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

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

What are the benefits of a mandatory student activity fee?
The inclusive, up-front fee ensures that every undergraduate student can join clubs, receive services, and attend events for no out-of-pocket costs. Every student deserves an incredible undergraduate experience regardless of their economic or financial background, and the mandatory student activity fee guarantees this.
What are my choices for the referendum vote?

Students can vote for a MANDATORY FEE or a VOLUNTARY FEE. However, the phrasing 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 confusing wording of the referendum?

Unfortunately, the wording of the referendum is required by SUNY and individual campuses cannot make any changes to it.

What would club budgets be if the mandatory student activity fee became voluntary?

If the mandatory student activity fee became voluntary, club budgets would be $0 for two years or until a mandatory student activity fee referendum passes.

When is the next vote?

The next referendum vote will be September 19th–23rd 2022. The vote occurs at the same time as the SA Senate elections. This year’s vote will cover the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years.

What is a referendum?

It is a vote.