



Bylaw 8 – Financial Affairs

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To set forth the components of the MSU membership fee and the processes by which the membership fee shall be adjusted yearly;
- 1.2 To set forth additional financial transparency and accountability guidelines for non-University, non-MSU fee holders.

2. Membership Fee

- 2.1 All full MSU members shall pay the membership fees outlined in Appendix A, which shall be updated annually by the Vice-President Finance and appended to this bylaw;
- 2.2 MSU membership fees, with the exception of the HSR Bus Pass fee and Orientation Fee, shall increase annually, at a rate equal to the previous calendar year's Consumer Price Index (as measured by the Statistics Canada "annual averages index" for Ontario), rounding to the nearest cent as required;
- 2.3 The HSR bus pass fee shall be as follows for the years 2023-2026:
 - 2.3.1 The HSR bus pass fee for the 2023/2024 academic year shall be the sum of:
 - 2.3.1.1 The Basic HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 175% of the price of the HSR adult monthly bus pass in September 2023;
 - 2.3.1.2 The Summer HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 18.5% of the price of the HSR adult monthly pass in September 2023;
 - 2.3.1.3 The Extended Service HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 7.5% of the price of the HSR adult pass in September 2023;
 - 2.3.1.4 A PRESTO implementation fee of \$3.00.
 - 2.3.2 The HSR bus pass fee for the 2024/2025 academic year shall be the sum of:

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- 2.3.2.1 The Basic HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 175% of the price of the HSR adult monthly bus pass in September 2024;
- 2.3.2.2 The Summer HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 18.5% of the price of the HSR adult monthly pass in September 2024;
- 2.3.2.3 The Extended Service HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 7.5% of the price of the HSR adult pass in September 2024;
- 2.3.2.4 A PRESTO implementation fee of \$3.00.

2.3.3 The HSR bus pass fee for the 2025/2026 academic year shall be the sum of:

- 2.3.3.1 The Basic HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 175% of the price of the HSR adult monthly bus pass in September 2025;
- 2.3.3.2 The Summer HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 18.5% of the price of the HSR adult monthly pass in September 2025;
- 2.3.3.3 The Extended Service HSR bus pass fee equivalent to 7.5% of the price of the HSR adult pass in September 2025;
- 2.3.3.4 A PRESTO implementation fee of \$3.00.

2.4 The Vice-President (Finance) shall forward changes in the fee schedule to the SRA by January 31 each year for information, and to the University Board of Governors Secretariat by February 1 each year, for collection by the University in September;

2.5 All fees approved by the SRA are subject to any changes in government legislation and shall be adjusted accordingly by the Vice-President (Finance);

2.6 The Vice-President (Finance) shall calculate the adjusted fees for the next fiscal year for presentation with the annual budget; the new fee schedule shall be considered effective and part of this bylaw May 1 of each year;

2.7 SRA members shall, in their capacity as Full Members of MSU Inc., take any fee decisions made through a quorate referendum or at a quorate General Assembly as binding on the Corporation.

3. Fee Regulation and Review

3.1 The Vice-President (Finance) in conjunction with the SRA Standing Committee on Finance shall inform and monitor for compliance, all non-MSU, non-University organizations receiving student fees, as designated in Appendix A of this bylaw, of the following requirements:

- 3.1.1 Annual provision of financial statements to the Vice-President (Finance) by October 15, in a similar manner as submitted to the University, notwithstanding any accommodation provided by the SRA Standing Committee on Finance;
- 3.1.2 Maintenance of easily accessible online financial reporting;

- 3.1.2.1 Any group which falls under the Financial Accountability Policy for Student Organizations can follow University guidelines for online financial reporting.
 - 3.1.3 Administration of the fee appropriately and in accordance with the original referendum or General Assembly motion that instituted the fee.
- 3.2 Each organization must present to the SRA on the subject of their fee at least once during first semester of each academic year to ensure they are accountable to students;
 - 3.2.1 The presentation schedule will be created, administered, distributed and advertised by the Finance Committee in consultation with the relevant groups;
 - 3.2.2 All presentation procedures that are set by the SRA must be the same for all non-MSU, non-University Student groups.
 - 3.2.3 The presentation must touch on any recommendations made in the previous year and the progress made on those recommendations.
- 3.3 For each fee being presented, a corresponding motion to enter committee of the whole, to be discussed after the presentation, must be submitted to the SRA;
 - 3.3.1. The Finance Committee will then give the recommendations to each group, and schedule a follow-up meeting before the end of second semester to discuss timelines, progress, and feedback.
- 3.4 If the SRA Standing Committee on Finance determines that an organization has failed to meet the requirements outlined in Section 3.1 of this bylaw, a motion for referendum for that fee must be submitted to the SRA for consideration:
 - 3.4.1 Any recommendations made in previous years, that have not been followed, will be published alongside the referendum ballot.