



MOTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF ANTI-VIOLENCE FEE 2026-02-12

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Issue This motion seeks to renew the Anti-Violence Fee, which supports the implementation of SSMU's anti-violence and anti-harassment mandates, including staffing, advocacy initiatives, and training programs.

Background and Rationale

The Anti-Violence Fee was established in 2018 following recommendations from the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy Report. The report identified the need for dedicated and sustainable funding to support staffing, advocacy work, and training initiatives related to anti-violence and anti-harassment efforts within the Society.

The renewal of this fee will fund staffing for roles that support SSMU's anti-violence and anti-harassment mandates, including the Anti-Violence Coordinators.

In addition, the fee may be used to support advocacy projects, training initiatives, investigation support, and other related activities aimed at

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strengthening a comprehensive framework of support for those who have experienced violence and harassment. These initiatives will seek to embed anti-harassment and anti-violence expectations across SSMU operations, including internal operations, clubs and services, and broader Society-affiliated activities.

The previous allocations of the fee are to fund Anti-Violence Coordinator salaries (78%), 11% for general costs of administration and 11% to the Anti-Violence Fund.

The new fee allocations will allocate 75% to staffing for roles that support SSMU's anti-violence mandate, followed by 15% for Anti-Violence portfolio projects (internal and external) and a minimum of 10% to the Anti-Violence Fund.

Alignment with Mission

This motion and the proposed Fee renewal are essential to the fulfillment of the expectations outlined in the SSMU Gendered & Sexual Violence Policy, Involvement Restriction Policy, Equity Policy 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 (Internal), Human Resources Director, Vice-President (Finance), and the Policy & Advocacy Coordinator.

The Vice-President (Finance), Anti-Violence Coordinators and Vice-President (Internal) 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, and only a renewal is being proposed at this time.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

This Fee, like all other student fees, contributes to the inequitable financial burden of post-secondary education however, the fee amount is considerably smaller than the widespread effects of harassment and violence.

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Should this motion or the proposed Fee renewal fail, there would be no continuous funding to ensure the administration and enforcement of the SSMU's anti-harassment policies, including the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should this motion succeed, a 'yes' campaign will be formed by the Vice-President (Internal) and the Anti-Violence Coordinators to ensure the successful renewal of the Anti-Violence Fee.

The renewed Fee, should it pass, will ensure the continued funding for staff in the Anti-Violence Portfolio, training, events, advocacy and support of the SSMU's anti-harassment and anti-violence mandates.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

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 2026 until Winter 2031 (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 SSMU's anti-violence mandates, including the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy?

Results of the Vote

- In favour ()
- Opposed ()
- Abstain ()

Appendix A

Anti-Violence Annual Fee Revenue Breakdown

Gross Fee Revenue: \$22, 980

Less: opt outs (\$4, 530)

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Total: \$18,450

Fee Breakdown	Estimated Amount	Notes
Anti-Violence Portfolio General (15%)	\$2768	Used by the Anti-Violence Portfolio Staff for the administration of SSMU anti-violence and harassment policies, internal projects & training, investigation support, advocacy, engagement events etc.
Staffing (75%)	\$13,838	Funding for staffing supporting SSMU anti-violence and anti-harrassment mandates.
Anti-Violence Fund (10%)	\$1845	For distribution by the funding committee for violence prevention-related projects, events, etc. This fee would be restricted so that a minimum of 6.8% of the total revenue each year (approx. \$1,250.00) goes to the Anti Violence Fund (per the previous fee renewal)