What is the UB Student Association?
The UB Student Association (SA) is run for students by students. We are your student government and we support clubs, organize events, provide services, and advocate on behalf of undergraduate students. SA's work is funded by a small, upfront mandatory fee so no matter what's happening with your wallet at the end of the semester you can participate.

What kind of Clubs does SA support?
SA's 160+ Clubs cater to a wide range of student interests. Clubs are free and open to all undergraduate students. From the intellectually stimulating, like the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, to the empowering, like PODER Latinos Unidos, to physically engaging, like Outdoor Adventure Club and Women's Ice Hockey, there's a club for you.

Does SA bring major artists to campus at no-cost for undergrads?
Yes! We sure do!! SA's student-run events team brings top-tier talent direct to you with no out-of-pocket expenses. From music to comedy to thought-provoking speakers SA Entertainment as something for everyone. Recent performers/speakers include: Lil Uzi Vert, Blackbear, Young The Giant, International Fiesta, Yusef Salaam, DaBaby, Margaret Cho, John Mulaney, Trevor Noah, Joe Biden, and Malala Yousafzai.
What kind of events does SA organize and support?
All sorts! SA events are the heart of our shared undergraduate experience. We organize major events like Homecoming Carnival, International Fiesta, Mock Shaadi, and Gala. We also organize mini-golf, physic fairs, drive-in movies and kayaking on the lake. SA is hosting virtual and small in-person events to keep you safe, and entertained, throughout the pandemic.

What services does SA provide?
SA services will help you thrive no matter the challenge. No-cost services include tutoring, legal consultations, and a food pantry. SA staff and leaders can also connect you with additional resources. We are here to support you!

What kind of advocacy does SA do?
SA advocates on behalf of students, because we are stronger together! Recent advocacy work includes: providing free feminine care products in the Student Union, expanding mental health services, and ensuring equitable access to higher education. SA also championed the rights of international students and pushed for a Pass/Fail grading system with the transition to remote learning.

What is the SA mandatory fee?
The mandatory fee is what funds 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 and students vote on the fee every year.
What percentage of the overall cost of attending UB is the mandatory fee?
The fee is less than 1% for full-time NYS resident students. The up-front, all inclusive fee means that all undergraduate students 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 who don’t have extra funds by the end of the semester.

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. Remember, there is NO mechanism for SA to collect a mandatory fee so the choice in the election is YES (mandatory) or NO (voluntary).

When is the next opportunity to support the mandatory fee?
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.