



Information about the proposed

Graduate and Professional Student Athletics and Recreation Fee Increase

Get the Facts

Graduate and Professional Student Edition

*Prepared by Athletics & Recreation and endorsed by the
University Council on Athletics and Recreation (UCAR)*



Queen's University Athletics & Recreation

Recreation and sport programs and services are a critical component of the Queen's experience. Whether for fitness classes, intramurals, competitive sport, recreation or personal fitness, about 1 in 4 students walk through the front door of the PEC each day. That's around 21,000 students each week.

Undergraduate and graduate and professional students currently pay an annual fee to cover a wide range of services from Athletics & Recreation, including:

- cardio and weight rooms, racquet courts, gyms and fields;
- drop-in recreational activities (basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer and swimming)
- instructional programs
- fitness classes
- intramurals (on-campus and subsidized off-campus)
- admission to home, regular season, inter-university games
- a wide variety of competitive sport opportunities

An increase in the undergraduate and graduate and professional athletics and recreation fee is now required to avoid significant cuts in these programs. The graduate and professional student fee was last increased in 1997.

Without an increase, Athletics and Recreation will be required to eliminate, or implement extra charges, for many programs and services currently covered within the fee.

Please read the information in this flyer to learn more about why a fee increase is necessary to support our programs and services.

Sport, recreation and fitness are a vital component of your Queen's experience – let's work together to keep it that way.

The Facts

- Graduate and professional students currently pay \$81.90 per year (24 cents a day) for:
 - cardio and weight rooms, racquet courts, gyms and fields;
 - drop-in recreational activities (basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer and swimming)
 - instructional programs
 - fitness classes
 - intramurals (on-campus and subsidized off-campus)
 - admission to home, regular season, inter-university games
 - a wide variety of competitive sport opportunities
- Graduate and professional students currently pay \$357.00 a year for a Goodlife membership.
- A 2008 study across Ontario universities placed Queen's fees at the lower end of the range. Many other schools also have additional charges for services included in our fee. Additionally, 11 of the 18 schools surveyed indicated that they would be seeking fee increases within 2 years
- In September 2009, Phase 1 of the new Queen's Centre will include a new aquatic centre and three fitness and weight areas with new, quality equipment providing a totally new physical activity environment
- Queen's Athletics & Recreation offers convenient, on-campus, competitively-priced services with extended hours and the opportunity to work out with and play sport with colleagues, faculty members and friends.

How we are funded

University operating budget (40%)

The University contributes funding for operations and staffing costs, as well as costs related to utilities, custodial services and maintenance.

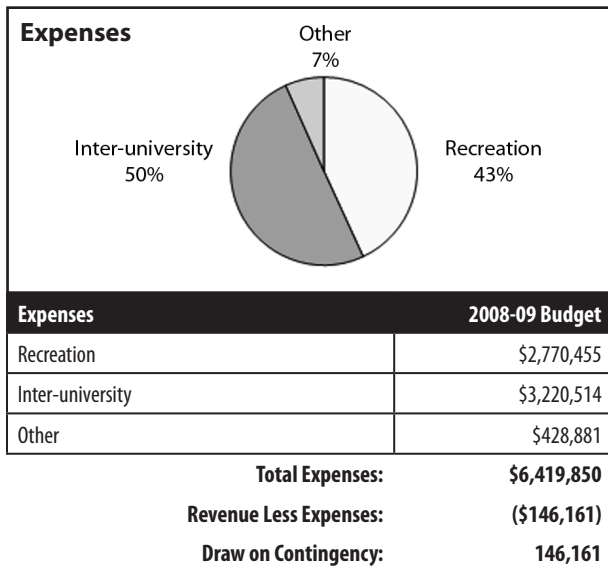
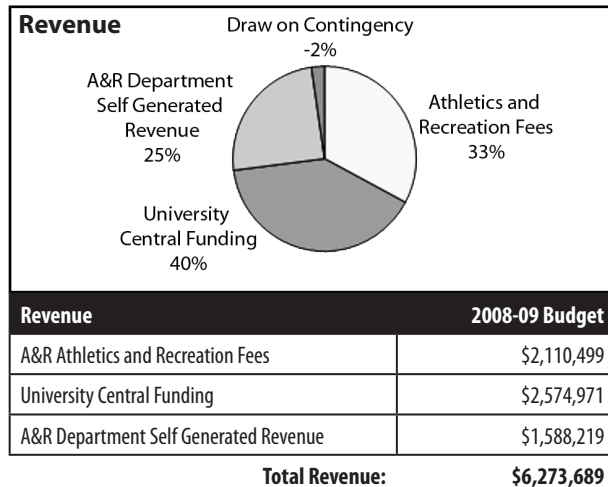
Self-generated revenue (25%)

We create revenue through sponsorships, audiences and participants to various user-fee programs. As well, we rent out our facilities to various groups. This past year, we increased self-generated revenue by 10%.

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Student Athletic and Recreation fees (33%)

Student Athletic and Recreation fees (which contribute to programs and services and not to the construction of the Queen's Centre) are adjusted approximately every 10 years. The last fee increase was in 1997, with a cost of living increase approved in 2000.



The Process

Phase 1

Athletics and Recreation is gathering feedback from all students on the value of A&R programs and services - this information will guide us in determining the amount of the proposed fee increase.

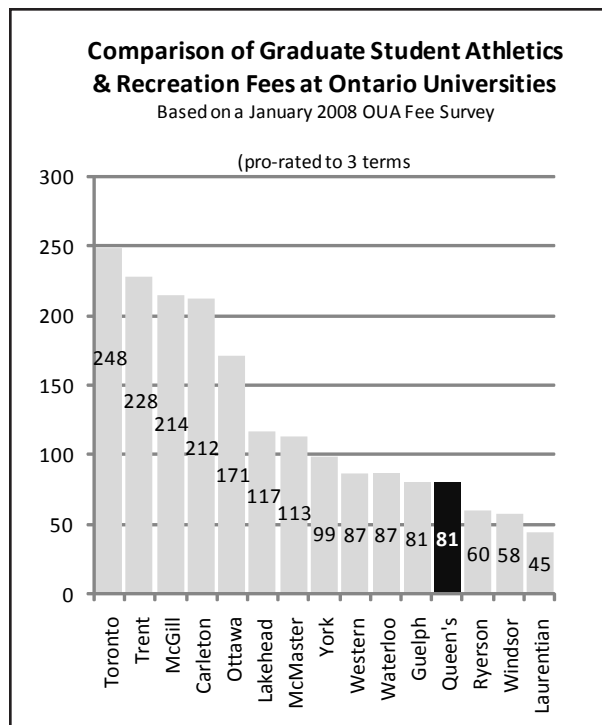
Information from undergraduates was collected during the AMS Winter Referendum. We are now in the process of seeking similar information from the graduate and professional students.

Please take the time to complete the survey available at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=WqK9QsBE5r9ysmPrh0EJNg_3d_3d

Phase 2

We will be presenting a fee proposal (phased in over 4 years) based on student feedback for approval by SGPS members in February and AMS members in March.



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Why we need an increase

- Historically, we have adjusted our fee every 10 years – and the last adjustment (except for cost of living) was in 1997
- Programming costs are increasing at a rate higher than the inflation allowance provided
- Our self-generated revenue has increased significantly, but requires further investment to keep growing
- The University's contribution to the A&R operating budget will be reduced every year for the next three years
- We want to be sure that students can enjoy quality programs and services within the new Queen's Centre

Without an increase, graduate and professional students will not have the same benefits available to you today.

Without an increase, Athletics & Recreation will have to make significant changes to programming and services. This may include:

- A fee for the use of weight and fitness facilities
- A decrease in programs and services
- Reduced building hours and time for recreational use
- A fee schedule for programs and events
- A reduction in the number of inter-university sport teams and clubs

We're proud of the quality and broad range of services we offer to graduate and professional students on a year round basis – and we'd like to see these programs continue in the new Queen's Centre.

Vote **YES** to an Athletics & Recreation fee increase to ensure that fitness, health and sport remain part of your Queen's experience.

Get the facts... find out more by contacting us at athletic@queensu.ca with any questions.