Carleton University Ancillary Fee Referenda – 2024 Writ of Election

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Important note: this question is being posed twice, via separate referenda; one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students. The associated process and timelines outlined below will be identical.

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Health and Counselling Services has seen a 50% increase in demand for mental health supports. Currently, Carleton students’ fee is the lowest in the province (more than 50% below the provincial average). Due to this overwhelming demand for increased mental health supports, Health and Counselling Services is proposing a mental health fee. Do you support the creation of a $25 per term mental health fee indexed to the Consumer Price Index, starting in Fall of 2024?

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### Undergraduate Students

**YES and NO vote:**

- A YES vote supports the introduction of a mental health fee, starting in Fall of 2024.
- A NO vote does not support the introduction of a mental health fee, starting in Fall of 2024.

**Budget:**

Per the University’s referendum protocol, there shall be only one YES committee and one NO committee. The CEO will grant each committee a credit allowance up to the maximum of $400.

Each committee must prepare a final, complete, and accurate report of all expenditures made, including all receipts, and other evidence of expenditures to be submitted to the CEO before the polls close on March 15, 2024.

### Graduate Students

**YES and NO vote:**

- A YES vote supports the introduction of a mental health fee, starting in Fall of 2024.
- A NO vote does not support the introduction of a mental health fee, starting in Fall of 2024.

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**Campaign Period:**

The campaign period will begin on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 12:00pm, with the last day of campaigning ending on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 11:59pm.

**Voting Days:**

Voting days will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, and Friday, March 15, 2024.

**Polling:**

Voting will be held online. All ballots will be conducted electronically and sent to students’ University-issued email account.

**Further Information:**

All enquiries or concerns regarding the referendum, campaigning, polling process, and conduct should be referred to the CEO via e-mail: melaniechapman@cunet.carleton.ca.

Campaign rules and referendum protocol will be posted on the website (see below) prior to the commencement of the campaign period.

**Website:**

Please visit the referendum website for additional information. The site will be updated with details as they become available.

https://students.carleton.ca/referendum