

Mandatory Student Activity Fee Increase Proposal

The University at Buffalo Student Association is asking undergraduate students to support the continuation of the Mandatory Student Activity Fee and a modest increase from \$109 to \$115 per semester. This \$6 increase will help ensure that SA can continue providing the programs, services, funding, and opportunities that directly contribute to student life at UB.

The Mandatory Student Activity Fee is the primary source of funding that allows SA to support student clubs and organizations, host large-scale and smaller campus events, provide student services, fund advocacy initiatives, and create opportunities for students to become involved in the campus community. As the costs associated with programming, transportation, supplies, contracted services, and everyday operations continue to increase due to inflation and a continuing competitive economy, maintaining the current level of funding would make it increasingly difficult for SA to provide the same level of support without reducing funding or limiting programs and services.

An increase to \$115 per semester would provide SA with greater financial flexibility to continue investing directly in students. It would strengthen our ability to support club budgets and supplemental funding opportunities, help organizations plan meaningful programs and activities, and allow SA to continue offering events that bring the undergraduate community together - like Fest, Bullsapalooza, the Homecoming Carnival, International Fiesta, Fright Week, etc. It would also help protect important student services and initiatives from potential reductions caused by rising operating costs.

This referendum is ultimately about maintaining a strong and sustainable student association that can continue responding to the needs of the undergraduate student body. SA remains committed to ensuring that student activity fee dollars are managed responsibly, transparently, and with the goal of returning as much value and quality as possible to students.

By supporting the Mandatory Student Activity Fee at \$115 per semester, students are helping protect and strengthen the clubs, events, services, programs, and opportunities that make up an important part of the UB undergraduate experience.