Fee Increase

(Yes **4522**, No 4136) **Passed**

Do you support and accept adopting the student fee structure as presented?



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- Students paying full fees will see a fee increase of \$5 a year; others may see a different increase depending on enrolment status and opt-outs selected. See the chart for full details.
- Selected fees will be indexed to the British Columbia Consumer Price Index.
- Under the new structure, 3% of fees collected will be placed into a fund so that students with financial need can apply to have their fees reimbursed.
- The current fee structure will remain if this referendum question fails.
- Click a fee to learn more.

| Fee | Old Fees | New Fees | Difference | Pro-rated | Opt-Out Provision | 3% Subsidy | Index |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| AMS Membership | \$12.50 | \$21.00 | \$8.50 | N | N | Y | Y |
| Student Spaces Fund | \$15.00 | \$15.75 | \$0.75 | N | N | Y | Y |
| Resource Groups | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | \$0.00 | N | Y | N | Y |
| External and University Lobbying and Advocacy | \$3.50 | \$4.00 | \$0.50 | N | N | Y | Y |
| AMS Refugee Student Fund | \$2.50 | \$2.50 | \$0.00 | N | N | Y | Y |
| Sexual Assault Support Services Fund | \$3.00 | \$3.25 | \$0.25 | N | N | Y | Y |
| Student Services | \$9.00 | \$7.00 | \$2.00 | N | N | Y | Y |
| CiTR | | \$5.00 | \$1.00 | N | Y | N | Y |
| Sustainability Projects Fund | \$0.00 | \$2.25 | \$2.25 | N | N | Y | Y |
| International Projects Fund | \$0.00 | \$0.25 | \$0.25 | N | N | Y | Y |
| Student Clubs Benefit Fund | \$0.00 | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | N | N | Y | Y |



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| Childcare Bursary Fund | \$0.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | N | N | Y | Y |
| Student Legal Fund | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$0.00 | N | N | Y | N |
| AMS Financial Assistance Fund | \$12.00 | \$12.00 | \$0.00 | N | N | Y | N |
| Ubyyssey Publication Society | \$5.00 | \$6.00 | \$1.00 | N | Y | N | Y |
| AMS Athletics and Intramurals Benefit | \$21.00 | \$21.00 | \$0.00 | N | N | Y | N |
| AMS Health and Dental Plan Fund | \$228.37 | \$214.37 | -\$14.00 | N | Y | N | Y |
| Total | \$314.37 | \$319.37 | \$5.00 | | | | |
| Total Fee Change | | | \$5.00 | | | | |

Note:

- CiTR and Ubyyssey Publication Society are independent of the Alma Mater Society
- The New SUB fee is not affected by these proposed changes
- AMS Services and CiTR were once a single fee and will be separated into two independent fees
- Opting-out means students can choose not to pay a fee
- Pro-rated means the fees are paid based on number of classes taken

Fee Descriptions:

AMS Membership

The AMS Membership fee funds the major operations of the AMS Student Government. This fee has not changed since 1982 and funds the lobbying and advocacy initiatives that have brought the UPass to UBC and protected the UBC Farm. This increase in funding will allow the AMS to reduce its dependence on its businesses and provide better and new services in time for the new SUB.



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Student Spaces Fund [renamed the Capital Projects Fund in 2014 referendum, which also added software as something it could be spent on]

This fund shall be used to finance specific capital projects, including:

- the construction of new child care facilities;
- the development of athletic facilities in the vicinity of the SUB;
- the development of on-campus student housing;
- SUB renovations and expansion; and
- Whistler Cabin renovations and expansion.

Resource Groups

This fund shall be used to ensure adequate funding for the Student Resource Groups. AMS resource groups are run by students and aim to support, protect, and celebrate the different backgrounds and beliefs of its membership.

External and University Lobbying and Advocacy [This fund was abolished in the 2014 referendum]

This fund shall be used to allow the AMS to adequately lobby the government, the University and the community at large on issues concerning UBC students. With new funding the lobbying fund will enable increased involvement in provincial and national lobbying organizations that lobby for things like better student loan programs, affordable textbooks and student housing.

AMS Refugee Student Fund

This fund shall be used to allow the UBC branch of the World University Services Canada (WUSC) to support refugee students at UBC.

Sexual Assault Support Services Fund

This fund shall be used to provide sexual assault support services and awareness initiatives to students and members of the campus community. The new fee can be used to support initiatives such as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Sexual Assault Support Centre.

Student Services [This fund was abolished in the 2014 referendum]

This fund shall be used to improve and expand the AMS Student Services such as Safewalk, Tutoring and Speakeasy. The services employ and engage thousands of students at UBC and are an important part of campus life.

CiTR



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CiTR is a campus-based student-run community station, CiTR encourages student involvement. With new Funds CiTR will be able to offer free DJing lessons and services to groups all over campus.

Sustainability Projects Fund

A fund that will contribute over \$100,000 a year to student led sustainability projects on campus. Students will be able to apply for funding for their clubs, events and ideas that will make UBC a more sustainable place.

International Projects Fund

A fund in collaboration with UBC to support student projects on campus with an international focus. These projects would include conferences, speakers or events that promote global dialogue and understanding at UBC.

Student Clubs Benefit Fund

A fund for any club under the AMS to receive funding for events, activities and programs. This fund will be carefully monitored and administrated by the AMS Student Administrative Commission to ensure that the most engagement and activity comes from the student dollar.

Childcare Bursary Fund

Help students with children by providing subsidies for childcare and a contribution to the AMS Childcare endowment.

Student Legal Fund

This fund shall be used to finance legal cases brought by and for AMS members with the purpose of improving education and the accessibility to education at UBC Vancouver.

AMS Financial Assistance Fund

This fund shall be used to provide bursaries to UBC students in financial need. All UBC students can apply to receive bursaries based on their financial need.

Ubyyssey Publication Society

Ubyyssey Publication Fee is used to fund the operation of the Ubyyssey Newspaper. With new funds the Ubyyssey will be able to increase its online news reporting and create a new summer news offering.

AMS Athletics and Intramurals Benefit

This fund shall be used to benefit the Athletics and Intramurals program at UBC Vancouver.



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AMS Health and Dental Plan Fund

The Health and Dental Plan provides coverage for expenses such as most prescription drugs, travel health insurance, vision, and dental care, in addition to basic medical care covered by the MSP. A new deal has been negotiated with the health insurance providers that save students \$14 a year while maintaining a high level of coverage.

March 25-31, 2008

SUB Renewal Fee

(Yes **7342**; No 6228) **Passed**

Do you support the AMS establishing a graduated SUB Renewal Fee (the 'fee') to contribute to the construction of a new Student Union Building?

Note:

- The Fee would be levied on all active AMS members on a yearly basis.
- The amount of the Fee would be \$20 in the 2008/9 school year; \$30 in 2009/10, and would continue to increase by \$10 per school year up to and including the 2016/17 school year.
- The Fee would continue to be levied until the AMS has completed all its financing obligations for the new Student Union Building.
- The Fee will not be levied until the AMS reaches agreement with the University as to the terms of the University's financial contribution for the construction of a new Student Union Building to be located on or in the proximity of University Square.
- The AMS Council will establish a process for active AMS members demonstrating need to apply for a refund of the Fee.

March 25-31, 2008

Increase the WUSC fee for refugee students by \$1.50 (to \$2.50)

(Yes **8363**, No 2162)



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Do you support an increase in your AMS fee of \$1.50 a year to allow the UBC branch of the World University Services Canada (WUSC) to continue to support refugee students at UBC?

[See 2016 referendum for later increase.]

March 25-31, 2008

Continuing U-Pass at \$23.75 per month (\$1.75 increase)

(Yes 17,945; No 500)

Do you support a \$1.75 increase in the monthly U-Pass fee?

Note:

- The U-Pass will not continue if this referendum fails.
- Charge will now be \$23.75/month, for a minimum of three years as agreed to by the AMS and TransLink.
- \$0.25 of the fee increase is to pay for the Collection Fee assessed by the University as a handling charge to cover their costs of processing.

January 31 – February 7, 2005

Continuing U-Pass at \$22 per month (\$2 increase)

(Yes 19,192; No 1,513)

I support the continuation of the Universal Transportation Pass (U-Pass) program at a cost of \$22.00 per month for eight months (September through April each year).

Note 1: This cost will be part of your AMS fee and will entitle you to unlimited use of bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus services within the GVRD plus discounted fares for the West Coast Express as well as access to UBC TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the \$22.00 per month cost is fixed until April 2008. There will not be an increase in the cost for students unless students approve such an increase through another referendum.



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Note 3: The pass will be mandatory for all AMS members with certain limited exceptions.

Note 4: If the referendum receives a majority No vote or fails due to a lack of quorum (less than 4,000 Yes votes) the U-Pass Program will be terminated.

January 31 – February 7, 2005

Summer U-Pass

(Yes 17,729; No 1,724)

I support the implementation of a summer Universal Transportation Pass (Summer U-Pass) program at a cost of \$20.00 per month for 4 months (May through August) for students registered in the 2005 summer session and at a cost of \$22.00 per month in subsequent summer sessions for students registered in those sessions.

Note 1: This cost will be added to the AMS fee paid by students registered in the summer session and will entitle those students to unlimited use of bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus services within the GVRD plus discounted fares for the West Coast Express as well as access to UBC TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the \$22.00 per month cost is fixed through the 2008 summer session. There will not be an increase in the cost for summer students beyond \$22.00 unless such an increase is approved through another referendum.

Note 3: The Summer U-Pass will be mandatory for all AMS members registered in the summer session for courses of at least five weeks duration, with certain limited exceptions.”

January 31 – February 7, 2005

Increase the opt-outable fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund by \$2 (to \$3)

(Yes 7,809; No 2,746)

I support an increase in my AMS fee of \$2 a year, refundable upon request, to increase the funding for the sexual assault support services fund and call upon UBC to match this amount.***

*****Note:** All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services.



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Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

February 8-14, 2003

**U-Pass (\$160 for 8-month transit pass; \$120 for students in UBC Housing)
(Yes 10,742; No 4,760) Passed**

I support the implementation of a universal transit pass program (U-Pass) at a cost of \$20 per month for eight months (September through April each year).

Note 1: This cost will be added to your current AMS fee and will entitle you to unlimited use of bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus services within the GVRD plus discounted fares for the West Coast Express as well as access to TREK transportation programs.

Note 2: For the first two years of the plan, students in UBC Housing will pay a reduced rate of \$15 per month.

Note 3: Under agreements with Translink and the University, the \$20 per month cost is fixed until April 2005. There will not be an increase in the cost for students unless students approve such an increase through another referendum.

Note 4: The pass will be mandatory for all AMS members with the exception of:

- a) students who are not assessed AMS Fees;
- b) students who do not reside in the GVRD;
- c) students who do not attend any classes offered by the University within the GVRD;
- d) outgoing exchange students;
- e) Co-op students working outside the GVRD; and
- f) students who hold a valid other Translink pass.

February 8-14, 2003

Increase fees \$1 a year for opt-outable fee to create Sexual Assault Support Services Fund

(Yes 5802; No 1443) Passed

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I support an increase in my AMS fee of \$1 a year, refundable upon request, in order to establish a sexual assault support services fund.

Note: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in a Sexual Assault Support Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services.

More information

The \$1 fee will provide:

- More trained counsellors
- 30 office hours a week to provide sexual assault support services
- Expanded sexual assault awareness campaigns
- Increased outreach throughout the campus community

September 29-October 8, 1999

**AMS/GSS Health and Dental Plan
(Yes 4,926; No 2,081) Passed**

Do you support the implementation of an extended health and dental plan, jointly managed by the AMS and the GSS, at a cost of \$168 per year, for twelve months of coverage per student, indexed to CPI (Consumer Price Index)?

This increase will be automatically applied to your current AMS Fee unless you have an equivalent health and dental plan and you choose to opt out of the AMS/GSS plan.

The Plan will provide the following benefits until at least August 31, 2001:

Health Benefits:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of the cost of Prescription Drugs, including: <i>Oral Contraceptives</i> <i>Anti-depressants</i> <i>Insulin</i> <i>Asthma medication</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refractive laser eye surgery: approximately 40% of cost |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Accident: unlimited coverage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance: unlimited coverage |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinations: up to \$150/yr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychologist/Counselling Services: up to \$300/yr |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision Care: \$75 ever 24 months for eyeglasses or contact lenses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Canada Travel Insurance: up to \$1,000,000 |

| Dental Benefits: | Insured coverage (any dentist) | Optional Dental Network Coverage | Total coverage in Network |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Diagnostic & Preventative (2 check-ups per yr) | 70% | +20% | 90% |
| Minor Restorative (Fillings) | 70% | +20% | 90% |
| Oral Surgery (Wisdom Teeth) | 50% | +20% | 70% |
| Endodontics (Root Canals) | 50% | +20% | 70% |
| Periodontics (Gum Treatment) | 50% | +20% | 70% |
| Major Restorative (Crowns) | Not covered out of network | 20% | 20% |
| Annual Maximum | \$750 | No max | \$750+ |

Note: After August 31, 2001, the AMS and GSS may modify benefits in negotiations with the Plan Provider. Although the benefits may change, the cost of the plan will not exceed the amount approved in this referendum.

March 16-18, 20, 1998

**Fee for UBC Athletics and Intramurals
(Yes 3394; No 1411)**

Whereas UBC Athletics and Intramurals contribute to the social and personal lives of UBC students; and
Whereas the University has decreased funding to Athletics and Intramurals while the costs of these programs have increased; and



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Whereas an increase in student funding will allow UBC Athletics and Intramurals to continue current programs and services;
I support the implementation of a \$3 per year increase, not to exceed \$15 over 5 years, to benefit UBC Athletics and Intramurals.

[Note: This \$15 fee has been combined with the older \$6 Intramurals fee (see the 1996 referendum) to create a \$21 fee.]

March 16-18, 20, 1998

Fee to aid needy students

(Yes **3153**; No 1604)

Whereas the University's Board of Governors passed in 1997, on the recommendation of the President's Office, a new tuition fee increment to the Student Aid Fund of \$12.00 per year; and

Whereas the BC Supreme Court has ruled that the action of the Board of Governors and the President's Office contravened the Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act, and is therefore illegal; and

Whereas the University is under a court order to refund to all students the \$12.00 increment for the Student Aid Fund; and

Whereas it is important to aid financially needy students, and to promote the civil right of equal access to education for all, notwithstanding the illegalities committed by the Board of Governors and the President's Office;

I support a \$12.00 increase in the AMS fee, refundable upon request, to financially aid needy students.

Note: 100% of these funds will be dispensed as bursaries to UBC students.

[This fee was made non-opt-outable by the fee referendum of 2011.]

March 16-18, 20, 1998

Fee for a student legal fund

(Yes **3553**; No 1221) **Passed**

Whereas student interests are best established in a court of law;

Whereas there currently exists no organisation for the sole purpose of providing support for, often costly, court cases brought by and for the students of UBC;



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Whereas the Student Legal Fund will be established to fund cases to improve education and the accessibility to education at UBC;

I support the collection of \$1 annually as a student fee to be put towards the Student Legal Fund, this fee shall be refundable to individuals upon request.

January 15-19, 1996

Childcare bursary fund

(Yes **5,173**; No 1,499) **Passed**

"I support the 'Evelyn Lett Childcare Bursary Fund'. A fee of \$3.00 per year per student for three years will be levied to create this bursary fund. The University will match my donation dollar for dollar. This fund will provide bursaries for UBC students with childcare needs."

January 15-19, 1996

Reallocation of former \$7 Athletics fee

(Yes **5,086**; No 1,521) **Passed**

"I support the re-allocation of the \$7 Athletic Fee in the following manner:

- a. \$1.50 to Intramurals to maintain and improve existing programs
- b. \$.50 to W.U.S.C. Refugee Fund to allow the UBC branch of the World University Services Canada to continue to support two refugee students at UBC each year. This allocation will increase from the current \$0.50/student
- c. \$3.50 to External and University Lobbying and Advocacy to allow the AMS to adequately lobby the government, the University and the community-at-large on issues concerning the students of UBC
- d. \$1.50 to Resource Groups to ensure adequate funding for resource groups such as the Student Environment Centre, Women's Centre, Global Development Centre and GLBUBC

Note: This question will not increase the AMS membership fee levy."

[Note: This raised the Intramurals fee to \$6 and the WUSC refugee fee to \$1. For later increases to the refugee fee, see the referendum questions in 2008 and



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2016. For Intramurals, see the 1998 referendum. The lobbying fee was abolished in the 2014 referendum.]

January 16-20, 1995

Ubyyssey autonomy
(Yes **3,242**; No 2,082) **Passed**

“Be it resolved that the members of the Alma Mater Society recognize *The Ubyyssey* as the official student campus publication, that \$5.00 per active member per year (pro-rated for part-time students) be collected on behalf of The Ubyyssey Publications Society and be paid forthwith to The Ubyyssey Publications Society for the publication of an autonomous student newspaper at The University of British Columbia.”

November 4-8, 1991

CPAC (Capital Projects Fund) Mandate Expansion
(Yes **3,371**; No 1,599) **Passed**

I support adding the following projects to the mandate of the existing \$15.00 Capital Project Acquisition fee, which was approved in a 1982 referendum:

PIT EXPANSION:

To expand the Pit Pub into the area occupied by the Thunderbird Shop and renovate the interior. This will increase capacity and make the Pit wheelchair accessible.

SUB RENOVATIONS & EXPANSION:

Including the construction of club offices on part of the second floor courtyard.

WHISTLER CABIN RENOVATIONS & EXPANSION:

To expand and improve the AMS Whistler Lodge.

ARMOURIES REPLACEMENT:

To development a low-cost, multi purpose replacement for the Armouries.

Note: This question will not affect the AMS membership fee levy.



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[For later changes see the referendums in 2011, 2012, 2014.]

January 30-February 1, 1985

Refugee Student Referendum
(Yes **2,578**; No 842) **Passed**

I support the proposal to establish an annual Alma Mater Society (A.M.S.) fee of 50 cents per student to allow two refugee students to attend U.B.C. for a period of one year.

[See the 2016 referendum for latest amount.]

November 15-19, 1982

Fee Increase (\$3 for Intramurals, \$2 for AMS, and \$15 for CPAC)
(Yes **6,625**; No 2,175) **Passed**

I am willing to support the following:

- \$3.00 for Intramurals: to support administration costs and facilities;
- \$2.00 for AMS: for AMS to support student groups, political activity, media, service organizations, add new services, new equipment, and possible student aid funding.
- \$15.00 for the following specific major projects only:
 - i. **SUB**: Development of the 16,000 square foot undeveloped area located mainly under the plaza between SUB and the Aquatic Centre for large bookable space, club offices and facilities, student run services and other student use that is necessary;
 - ii. **Whistler Cabin**: Purchase of the land under the AMS Whistler Cabin (approximately \$70,000) so we do not lose the cabin;
 - iii. **Daycare**: renovation of the 250 units of day care to prevent its closure December 31st, and also for the eventual construction of new day care facilities;
 - iv. **B-Lot Barn**: renovation of the 6,300 square foot Horse Barn located in B-lot with a large bookable party-room sized area upstairs, a two bay student garage, wood/metal shops and small neighbourhood pub downstairs;



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- v. **Athletic Facilities:** development of athletic facilities in the vicinity of SUB, possibly including a large multi-purpose gymnasium or fieldhouse, a lit all weather artificial field, racquetball, squash courts and covered tennis courts;
- vi. **SUB:** sprinkler system for SUB (only if needed) to prevent SUB from being completely shut down;
- vii. **Improved Parking:** construction of a low profile revenue-generating parkade beside Gage Towers;
- viii. **Housing:** development of on-campus housing;

By having \$20.00 per year added to the current AMS fee

[This raised the Intramurals fee from \$1.50 to \$4.50. It also introduced the first standalone capital projects fee. See later referenda for expansion of its mandate, change in its name, and changes in amount.]

March 16-20, 1981

AMS Fee Reduction Referendum (cancelling \$15 SUB construction fee)

(Yes 3,030; No 1,344) **Passed**

Whereas the Student Union Building debt has been paid off, and whereas \$15 per student per year has previously been applied to the said debt,
Be it resolved that the AMS Student Fee be reduced by \$15.

March 11-13, 1980

Transfer of money from Accident Benefit Fund to build four VOC cabins at Sphinx Glacier, Tenquille Lake, and Gillivary Pass.

(Yes 2,579; No 279) **Passed**

“BE IT RESOLVED that the monies contained in the Accident Benefit Fund be used to purchase materials to construct four cabins on the following location: A) Sphinx Glacier; B) Tenquille Lake; C) two at McGillivary Pass; subject to the conditions outlined in S.R.A minute of January 23, 1980, No. 13, total not to exceed \$30,000”.

[From the S.R.A minutes of January 23, 1980:]

Notes:



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- i) That an agreement between AMS and VOC state that this proposal does not in any way affect the operation, ownership or any other concern of the AMS-Whistler cabin;
- ii) A joint Committee of VOC and SRA representatives propose an implementation plan (i.e. budget, designs, etc.);
- iii) That a lease between the AMS (VOC) and the Government of Canada or B.C. be obtained for the McGillivray Pass Cabin;
- iv) That the total cost of cabin (with overrun factor) and a cost-sharing formula (with written commitments from contributing parties) be presented to S.R.A for approval by the aforementioned joint committee;
- v) That the above riders and conditions be completed prior to a referendum taking place;
- vi) That if a lease is not obtained for the McGillivray Pass Cabin, construction will not begin and grant will be renegotiated

Note: Subject to V.O.C dropping current lawsuit against A.M.S.

March 13-16, 1979

AMS Fee Increase from \$9 to \$11, including Intramurals

(Yes 3,360; No 1,375) **Passed**

Should the present AMS fee be increased from \$9.00 per active member per year to \$12.00 per active member per year, with \$1.50 of this increase being applied to the AMS Intramural Program?

[This introduced a dedicated fee for Intramurals. See later referenda for increases.]

October 5, 1972

Indoor pool (Aquatic Centre) – a fee levy of \$5.00 to support an indoor pool.

(Yes 4,046; No 1,793) **Passed**

Be it resolved that:

An indoor pool levee of \$5.00 per student per year be established to amortize part of the cost of an indoor pool at the University of British Columbia provided that the following conditions are met:



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1. The pool shall be planned and managed by a Committee on which students have equal representation with the remaining members of the committee.
2. The facility shall provide free recreational time available to students.
3. The facility shall be constructed in the area of the Student Union Building.
4. The student contribution shall not exceed \$925,000.

February 2, 1972

SUB Expansion - Expansion re: Pit Development and redevelopment of the Lounge and Music areas

(Yes **2,919**; No 952) **Passed**

Whereas the Student Council has recommended the redevelopment of the following areas of the S.U.B.:

- (1)Area 18-D; and
- (2)Area 18-FI

and whereas Student Council has recommended the redevelopment of the following areas of the S.U.B.:

- (1)Room 30;
- (2)The present Lounge and Music areas; and
- (3)Room 130;

ARE you in favour of extending the term of financing for the Student Union Building to allow \$350,000 expansion program in these areas, it being understood that such extension of term will result in no increase in the amount of the current \$15.00 Building Fee Portion of the AMS Fee?

October 27, 1971

SUB PIT Expansion – an expansion to SUB basement to build the PIT at a cost not to exceed \$200,000. Money taken from the SUB Reserve Fund and repaid from revenues

(Yes **4,260**; No 952) **Passed**



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Are you in favour of the development of the Student Union building basement expansion area (18-D) according to the following provisos:

1. The space be used for a beer garden, lounge and restaurant.
2. The cost is not to exceed \$200,000.
3. The money is to be taken from the SUB Reserve Fund.
4. The cost is to be paid out of revenues.

March 10, 1966

AMS Fee Exemption for 3rd and 4th year Medical students
(Yes 3,033; No 833)

Whereas the third and fourth year medical students, because of their off-campus location, are unable to benefit from the vast majority of the activities of the Alma Mater Society though they are paying full AMS fees, and

Whereas the Board of Governors of the University and the Students' Council of the Alma Mater Society find the following to be a satisfactory relief of the situation;

Be it resolved:

That commencing with the year 1966-67 the third and fourth year medical students be exempted from the AMS fee.

March 17, 1961

Graduating class fee reduction - From \$10 to \$7 and make the purchase of The Totem voluntary

(Yes 3,088; No 658) **Passed**

WHEREAS

The present practice of charging the full price of a Totem to each member of the Graduating Class on a compulsory basis (as a portion of the Graduating Class Fee), is of no benefit to the Graduating Class and,



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WHEREAS the guaranteed market provided by this practice is not essential to the continued publication of the Totem,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Graduating Class Fee be reduced from \$10.00 to its former level of \$7.00, and that the members of the Graduating Class purchase their copies of the Totem on a voluntary basis.