



## Ombuds Services

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### Carleton University Ancillary Fee Referenda – Writ of Election (2024)

**Issued by:** Melanie Chapman, University Ombudsperson and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)

**Important note:** this question is being posed to undergraduate and graduate students.

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The demand for the Athletics Fitness Centre has far exceeded the current space of 11, 000 sq. ft. Currently, Carleton students' fee is one of the lowest in the province (more than 30% below the provincial average). Due to this increased demand for usage of the Fitness Centre, Carleton Athletics is proposing an expanded two floor facility (total expansion to 32,000 sq. ft.) which will feature: brand-new cardio, weight, and fitness equipment; four new multipurpose rooms (for fitness, spinning, and yoga classes); women-only area and the inclusion of all CUFIT classes.

Do you support the creation of a \$39 per term fee, indexed to the Consumer Price Index, to fund a 21,000 sq. ft. Fitness Centre expansion? This fee would only take effect once the new Fitness Center is built and open to students.

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#### Undergraduate and Graduate Students

**YES and NO vote:**

A YES vote supports the introduction of a fee to fund a Fitness Centre expansion, starting once the new Fitness Center is built and open to students.

A NO vote does not support the introduction of a fee to fund a Fitness Centre expansion, starting once the new Fitness Center is built and open to students.

**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 November 13, 2024.

**Campaign Period:**

The campaign period will begin on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 9:00am, with the last day of campaigning ending on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 11:59pm.

**Voting Days:**

Voting days will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, and Wednesday, November 13, 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](mailto: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>