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SUBMISSION TO THE UVIC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date: June 20, 2025

To: Finance Committee

For: Decision

From: Kristi Simpson, Vice President Finance & Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Simpson'.

cc: President and Vice-Chancellor

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Subject: Graduate Students' Society Fees 2025-26

Recommendation:

THAT the Finance Committee recommend to the Board of Governors that the Board of Governors collect and remit fees for Health and Dental effective September 1, 2025 as outlined in the letter of June 20, 2025 from the Executive Director of the GSS to the UVic, Vice-President Finance and Operations.

Background:

Per the University and Societies Acts, the Graduate Students' Society is providing notice of fee changes to the University of Victoria for implementation as of September 1, 2025.

This letter covers our Extended Health and Dental insurance fees for 2025-26, in addition to the fees approved in March.

Basis for Jurisdiction: University Act
Societies Act

Attachment(s): 2025 Health and Dental Fee Change Notice to UVic BOG



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June 20, 2025

Dear Ms. Simpson,

I am writing to offer final notice of changes to the University Of Victoria Graduate Students' Society (GSS) fees for our 2025-26 fiscal year. This letter covers our Extended Health and Dental insurance fees for 2025-26. For all other 2025-26 GSS fees and assessment criteria, please see my correspondence from March 26, 2025.

The GSS Extended Health and Dental insurance plans provide all on-campus, full-time graduate students with secondary health insurance. Part-time graduate students are able to opt in to our plan. Graduate students can opt out of this insurance coverage on the basis of comparable secondary health insurance, residency outside Canada, or completion/withdrawal from their program. Eligibility to be automatically assessed for our plans was outlined in our March 26, 2025 letter.

Changes to fees made by referendum

A referendum on the administration for the GSS Health and Dental fees took place March 5-7, 2025. Changes resulting from this referendum apply to the September 2025 term forward. This referendum dealt exclusively with a change of brokerage. Following the results of this referendum, the GSS moved our health and dental insurance brokerage to Studentcare. Studentcare has since rebranded to Alumo.

Do you support moving the GSS Health and Dental Plans to StudentCare?

Options:

Yes, I support moving the GSS Health and Dental Plans to StudentCare. Votes 333 (76.2%)

No, I do not support moving the GSS Health and Dental Plans to StudentCare Votes 104 (23.8%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total 454

Abstain 17 (3.7%)

2025-26 Health and Dental Fee Schedule

In accordance with the above, and with approval from the GSS membership via referendum on March 7, 2025, the GSS Health and Dental fee schedule is as follows, effective September 1, 2025:

	202509 September	202601 January
GSS Health fee(as charged with tuition)	\$469.31	\$312.87
GSS Dental fee (as charged with tuition)	\$282.14	\$188.09

While not charged directly with tuition, please also find in the attached 2025-26 Opt In Health and Dental Fees excel sheet the opt-in rates for part-time students, family members, distance students, co-op students, visiting graduate research students, students on leave and students with CAL accommodations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at gssmgr@uvic.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kyla Turner
Executive Director

cc.

Maggie Lawton, *GSS Director of Finance*

Dr. Robin Hicks, *Dean of Graduate Studies*

Carrie Andersen, *University Secretary*

Jim Dunsdon, *AVP Student Affairs*

Joel Lynn, *Director, Student Services*

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Janice Johnson, *Executive Director, Financial Services*