What is the UB Student Association mandatory fee?
The mandatory fee is what funds the UB Student Association (SA). SA does not receive funding from the UB administration. It is a small fee included on your overall tuition/fee bill and 100% of this fee goes to SA. The SA budget funds events, clubs, services, advocacy, and student government. The distribution of this money is entirely controlled by the students.

What happens if there is no mandatory fee?
If there is no mandatory fee, Clubs will receive a budget of $0 for two years. There will be no SA events or activities and services and advocacy will be suspended until a mandatory student fee referendum passes.

What are the benefits of a mandatory fee?
The inclusive, up-front fee means that every undergraduate student can join clubs, receive services, and attend events with no out-of-pocket costs.

This is especially helpful for the 57% of UB students receiving financial aid, and the overwhelming percentage of students down to spare change by the end of the semester. Every student deserves an incredible undergraduate experience, even if they are entering UB from a modest or impoverished background.
What are my choices for the referendum vote?
Students can vote for a MANDATORY FEE or a VOLUNTARY FEE. Unfortunately the wording of the question presents a false choice because there is no feasible way for SA to collect a voluntary fee. The real choice is FUND (mandatory) or DEFUND (voluntary).

Can UB change the tricky wording of the referendum?
Unfortunately, the wording of this question is required by SUNY and individual campuses cannot make changes.

What would Club budgets be if the activity fee became voluntary?
$0 for two years, or until a mandatory fee referendum passes.

When is the next vote?
The next referendum (vote) will be in April 2021. The vote happens at the same time as SA Officer elections for the 2021-2022 term. This April 2021 vote will cover the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years. It will not cover the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year.

What is a referendum?
It is a vote.