

## Fee Replacement Referendum

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<b>YES</b>	-	<b>1447</b>
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**NO** - **942**

**SPOILED** - **123**

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**QUORUM** - **1372**

*Passed by the Students of Brock University via referendum on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2010.*

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## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Fee Replacement Referendum, Winter 2010**

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#### **Alumni Centre Renovations**

1. Undergraduate students currently pay a per-credit fee of \$3.00 for Alumni Centre Renovations, and this charge will not be levied beginning with courses in the Spring session 2010
2. The Alumni Centre Renovations fee is otherwise set to expire beginning with courses taken in Fall (September) 2010.
3. Any unspent monies in the Alumni Centre Renovations fund will be transferred to the Capital Fund and after April 30, 2010 shall be accessed only upon approval from the BUSU Board of Directors.

#### **New Fees**

4. The Clubs Levy, Green Levy, and BUSU Fee shall be three different fees, separately collected, separately documented and separately administered according to the further terms of reference in this document. Future amendment or termination of any one fee shall not affect the handling or processes relating to the others.

#### **Clubs Levy**

5. The Clubs Levy shall be a \$2.00 per credit charge, levied to all undergraduate students, both full-time and part-time. It shall be levied in all academic sessions and durations. This fee shall be a mandatory fee.
6. The Clubs Levy shall first be charged on courses beginning in the Spring session 2010.
7. The Clubs Levy may increase annually by CPI, however such an increase shall be subject to approval from the Brock University Students' Union Board of Directors or their proper designate. CPI increases shall take place effective September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, beginning no sooner than September 2011.
8. Sixty percent (60%) of the Clubs Levy money each year will be budgeted by BUSU for use in the following purposes:
  - a. Salaries and benefits for staff that have a direct impact on BUSU ratified clubs
  - b. Fees for software that benefits BUSU ratified clubs
  - c. Capital purchases that benefit BUSU ratified clubs
  - d. Rent expenses that provide space for BUSU ratified clubs
  - e. Savings for the expansion or creation of space for BUSU ratified clubs
  - f. Training and development for members of BUSU ratified clubs

- g. To increase club funding (in addition to the amount outlined below)
- h. Other initiatives that benefit BUSU ratified clubs

9. Forty percent (40%) of the Clubs Levy money each year will be set aside within the BUSU budget for the purpose of club funding requests, or funding for groups which are not eligible to become BUSU ratified clubs for insurance reasons. The procedures for accessing these funds as prescribed by BUSU legislation must be followed.
10. At the end of each fiscal year, any portions of the 40% dedicated towards club or group funding requests which are unspent may be directed towards any eligible club-related expenses or savings as outlined in section 9 except for salaries and benefits, upon approval from the BUSU Board of Directors.

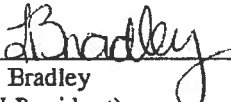
### **Green Levy**

11. The Green Levy shall be a \$1.00 per credit charge, levied to all undergraduate students, both full-time and part-time. It shall be levied in all academic sessions and durations. This fee shall be a mandatory fee.
12. The Green Levy shall first be charged on courses beginning in the Spring session 2010.
13. The Green Levy may increase annually by CPI, however such an increase shall be subject to approval from the Brock University Students' Union Board of Directors or their proper designate. CPI increases shall take place effective September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, beginning no sooner than September 2011.
14. All uses of funds from the Green Levy must be approved by the Brock University Students' Union Board of Directors, unless a specific section states that additional approval is required.
15. The Board of Directors may delegate their approval responsibilities, in whole or in part, to other bodies through bylaws or other proper legislative channels. The Brock University Students' Administrative Council (BUSAC) may not further delegate its approval responsibilities.
16. The Green Levy may be used to renovate or replace existing facilities or equipment owned or leased by the Brock University Students' Union, if the replacement or renovation increases the energy efficiency, eliminates waste, and/or decreases the environmental impact of BUSU operations.
17. The Green Levy may be used towards the construction of new space for BUSU operations, if it is used to offset the incremental costs of energy-efficient or environmentally sustainable appliances, equipment, technologies, and/or construction practices as compared to the base cost for standard models and practices.
18. The Green Levy may be used towards the incremental cost of reducing the environmental impact and/or increasing the sustainability of events, activities, or operations of the Brock University Students' Union, as compared to the base cost for standard practices.
19. The Green Levy may be used to fund groups, events, and activities, student research projects and other initiatives which have an explicit environmental purpose. Funds for these purposes must additionally gain approval from the Brock University Students' Administrative Council (BUSAC) in one reading with a 2/3 vote.

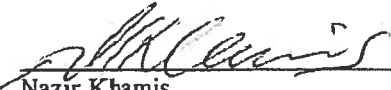
20. The Green Levy may not be used towards the wages or salaries of any employee(s).

**BUSU Fee**

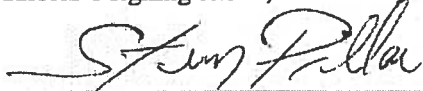
22. "BUSU Fee" shall be the new name for the ancillary fee currently known as the "Brock University Student Administrative Council (BUSAC)"
23. The existing per-credit fee of \$14.19 for 2009-2010 academic year shall be increased to \$16.19 for all courses beginning in the Fall (September) session 2010.
24. The BUSU Fee shall continue to be charged to all undergraduate students, both full-time and part-time. It shall be levied in all academic sessions and durations. This fee shall continue to be a mandatory fee.
25. The BUSU Fee may increase annually by CPI or \$0.50 per year, whichever number is greater, however such an increase shall be subject to approval from the Brock University Students' Union Board of Directors or their proper designate. Increases shall take place effective September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, beginning no sooner than September 2011.
26. The BUSU Fee forms the majority of the annual operating budget of the Brock University Students' Union, and may be accessed upon approval of the budget by the Brock University Students' Union Board of Directors.
27. The BUSU Fee shall be used to carry out the activities and functions of the Brock University Students' Union.

  
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(BUSU President)  
(authorized signing officer)


Feb 19, 2010  
(Date)

  
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Nazir Khamis  
(BUSU General Manager)  
(authorized signing officer)

Feb 22, 2010  
(Date)

  
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Steven Pillar  
(Brock University Vice-President Finance and Administration)  
(authorized signing officer)

March 15, 2010  
(Date)

  
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Dr. Jack Lightstone  
(Brock University President)  
(authorized signing officer)

March 22, 2010  
(Date)