

“Do you support the continuation of a \$2.75 per credit fee to fund the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre, as per the Memorandum of Understanding?”

### **Memorandum of Understanding (2013)**

#### **Services Offered:**

1. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre Levy will fund the development and ongoing operation of the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre for the purposes of, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Providing support services for survivors of sexual violence including, but not limited to, an email, phone, and text crisis/support line, peer support, support groups, advocacy, accompaniments, and coordinating response protocols within Brock.
  - b. Education and outreach to prevent violence on topics, including but not limited to, the importance of healthy relationships, consent, and how to respond to disclosures. Public education methods include, but are not limited to, bus advertisements, classroom talks, tabling, and leafleting.
  - c. Distribution of resources and training including, but not limited to, self-defense classes, safety whistles, pocket guides, male ally and bystander training, etcetera.
  - d. Having a presence in areas and at events where the risk of sexual violence may be heightened, including but not limited to Isaacs and O-Week.
  - e. Salaries for staff who have a direct role in the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre's operation.
  - f. The maintenance of a base of operations and safe drop-in space for individuals affected by sexual violence.
2. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre will maintain a safe space, on campus, for survivors of sexual violence and assault.
3. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre will also be known as “A Safer Brock.”

#### **The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre Fee:**

4. The passing of this referendum shall establish the levy for the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre, and bind the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre to operate under the terms and conditions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.
5. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre Levy shall be a \$2.75 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 mandatory.
6. All monies collected by Brock University for the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre shall be forwarded to the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre, and shall be spent in accordance to an annual budget approved by the Board of Directors of the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre.
7. Any monies collected from the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre levy, not spent by the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre shall remain as retained earnings for the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre, to be spent in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding.

8. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre 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.
9. This fee must be renewed every five (5) years via referendum.

**Organizational Structure:**

10. The affairs of the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre shall be managed by the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre's Board of Directors in accordance with the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre's Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies.
11. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre's Board of Directors shall be composed of seven (7) directors. The Board of Directors is to be comprised of the following voting and non-voting members:
  - a. Three (3) student-at-large representatives, voting
  - b. Three (3) members of the community, voting.
  - c. One (1) member of the Brock University Student's Administrative Council, voting.
  - d. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre Organizational Coordinator, ex-officio, non-voting.
  - e. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre Support Services Coordinator, ex-officio, non-voting.
  - f. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre Public Education Coordinator, ex-officio, non-voting.
12. Members of the Board of Directors are to be elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre, each May, in accordance with the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre's Constitution. Only those members, who have successfully completed the volunteer training and have been active volunteers for at minimum one year, as outlined in the Centre's policies, may be elected.

**Transfer of Fees:**

13. As a separate incorporation, following a year of levy funding, the Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre agrees to be audited on a yearly basis by an external auditor and pay for such audit. This auditor shall be approved by the Brock University Students' Union Board of Directors, and the results be made public to the students of Brock University.
14. The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre Levy shall take effect on courses beginning in the 2013 Spring Session. All fees collected will follow the existing policies set out by Brock University and the Brock University Students' Union.

The Brock Student Sexual Violence Support Centre, as a separate incorporation, agrees to follow all applicable and relevant, laws and regulations as defined by Corporations Canada.