



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Article Nine – Graduate Aboriginal Student Services Levy MOU
Amendment to Document 005 – Schedule E

Fee Question:

Do you support a \$2.75 per term fee to fund Aboriginal Student Services starting Fall 2022 as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding?

YES

NO

Memorandum of Understanding Aboriginal Student Services Levy March 2022

As per the referendum question being proposed to the graduate students at Brock University; this is a full and association member referendum:

The Brock University Graduate Aboriginal Student Services Levy:

1. Monies shall be collected by Brock University under the ancillary fees protocol and the Brock University-GSA Omnibus Agreement and used solely under for the purposes for which they have been levied, as per this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Brock University shall provide assurances that the collected monies are being spent in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding through the provisions outlined hereinafter.
3. The Brock University Graduate Aboriginal Student Services Levy shall be \$2.75 per term, for both full-time and part-time graduate students. It shall be levied in all academic sessions and durations.
4. The fee shall be mandatory for any member meeting the criteria outlined above.
5. The Graduate Aboriginal Student Services Levy may increase annually by CPI; however, such an increase shall be subject to approval from the Brock University Graduate Students' Association Board of Directors. CPI increases shall take place effective May 1st of each year, beginning no sooner than May 2023. Any fee increase must be communicated to Brock University by the end of February in the year in which the increase is set to take effect.
6. Any monies collected and remaining unspent at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained by Brock University and shall be spent in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding and the associated Terms of Reference. Any fees remaining unspent within the year they were collected shall be reported to the Brock University Graduate Students' Association.

Oversight of the Brock University Graduate Aboriginal Students Services Levy:

Enacted: September 2022

Last Review: January 2022

Next Review: ---N/A---



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7. Aboriginal Student Services agrees that the Brock University Graduate Students' Association (GSA) is accountable to all Brock University Graduate Students and therefore must ensure that Aboriginal Student Services is acting responsibly with the monies collected.
8. Aboriginal Student Services Levy will be budgeted annually and will be utilized for service provision, events, programming and resources by staff in a financially responsible way to ensure the terms of this memorandum of understanding are met.
9. Aboriginal Student Services will maintain accountability measures by presenting an annual budget to the GSA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors as requested.
10. In the event of a name change by the department, unit, program or group utilizing this fee, they may, through a duly designated representative, inform the Brock University Graduate Students' Association of the change who shall not reasonably withhold the request. Any such change shall only apply to the name of the levy, no other provisions of the question or MOU may be altered without a respective membership vote.

Purpose of the Brock University Graduate Aboriginal Student Services Levy:

11. This Brock University Graduate Aboriginal Student Services Levy shall support Aboriginal Student Services in providing:
 - a. Support their mission of providing academic and cultural support for Indigenous graduate students.
 - b. Assist in providing a welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment for Indigenous graduate students and visitors to our campus.
 - c. Help all Indigenous graduate students, including First Nations, Metis and Inuit, make the transition to the Brock University community, and to provide support and resources to enhance their academic success and cultural identity at Brock.
 - d. Assist in offering social and academic supports in a culturally sensitive manner to encourage Indigenous graduate students to maintain their identity within the university setting. Assist Aboriginal Student Services in working closely with Indigenous community partners to enhance the success of both current and prospective graduate students.



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- e. Assist in the provision of Indigenous graduate student space that is more conducive and supportive of their learning.
- f. Support Aboriginal Student Services in providing additional services to indigenous students, these included but are not limited to:
 - i. Smudging
 - ii. Tutoring services
 - iii. Lounge access
 - iv. Indigenous Resources (Books, videos etc.)
 - v. Cultural Art & Design Workshops (beading, working with leather, wood burning, painting)
 - vi. Luncheons
 - vii. Access to Elders
 - viii. Computer lab access
 - ix. Coffee & tea
 - x. Student jobs and other opportunities
- g. Support Aboriginal Student Services to remain open to non-Indigenous students interested in learning about Indigenous culture or seeking cultural resources.