

# Appendix A: Bylaw Amendments

## University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society 2025 SAGM Bylaws for Amendment

The Bylaw and Policy Committee recommends the following changes for ratification at the 2025 Semi-Annual General Meeting. Please note that additions are **highlighted yellow** and deletions **are struck through**.

### Bylaw 4.4 Referenda:

- a. Referenda shall be initiated by:
  - i. a resolution of the Executive Board; or
  - ii. a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) of Grad Council; or
  - iii. a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the full members of the Society.
- b. Referenda questions shall be phrased by the Executive Board. However, where a referendum is initiated by petition, the phrasing shall not alter the original intent of the petition.
  - i. **Where a referendum question creates or revises a membership fee, the text of the referendum question shall include whether or not the fee shall increase by the Consumer Price Index annually.**
  - ii. **Where a referendum on GSS fees would necessitate alterations of bylaw 14.3 Membership Fees, the revised bylaw text shall be presented in the referendum.**
- c. Where the referendum is initiated by the Executive Board, the Graduate Representative Council will be notified within 48 hours of the Executive Board Meeting.

### Bylaw 14.3 Membership Fees:

- a. **Membership fees shall be set by majority vote of a referendum held according to Society Bylaws. ~~Where the referendum which set or revised the fee included provisions to increase the fee annual by the Consumer Price Index, the fees shall increase by the Provincial Consumer Price Index in line with GSS Core Membership Fees.~~**
  - i. **Fees which include a CPI increase include: Campus Food Bank, CFUV, University 101, Conference Travel Fee, and Distance Travel Fee.**
  - ii. **Fees which do not include a CPI increase include: Childcare fee, Anti-Violence Project, Ombudsperson, Constituency Groups, Clubs, WUSC, Student Advocate, and Food and Beverage Fees.**
- b. Total core membership fees are automatically increased annually to a maximum determined by the provincial Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous ~~calendar~~ **fiscal** year.

Bylaw 14.4 Funds:

As per the Societies Act (2015), the funds of the Society shall consist of:

- a. Membership fees;
- b. Private endowments;
- c. Any revenue accruing from a Society transaction;
- d. Any grants received from the municipal, provincial, federal government(s), and/or non-governmental organizations; and**
- e. Any public donations.**