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Faculty Association Membership Fee Proposal

OASIS Student Council Presentation

Land Acknowledgement

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

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



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



Prishna Sweeney
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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

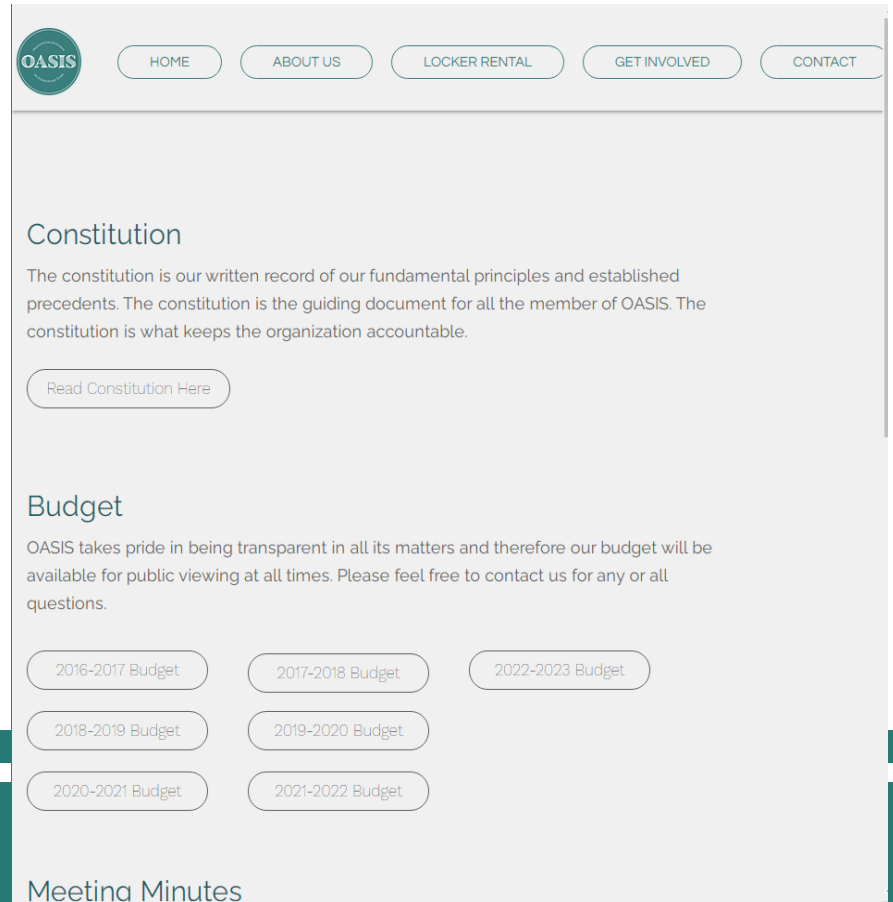
Ways OASIS generates income outside of the FAMF fee include, but are not limited to:

- *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 screenshot shows the OASIS website header with a logo and navigation links: HOME, ABOUT US, LOCKER RENTAL, GET INVOLVED, and CONTACT. Below the header, there are two main sections: "Constitution" and "Budget".

Constitution
The constitution is our written record of our fundamental principles and established precedents. The constitution is the guiding document for all the member of OASIS. The constitution is what keeps the organization accountable.

[Read Constitution Here](#)

Budget
OASIS takes pride in being transparent in all its matters and therefore our budget will be available for public viewing at all times. Please feel free to contact us for any or all questions.

[2016-2017 Budget](#) [2017-2018 Budget](#) [2022-2023 Budget](#)
[2018-2019 Budget](#) [2019-2020 Budget](#)
[2020-2021 Budget](#) [2021-2022 Budget](#)

Meeting Minutes

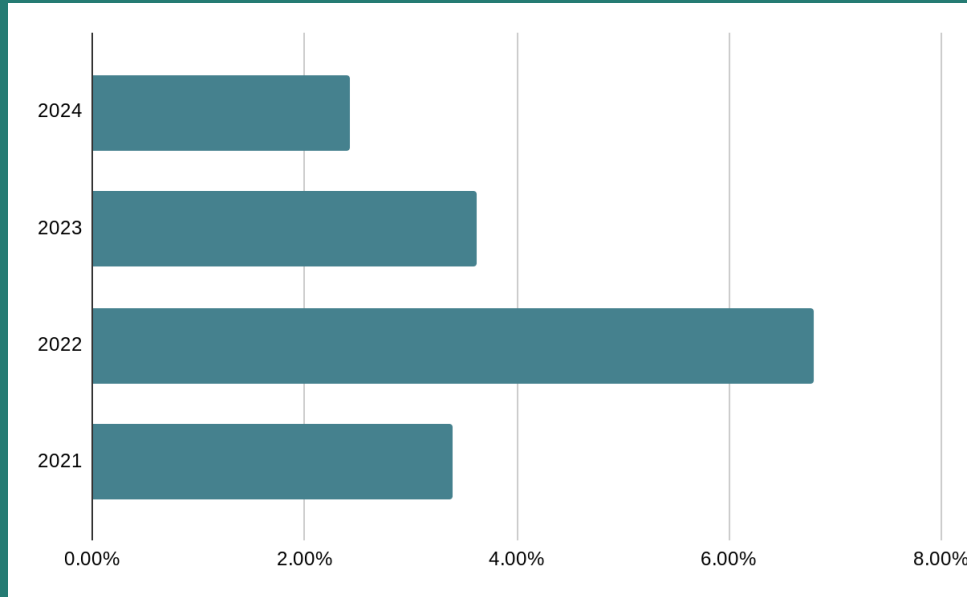
The Proposal

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.statista.com/statistics/271247/inflation-rate-in-canada/>

<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

Income 22/23

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| FAMF | \$35,061.63 |
| Locker Sales | \$843.88 |
| Event Ticket Sales | \$3,545.86 |
| Account Interest | \$10.37 |
| TOTAL | \$39,461.74 |

Expenses 22/23

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Council Meetings | \$234.09 |
| Election Expenses | \$281.76 |
| Admin and Office | \$8,045.16 |
| Granting | \$10,099.31 |
| Marketing | \$150 |
| Events | \$14,847.65 |
| TOTAL | \$33,657.97 |

Past Budget Reports

Finances

PREVIOUS YEAR BUDGET REPORT

Income 22/23

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| FAMF | \$35,000 |
| Locker Sales | \$1,000 |
| Event Sales | \$24,000 |
| TOTAL | \$60,000 |

Expenses 22/23

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|-------------|-------------|
| Events | \$19,354.82 |
| Operations | \$11,970 |
| Initiatives | \$16,070 |
| TOTAL | \$47,394.82 |

Current Budget

Finances

Current Allocation

Itemised allocation approved by Finance Committee

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

| ALLOCATION: | AMOUNT: |
|----------------------|----------|
| President | \$5,160 |
| VP Internal | \$2,360 |
| VP Outreach & Events | \$16,215 |
| VP Academic | \$5,800 |
| VP External | \$4,140 |
| TOTAL | \$33,675 |

VPX

12.3%

- External Initiatives
- Speaker Series
- Student Workshops

President

15.3%

- Arts Meet and Greet
- Clubs Fair
- AGM.

VPI

7.0%

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

VPA

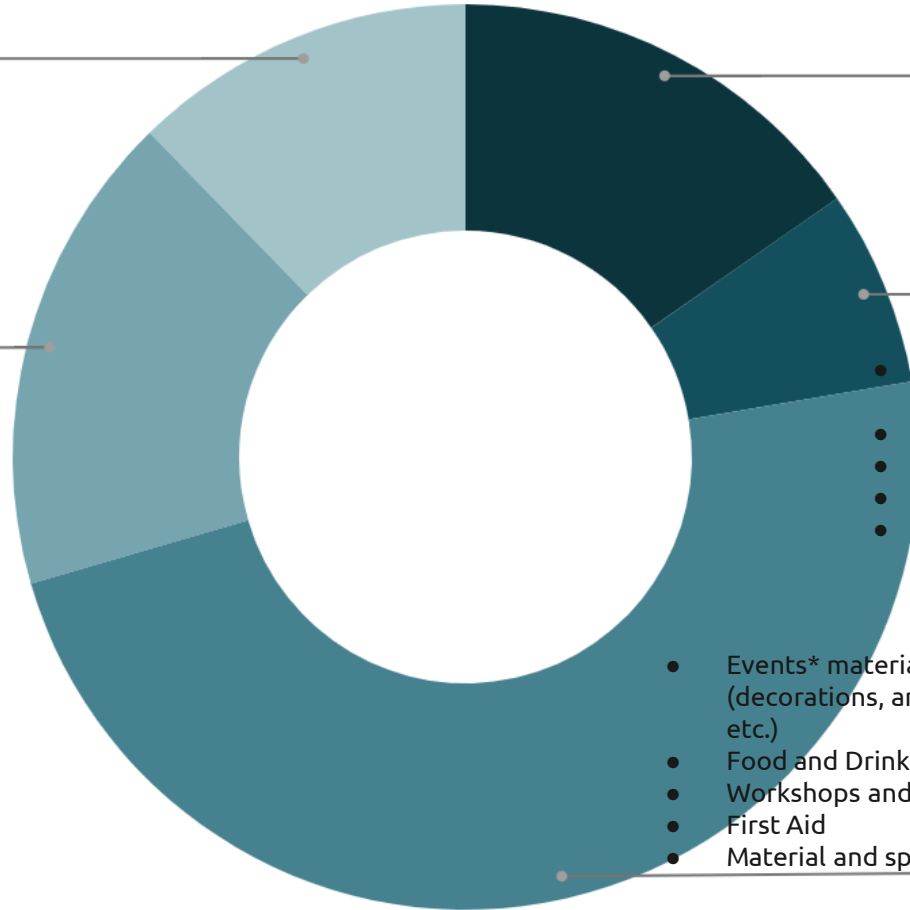
17.2%

- Crossings expenses
- Academic events
- Academic Media projects

- Events* materials and resources (decorations, amenities, operational, etc.)
- Food and Drinks
- Workshops and Trainings
- First Aid
- Material and space rentals

VPOE

48.2%



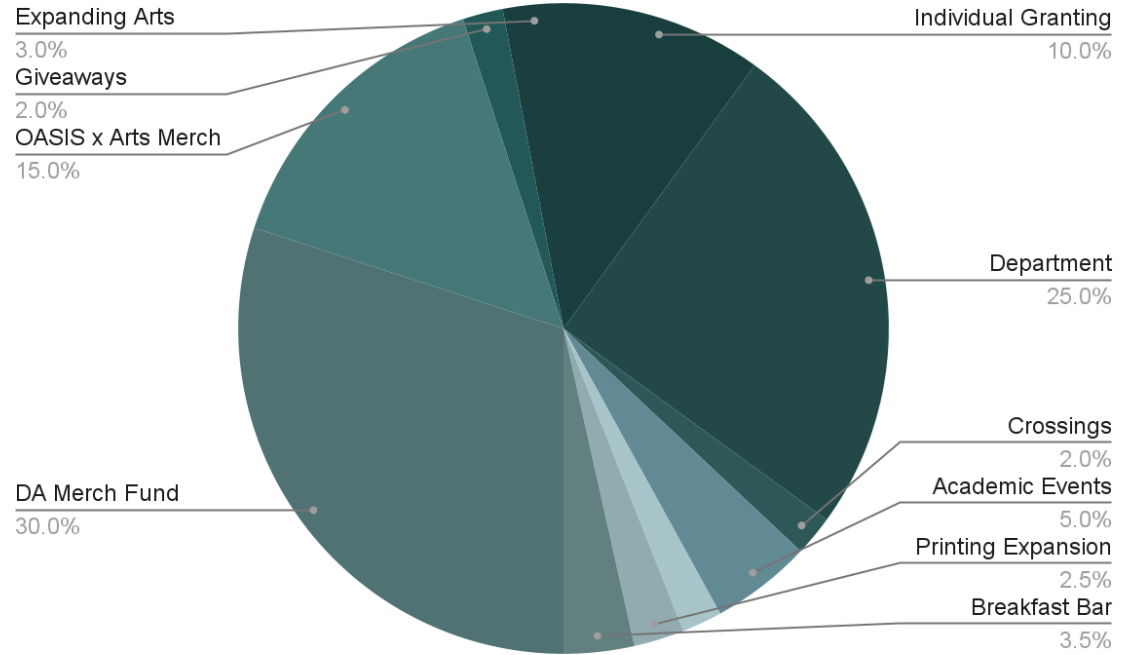
Proposed Allocation

Where OASIS Finance will go:

Proposed Allocation

Proposed Changes include:

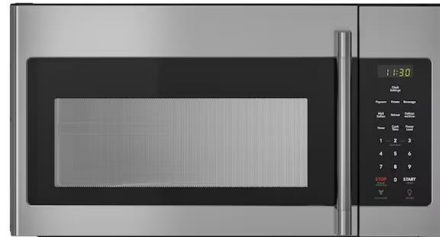
- Increased granting
 - Individual
 - Departmental
- *Crossings* expansion
- Academic events
- Arts Identity Initiative
- Printing expansion
- Breakfast bars
- Merch
 - DA Merch Fund
 - OASIS x Arts Merch
- Giveaways
- Expanding Arts Meet and Greet



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

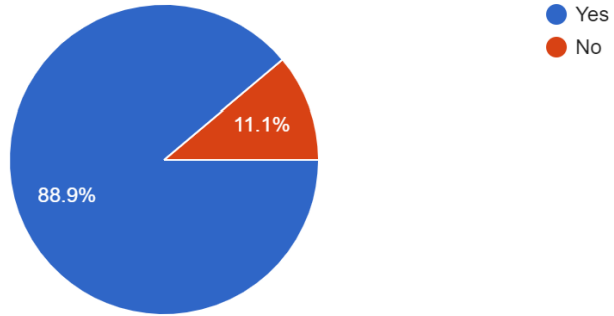
FAMF Consultation Survey

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

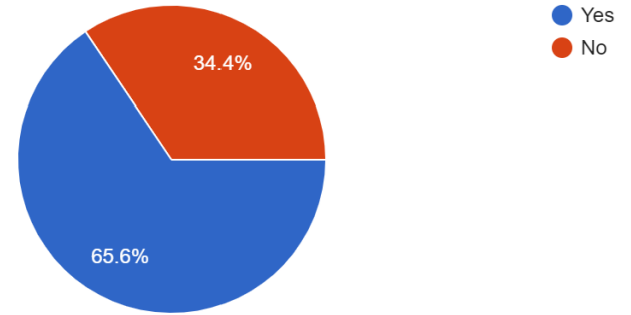
Have you heard of any of these services?

90 responses



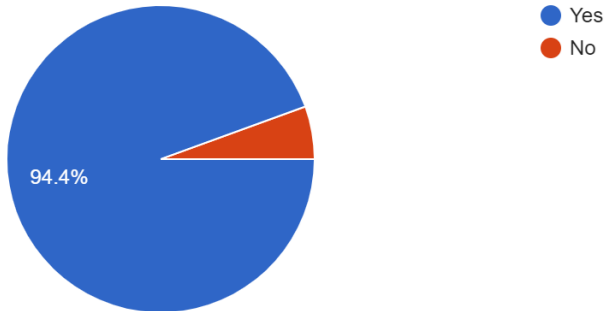
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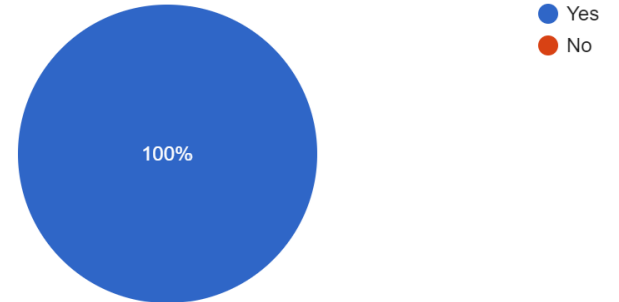
Do you support this proposed increase?

90 responses



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

5 responses



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