

Whereas the current language used to describe the use of the Dalhousie Health Fee excludes holistic wellness support services;

Whereas Holistic wellness support is in accordance with best practices for addressing multiple integrated dimensions of health and wellness;

Whereas Such holistic wellness support will include both proactive and responsive primary and allied health care, as well as mental health programs and services which are culturally relevant.

Whereas Inclusive interprofessional support programs and services will be designed, delivered and assessed considering best and emerging practices to meet the overall needs of our diverse student community, including the distinct needs of historically under-represented and under-served student group;

Be it resolved that the Dalhousie Student Union expresses support for Dalhousie University changing the language used to describe the Health fee to the following:

“The Health fee will be used to support primary and mental health services as well as proactive, holistic wellness support for students. Support will be provided through inclusive interprofessional support programs and services designed, delivered and assessed considering best and emerging practices to meet the overall needs of our diverse student community, including the distinct needs of historically under-represented and under-served student groups.”

As a reference, the language that currently describes the use of the health fee is as follows:

*The revenues of the fee will be used to replace income from the current fee for illness certificates, which will be eliminated, and to subsidize the Health Services operating budget to the extent necessary to allow for a competitive income package for participating physicians. The funds will also be used to provide dietetic and health education services for students.*