

## Faculty Association Membership Fee

### *Purpose:*

The purpose of a Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF) is to provide financial support for the operation of an association. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the ASA collects student fees in a manner that is transparent, fair, and in adherence with SU Bylaw 8200.

### *Policy:*

- In standing with bylaw 8200, Section 9 (1.e), every five years the ASA will hold a referendum confirming the annual FAMF that all Augustana Students' Association members are required to pay.
- If at any point the Budget & Revenue Committee recommends a change in the FAMF, Augustana Students' Council may vote to hold a referendum early in order to expedite the changes.
- The Executive must notify the Students' Union by November 15<sup>th</sup>, the year before the fee is to be implemented, of its intent to run a referendum question regarding the FAMF.
- A fee referendum is considered successful only if:
  - All the base members of the Association as defined by the Bylaw Respecting Student Representative Associations are eligible to vote;
  - A minimum voter turnout of 15% was achieved;
  - A majority of votes cast are in favour of the fee (50%+1);
  - The referendum was conducted in accordance with the ASA's legislation and Students' Union Bylaws.
- The collection and regulation of FAMF fees is closely monitored by the Students' Union under Bylaw 8200. Further information regarding the process can be found at [www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Bylaw:8200](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/legislation/wiki/Bylaw:8200)

### Opting Out of FAMF:

- In accordance with Bylaw 8200, section 9.1.f, any student with philosophical opposition or inability to pay the fee will be reimbursed. To get reimbursed, the following conditions apply:
  - If the withdrawal form is submitted to the ASA Executive Director on time. The deadline to submit a withdrawal form will coincide with the fee payment deadline each semester.
- The student is aware that by withdrawing from this fee they will no longer be in good standing with the ASA, as per Bylaw 3.