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**From the office of the...  
Vice-President (Finance) & CFO**

To: Student Representative Assembly  
 From: Sarphina Chui, Vice-President (Finance) & CFO  
 Subject: HSR Referendum  
 Date: November 23, 2022

**Dear Members of the Assembly,**

I am writing this memo to propose a motion to allow full time undergraduate students an opportunity to vote on the continuance of the HSR bus pass during the 2023 Presidential Elections. Final negotiations are continuing, which is a common practice in reviewing the records over the last two HSR renewals. The common theme is the desire to continue to press the HSR for the best deal possible for students.

Stakeholders have formally met a total of six times alongside many informal follow-up discussions. At this time, we have been able to come to an agreement on the terms outlined below. The cost of bus pass is calculated in percentage relation to the HSR adult monthly bus pass. As the agreement currently stands, we are pleased to see no percentage increase over the terms of the proposed agreement. Though, we will continue to negotiate with the HSR in hopes of a greater fee reduction.

Here are the three key components to the MSU-HSR bus pass:

- 1) The Eight-Month Fall-Winter Pass
- 2) The Four-Month Summer Pass
- 3) The Extended Service Pass (buses into downtown until 3:00am)

**As reference, the 2020-2023 MSU-HSR Bus Pass details are as follow:**

<b>2020-2021</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fall-Winter Pass: 170% of monthly pass for 8-month fall-winter pass based on cost of monthly pass of March from previous year.</li> <li>2) Summer Pass: 18% of monthly pass for 4-month summer pass based on cost of monthly pass of March from previous year.</li> <li>3) Extended Service Pass: 7.5% of monthly pass for extended service.</li> </ol> Presto Integration: \$3.00 MSU Administration: \$1.00 <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><b>Total Fee – \$223.92*</b></div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Amendment due to COVID:</i>  <b>Total fee of \$59.62</b> for both the Winter 2021 and Summer 2021 school terms</p>
<b>2021-2022</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fall-Winter Pass: 175% of monthly pass for 8-month fall-winter pass based on cost</li> </ol>

<p>of monthly pass of March from previous year.</p> <p>2) Summer Pass: 18.5% of monthly pass for 4-month summer pass based on cost of monthly pass of March from previous year.</p> <p>3) Extended Service Pass: 7.5% of monthly pass for extended service.</p> <p>Presto Integration: \$3.00 MSU Administration: \$1.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total Fee – \$233.94</b></p>
<b>2022-2023</b>
<p>1) Fall-Winter Pass: 175% of monthly pass for 8-month fall-winter pass based on cost of monthly pass of March from previous year.</p> <p>2) Summer Pass: 18.5% of monthly pass for 4-month summer pass based on cost of monthly pass of March from previous year.</p> <p>3) Extended Service Pass: 7.5% of monthly pass for extended service.</p> <p>Presto Integration: \$3.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total Fee – \$232.94</b></p>

**Current Proposal for 2023-2026 MSU-HSR Bus Pass:**

<b>The recommended 2023-2024 pass will be based on the following:</b>
<p>1) Up to 175% of the monthly pass for the 8-month fall-winter pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2023.</p> <p>2) Up to 18.5% of the monthly pass for the 4-month summer pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2023.</p> <p>3) Up to 7.5% of the monthly pass for extended service until 3:00AM for buses going downtown.</p>
<b>The recommended 2024-2025 pass will be based on the following:</b>
<p>1) Up to 175% of the monthly pass for the 8-month fall-winter pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2024.</p> <p>2) Up to 18.5% of the monthly pass for the 4-month summer pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2024.</p> <p>3) Up to 7.5% of the monthly pass for extended service until 3:00AM for buses going downtown.</p>
<b>The recommended 2025-2026 pass will be based on the following:</b>
<p>1) Up to 175% of the monthly pass for the 8-month fall-winter pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2025.</p> <p>2) Up to 18.5% of the monthly pass for the 4-month summer pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2025.</p> <p>3) Up to 7.5% of the monthly pass for extended service until 3AM for buses going downtown.</p>

Hamilton city council has approved a 10-year strategic plan. It is expected the following price increases so that our pass will be affected in the following way:

- 2023-2024: \$118.80

- 2024-2025: \$123.20
- 2025-2026: \$127.00

**The detailed price would be as follows:**

<b>2023-2024</b>	
1) Fall-Winter Pass: \$207.90	
2) Summer Pass: \$21.98	
3) Extended Service Pass: \$8.91	
Presto MSU HSR Program Administration Fee: \$3.00	
	<b>Total Fee – \$241.79</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	
1) Fall-Winter Pass: \$215.60	
2) Summer Pass: \$22.79	
3) Extended Service Pass: \$9.24	
Presto MSU HSR Program Administration Fee: \$3.00	
	<b>Total Fee – \$250.63</b>
<b>2025-2026</b>	
1) Fall-Winter Pass: \$223.30	
2) Summer Pass: \$23.61	
3) Extended Service Pass: \$9.57	
Presto MSU HSR Program Administration Fee: \$3.00	
	<b>Total Fee – \$259.48</b>

I feel strongly that these are fair and reasonable fees for the next three years. When comparing our fees with other Universities and Colleges in Ontario, our bus pass stands as one of the most cost effective. Thus, I am confident in putting forward this agreement for students.

Pending SRA's approval on this motion, referendum will run concurrently with the Presidential election (January 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023).

Sincerely,



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