



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

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Brock University Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee – Memorandum of Understanding

Referendum Question:

Do you support an increase to the existing Graduate Mental Health and Wellness fee of \$20.00 per year to \$20.00 per term, during the Fall/Winter semesters, under the proposed Memorandum of Understanding?

YES

NO

Memorandum of Understanding Brock University Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee March 2020

As per the referendum question being proposed to Brock University Graduate Students, this is a membership-wide referendum.

The Brock University Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee:

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, on an annual basis, through the Finance Office as well as the Vice-Provost, Teaching, Learning, and Student Success that the collected monies are being spent on the provisions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding and the associated Terms of Reference.
3. The Mental Health and Wellness Fee shall be \$20.00 per term, levied to both full and part-time graduate students, during the Fall and Winter semesters only. Any monies collected and remaining unspent at the end of the fiscal year shall be reallocated by the Advisory Committee and spent in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding and the associated Terms of Reference.
4. The Mental Health and Wellness Fee shall be levied to all graduate students, however graduate students who are studying at campuses outside the Niagara and Hamilton Regions will be granted an exemption from this fee, once confirmation of their "out-of-town" status is provided by their faculty program.
5. The Mental Health and Wellness Fee 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 2021.

Oversight of the Brock University Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee



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6. Oversight of the Implementation of the Brock University Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee shall be provided by an Advisory Committee, composed at minimum of the following members:
 - a. Vice-Provost, Teaching, Learning, and Student Success;
 - b. Director, Student Wellness and Accessibility;
 - c. President, Brock University Graduate Students' Association;
 - d. Executive Director, Brock University Graduate Students' Association, or their designate.
7. Where additional members are added, graduate student representation must not fall below fifty percent (50%) of the committee's composition.
8. The Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee Advisory Committee shall be responsible for advising the Vice-Provost, Teaching, Learning, and Student Success on relevant concerns regarding the application and administration of the Fee and shall normally meet at least once per term.
9. The Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee Advisory Committee shall be responsible for developing a Terms of Reference for the committee, which shall include key deliverables, accountabilities and priorities for the GSA. These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually, revised accordingly and shall exist for the duration of this five (5) year Memorandum of Understanding.
10. This Fee shall be charged to graduate students for a period of five (5) years and shall expire at the end of April 2025.

Purpose of the Brock University Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee:

11. This fund is to be used only on items identified within this Memorandum, upon approval by the appropriate governing body of the Brock University Graduate Students' Association in conjunction with those identified by the Terms of Reference developed by the Advisory Committee.
12. The Graduate Mental Health and Wellness Fee shall be spent on student support which includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Psychological support for graduate students;
 - b. Clinical support for graduate students;
 - c. Out-Patient support for graduate students;
 - d. Mental Health and Wellness outreach to graduate students;
 - e. Educational support for graduate students;
 - f. Additional support for programming and initiatives not specifically covered in sections of 12a-e of this Memorandum of Understanding but defined within the Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.