



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

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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.

Results of the Vote

In favour (UNANIMOUS)
Opposed ()
Abstain ()



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

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