Faculty Association Membership Fee Proposal

OASIS Student Council Presentation
As students of the University of Alberta Faculty of Arts, we respectfully acknowledge that the University of Alberta is situated on the traditional, ancestral territory of Treaty 6, as well Métis Region 4. This land has been and is home to a diverse range of Indigenous nations and people; who have, and continue to, steward this land that sustains all of us. We together stand on these ancestral territories, with a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration, to build a better, safer, healthier and stronger tomorrow.
Introductions

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- OASIS President, 2023-24
- OASIS Vice-President External, 2022-23
- OASIS External Director, 2021-22

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- OASIS Vice-President Academic, 2023-24
- Editor-in-Chief of Crossings: an undergraduate journal
- OASIS Events Director, 2022-23

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- OASIS Vice-President Finance 2023-2024
- OASIS Interdisciplinary Councillor, 2023
Introduction
To The Proposal
Mandate of OASIS

To create social, extracurricular, and academic environments to encourage and support students in attaining a high level of satisfaction, enjoyment, and success.

We strive to provide:

- **Excellent** events and engagement opportunities for students
- **Generous granting** to enable students and student groups to pursue their own worthy goals
- **Effectively advocate** all levels of governance for the legitimate interests of Arts students
Reason for FAMF Fee Renewal Request

- Continued Membership Fee
  - Ensures the continuation of services, programs, and initiatives provided for Arts students.

- Increased Membership Fee
  - Expand various initiatives, programs and services within OASIS
  - Further promotes Arts students’ engagement and, enhance the Arts experience
Alternative Revenue Sources

Ways OASIS generates income outside of the FAMF fee include, but are not limited to:

- *Crossings: an undergraduate journal*
- Locker sales
- Discount cards
- Event sales
- Pronoun pins
Reporting Mechanisms

- OASIS publishes our budgets on our website
- We share our budgets publicly during our AGMs and through our social media platforms
- Committed to transparency and accountability
The Proposal

Finances
Amount & Scope

- Raising the FAMF to $5.00 per academic term. Currently, the FAMF for Arts students is at $3.00 per term.
  - Remain at $0.00 for Spring/Summer terms.

- Applies to all part- and full-time students enrolled in an Arts undergraduate degree.
Inflation

According to the Bank of Canada our current $3.00 FAMF is barely worth more than our previous FAMF due to inflation. $3.00 in 2023 is equivalent to $2.60 in 2020, meaning our previous increase from $2.50 to $3.00 has almost been negated due to inflation. This increase is in part to offset inflation as well as to improve the services we offer and bring our FAMF in line with other faculty associations.

Sources:
https://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/
Refund Mechanism

- Discussion of implementing a refund mechanism
- **Refund process would entail:**
  - Filling out a form prior to fee deadlines for the corresponding semester
    - Form to include reasoning and basic identifying information of the student
    - Form would be made available via the OASIS website
  - Faculty of Arts will verify the student identification information to ensure they are valid Arts undergraduates
Fee Collection Beginning and Cessation

- Begin collection September 1st, 2024 until August 31st, 2028
  - 4 year term
Oversight & Financial Controls

- **OASIS Finance Committee**
  - Oversees budget and financial statements
  - Examines financial transactions (spendings and revenues) of OASIS

- **Publicly shared budget:**
  - Annual General Meeting
  - Website

- **Submitting reports to audit committee**
  - Ensure compliance with the relevant policies and regulations set
## Previous Year Audit Report

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Past Budget Reports

Finances
## PREVIOUS YEAR BUDGET REPORT

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Current Budget
Finances
Current Allocation

Itemised allocation approved by Finance Committee

- Expected Reduction of final Events cost by way of grants and ticket sales.

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**VPX**
- External Initiatives
- Speaker Series
- Student Workshops

**VPA**
- Crossings expenses
- Academic events
- Academic Media projects

**President**
- Arts Meet and Greet
- Clubs Fair
- AGM.

**VPI**
- Office operational materials and maintenance
- Snacks for students
- Menstrual products
- Advertising and Media
- Morale and Team Spirit

**VPOE**
- Events* materials and resources (decorations, amenities, operational, etc.)
- Food and Drinks
- Workshops and Trainings
- First Aid
- Material and space rentals
Proposed Allocation
Where OASIS Finance will go:
Proposed Changes include:

- Increased granting
  - Individual
  - Departmental
- Crossings expansion
- Academic events
- Arts Identity Initiative
- Printing expansion
- Breakfast bars
- Merch
  - DA Merch Fund
  - OASIS x Arts Merch
- Giveaways
- Expanding Arts Meet and Greet

![Pie chart showing allocation percentages]
Services

The Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies offers:

- free printing
- *Crossings: an undergraduate research journal*
- free condoms
- free menstrual products
- Arts student discount cards
- the Arts Mentorship Program
- locker rentals
- microwaves
Events

OASIS has a variety of Events throughout the academic year. They are aimed at the development of transferable skills and community-building. These events include:

- Harm reduction training
- First aid training
- Free snack bars
- Grad school personal statement workshop
- CFB collaboration
- International student holiday event
- Networking events
- Arts Meet and Greet
- Speaker series
Research Conference and Social

“Arts Gala”

- Live entertainment, free food, and an undergraduate student research conference
- Celebrates student academic achievements
- Fosters a sense of community for Arts students
Granting

OASIS provides:

- Individual granting
  - Supports student research
  - Fund student’s conference opportunities
  - Allows for increased educational experiences

Departmental association granting
- Support DA events and initiatives
Consultation
The survey we sent to arts students showed that:

- A majority of students are aware of OASIS’ services, programs, and initiatives
- A majority of students frequently use our services
- An overwhelming majority support our proposed increase
  - Those opposed of the increase still showed support for FAMF
Have you heard of any of these services?
90 responses

- Yes: 88.9%
- No: 11.1%

Have you used any of these services?
90 responses

- Yes: 65.6%
- No: 34.4%

Do you support this proposed increase?
90 responses

- Yes: 94.4%
- No: 5.6%

Would you support maintaining the current FAMF at $3 per semester?
5 responses

- Yes: 100%
Departmental Association Consultation

- We have contacted all the Department Associations (DAs) to arrange meetings to hear their feedback and/or concerns about FAMF
  - We successfully met with several department associations, who expressed strong support for the renewal and proposed increase of FAMF
  - Agreed that the fee would benefit their students and programs
Endorsements

- Departmental Associations support the proposal
- Consulted with Students populace, majority voted in favour
Question & Answer Period

Thank you for your consideration