



SAMU Fees

Rationale

The operations of SAMU are partially funded by fees levied on its membership as per the Post-Secondary Learning Act (Alberta). A policy is needed to define what these fees are and how they are assessed and collected.

Expectations

General

- 1 SAMU Membership Fees are collected by the Office of the University Registrar.
- 2 SAMU fees are reviewed annually.
- 3 This policy may only be amended by Special Resolution.

Membership Fees

- 4 SAMU assesses a membership fee to students taking credit-based post-secondary programming on a per credit basis.
 - 4.1 Credit-based program students are assessed per credit, to a maximum of fifteen credits per term.
 - 4.1.1 Part-time students who are given full-time student status with MacEwan University will be assessed based on a credit count of 9 credits per academic term.
 - 4.2 The SAMU membership fee is \$13.50 per credit.
 - 4.3 The SAMU membership fee will increase yearly by the annual average of Alberta's CPI from December 1 to November 30 of the previous year.
 - 4.3.1 If the annual average of the CPI results in a negative number, it will be regarded as a zero percent increase.
- 5 Students in Preparation for University and College and English as a Second Language are taking secondary level courses and are primarily funded by the provincial government. The government places a cap on fees that may be assessed to funded students. In order to provide programming and services for these students, SAMU assesses these students a Secondary Student Membership Fee.
 - 5.1 Secondary-level credit-based students are assessed per credit, to a maximum of 15 credits.
 - 5.2 The Secondary Student membership fee is assessed at \$4.66 per credit.
 - 5.2.1 The Office of the University Registrar converts secondary-level credits for billing purposes.



Dedicated Fees

6 Additional fees assessed to students must be established by referendum.

Fact Sheet

Approvals:

First Approval: April 6, 2009
Last Approval: June 16, 2021

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Related Documents and Forms:

Source and Updates:

ITEM#: UNKNOWN DATE – Policy Format created, designated Policy 26
2011-08-16-6.11 – Updated expectation 6.1
2011-03-21-5.3 – Policy updated to reflect name change of SC Policy 27.
2012-05-16-5.3 – “Executive Council” updated to “Executive Committee”
2012-11-12-6.5 – Committees updated to follow Policy 25, Committees Policy

September 5, 2013: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students’ Council motion 2013-09-04-6.1. Policy updated to new format. Source material Students’ Council Policy 26 – SA Fees.

October 21, 2015: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students’ Council motion 2015-10-21-6.2 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Secondary Student Membership Fee increases from \$3.50/credit to \$3.85/credit beginning in the 2016/17 academic year, then increases to \$4.24/credit in the 2017/18 academic year, and then to \$4.66/credit in the 2018/19 academic year.

September 20, 2017: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students’ Council motion 2017-09-20-7.4. Distance students reference removed.

January 23, 2019: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students’ Council motion 2019-01-23-7.1 on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to take effect July 1, 2019. Changes include: students assessed SAMU Fee up to fifteen credits, increased from nine credits; SAMU membership fee decreased from \$13.00/credit to \$11.75/credit; future SAMU Fee will increase annually by Alberta’s average CPI from previous year.

July 1, 2020: SAMU fees for 2020-2021 updated to \$11.95 based on a CPI increase of 1.7%.

June 16, 2021: *SAMU Fees* approved by Students’ Council motion 2021-06-16-7.2 on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Updated to identify that students enrolled part-time who are considered full-time by MacEwan University will be assessed SAMU Fees at a nine credit rate.

July 1, 2021: SAMU membership fees for 2021-2022 updated to \$12.09/credit based on a CPI of 1.2%.

July 1, 2022: SAMU membership fee for 2022-2023 Updated to \$12.66/credit based on a CPI of 4.7%.



July 1, 2023: SAMU membership fee for 2023-2024 updated to \$13.50/credit based on a CPI of 6.6%.

July 1, 2024: SAMU Membership fee frozen at the current rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year based on Students' Council motion 2024-01-17-7.1.