



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Article Eight – Graduate Students' New Building Levy

Amendment to Document 004 – Schedule D

Fee Question:

Do you support the creation of a \$65.00 per term levy that would result in the building of a new, dedicated Graduate Student Building as per the Memorandum of Understanding? The collection of this levy shall commence only once the new Graduate Student Building is open.

YES

NO

Memorandum of Understanding Brock University Graduate Students' New Building Levy March 2021

The Brock University Graduate Students' Association New Building Levy:

1. The purpose of this levy is to provide funding to support the building and maintenance of a new Graduate Student building.
2. The new Student Centre building will be centrally located on campus.
3. The new Student Centre building (considered phase one) will be developed in such a way that will allow for future additional expansion, (considered phase two).
4. The New Student Centre building Levy shall be a \$65.00 per term levy, charged until one hundred percent (100%) of the initial capital cost, plus any additional financing carrying costs associated with the build (Phase One) are recuperated. The levy will be charged to all graduate students, both full-time and part-time. It shall be charged in all academic sessions and durations. The fee will be mandatory.
5. Once the initial capital cost of the build is recuperated the \$65.00 per term levy will be transitioned into the GSA Building Maintenance & Strategic Expansion Fund, to be administered by the GSA to cover the ongoing costs of operations associated with the building, including utilities, equipment, deferred maintenance and infrastructure. This fund shall also be used to support future expansion of GSA space (Phase Two).
6. Once transitioned to the GSA the levy will continue to be charged to all graduate students, both full-time and part-time. It shall be charged in all academic sessions and duration. The fee will remain mandatory.
7. The subsequent \$65.00 per term levy shall be transitioned to the purview of the GSA, under Document 003. The amount of this per term levy may be adjusted by the GSA Board of Directors, pursuant to Document 001 of the GSA.



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8. The first term of fee collection will occur following the substantial completion of the new Graduate Student building.
9. The New Graduate Student Building Levy will be used for all costs associated with the creation and maintenance of the new building which can include but is not limited to:
 - a. Hiring an architecture firm
 - b. Hiring a Project Management team
 - c. Associated trades
 - d. Utilities
 - e. Deferred maintenance
 - f. Additional expansion
10. If the GSA engages in fundraising to support the construction of the new graduate student building, these funds shall be spent in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding. Additional funds raised shall reduce the duration in which the levy of \$65.00 is charged, this will not reduce the rate of the term-based fee.