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QUESTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE 
ANTI-VIOLENCE FEE 2021-02-11

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Vice-President (University Affairs)

Current Status:
☐ FOR APPROVAL
☒ APPROVED
☐ POSTPONED
☐ COMMITTED
☐ NOT APPROVED

Seconded by: Libby Williamson

Arts Representative

Issue

To maintain support for the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy, this motion seeks to renew the Anti-Violence Fee.

Background and Rationale

The 2018 GSVP Report outlined recommendations for the hiring of two casual staff members, known as the “Anti-Violence Coordinators,” to administer and oversee the procedures of the SSMU GSVP.

The passage of the Anti-Violence Fee and the establishment of the Anti-Violence Fund has allowed for the creation of both the Anti-Violence Coordinator positions and the GSVP training program, administered by the Coordinators.

Remaining funding is reserved for student initiatives, including advocacy campaigns and peer-to-peer gendered and sexual violence prevention training.

These functions have been and will continue to be essential to the fulfillment of the SSMU’s anti-oppressive mandate. Further, the Anti-Violence portfolio is expected to expand with the passage of the renewed GSVP and the addition of a third-party investigative consultant.
### Alignment with Mission

This motion and the proposed Fee renewal are essential to the fulfillment of the GSVP and the SSMU's Constitutional mandate for anti-oppression.

### Consultations Completed

This motion and the proposed Fee amount have been drafted in consultation with the Anti-Violence Coordinators, Vice-President (Finance), and the General Manager.

The Vice-President (Finance) and General Manager concluded that the original Fee amount would be sufficient to maintain the functioning and expansion of the Anti-Violence portfolio. As such, no increase is necessary.

### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

This Fee, like all other student fees, contributes to the inequitable financial burden of post-secondary education.

Should this motion or the proposed Fee renewal fail, there would be no continuous funding to ensure the administration and enforcement of the GSVP.

### Sustainability Considerations

The Anti-Violence Fee serves to increase the social sustainability of SSMU’s practices and promote a strong, safe and empowering community by endeavouring to minimize systemic power imbalances within society and foster a culture of anti-oppression, as outlined in section 3.2 of the Sustainability Policy.

### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should this motion succeed, a ‘yes’ campaign will be formed by the Vice-President (University Affairs) and the Anti-Sexual Violence Mobilization and Advocacy Commissioner to ensure the successful renewal of the Anti-Violence Fee.

The renewed Fee, should it pass, will ensure the continued functioning of the Anti-Violence Coordinators and the eventual expansion of the Anti-Violence portfolio.

Applications to the Anti-Violence Fund will continue to be administered by the SSMU Funding Committee.
Motion or Resolution for Approval

*Be it resolved, that* the following Question be approved for the Winter 2021 Referendum Period:

“Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-outable Anti-Violence Fee of $0.45 per term (excluding summer), payable by all part-time and full-time Members of the SSMU, starting in Fall 2021 until Winter 2026 (inclusive) at which point it will be brought back to the Membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the discontinuation of the fee and the loss of funding for the administration of the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy?”

*Be it resolved, that* this motion be included with the above Question for the Winter 2021 Referendum Period.

*Be it further resolved that* the SSMU Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

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### Appendix A : Projected Fee Revenue Breakdown

**Updated Revenue Estimate (2021-2022)**

*Gross Fee Revenue: $22,980  
Less: opt outs ($2,530)  
Total: $20,450  

*Based on Fall 2020 total enrollment

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<td>Anti-Violence: General (11% of 0.45/term)</td>
<td>$2,250</td>
<td>To be used for general costs in the GSVP’s administration, such as honoraria for training facilitators, space booking, et cetera.</td>
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<td>Anti-Violence: Staff (2)(78% of 0.45/term)</td>
<td>$15,951</td>
<td>Approximately 600 staff hours each (incl. fringe benefits).</td>
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<td>Anti-Violence Fund (11% of 0.45/term)</td>
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<td>For distribution by the funding committee for violence prevention-related projects, events, etc.</td>
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