STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Monday February 3rd, 2014
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ORDER PAPER (SC 2013-19)

2013-19/1  SPEAKER’S BUSINESS

2013-19/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students’ Council will take place on Tuesday, February 4th, 2014

2013-19/6  BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-19/6a GREHAN MOVES THAT Students’ Council, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, approve the following plebiscite question to be held during the 2014 Executive Committee and Board of Governors Representative election:

The Athletics and Recreation Fee (ARF) is a Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee (MNIF) levied by the University of Alberta and paid by every on-campus undergraduate and graduate student. In addition to funding from the university, donors, sponsors and program revenues, the ARF provides revenue that enables the university to provide recreational and interuniversity sport programs and facility access to students. In general, the fee revenues are designated to cover the costs of professional staff that manage the aforementioned programs. The ARF is currently $64.92 per semester for full-time students and $32.46 per semester for part-time students.

In consultation with the Students’ Union (SU) and the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA), it has been agreed that an increase to the ARF would be accompanied by the following stipulations:

· no increases to student user fees for existing intramural programs for a three year period and existing fitness programs or services for a one year period;
· free admission to all regularly scheduled Golden Bears and Pandas events excluding Canada West and CIS playoffs and special events;
· 10% student discounts on merchandise from the Golden Bears and Pandas store; and
· facility access at no charge for two special events per semester sponsored by the SU and/or GSA (subject to SU and GSA participation in the required facility scheduling timeline and process);
· Two (2) presentations in the Spring/Summer and Fall semesters, respectively, by the Athletics department to Students’ Council on the status of the ARF, the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund, the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, and the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre fee.
Given the explanation and the stipulations described above, do you support an increase in the Athletics and Recreation Fee of $16.38 per semester for full-time students and $8.19 per semester for part-time students?