



## **DSU FEE CHANGE CHANGING THE DSU'S MEMBERSHIP FEE FAQ**

### **Background**

Since 2011, the DSU's membership has not been modified and is still at 19\$ for full-time students and 9.50\$ for part-time students. For over 10 years, the fee has remained the same despite the cost price index having increased by almost 17%. This means that something that would cost 19\$ in 2011 would now cost 22.21\$. While we understand no one likes to pay more, with natural inflation, it is only natural the fee is adjusted to ensure long-term financial sustainability of the Union.

### **Why Change the Fee Now?**

We propose a modification of the current fee to account for its stagnation and loss in value over the years. We would be increasing the fee now so that it would be properly adjusted for the costs in 2021. The Union has seen its costs rise of the course of the last decade notably in pay to our employees and in costs associated to accounting, legal and auditing. With a stagnant fee, the union has more limited funds to offer more services and funding to student groups and projects.

### **What will be the change?**

We propose to increase the full-time fee from 19\$ to 22\$. This would equal a total increase of 6 dollars per year. This means full-time students within a pre-university program would pay a total increase of 12 dollars whereas full-time students in technical programs would pay a total increase 18 dollars over the course of 3 years.

As for part-time students, the fee would pass from 9.50\$ to 11\$. This would mean an increase of 3\$ per year.

### **When would this fee change take effect?**

Since the college has already collected the membership fee for new and returning students for fall 2021, this change would only take effect for winter 2022.

### **What happens if the fee isn't modified?**

The DSU will essentially continue to grow poorer over the years with its current fee. Over time, the union will be able to do less with its budget since costs associated to employment, accounting, legal and of goods will continue to increase. This could result in the union having to offer less to its membership and student groups.

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