



Brescia University College Students' Council (BUCSC) Student Fee Definition in Conjunction with 2022-23 Budget Prepared by BUCSC Executive Team

To fund the operations of the Brescia University College Student's Council (BUCSC), each Brescia University College (BUC) student pays a fee to the Council to support student grants, events, support and operational expenses. There is some variance in the fees paid between full-time and part-time students. From year to year, it is typical for some increase in student fees in relation to increases in tuition, and the cost of operation for the BUCSC. In the 2021-22 year, the BUCSC and BUC opted for a freeze on these fees to limit the financial stress of students during a global pandemic. These expenses are broken into components to create the student fee charged. The breakout of student fees are listed below with components.

Sexual Violence and Campus Safety

This portion of student fees will be used towards initiatives concerning sexual violence the overall safety of students on Brescia's campus. Initiatives may include informational workshops, awareness campaigns, and partnerships with community and/or campus wide organizations,

Campus Improvements

This portion of student fees will be used to renovate the BUCSC office to ensure that it is accessible to incoming students. Drawers and cupboards will be reorganized to maximize storage space. Outdated office supplies and materials will be replaced so that there is increased efficiency in the office workplace. More space in the office will create more opportunities for students to approach the BUCSC.

Another portion of the fees will be put forth in installing a water fountain.

As well, there will be small snack boxes across campus for students who are in between classes and don't have time for meals. Snack boxes can include small non-perishable snacks such as snack bars/granola bars. These boxes will especially aid students facing food insecurity at home in providing them with a healthy bite to eat when preparing for classes.

Career Services

This portion of student fees will be allocated towards developing initiatives that help students find careers as well as learn more about the different careers available to them post graduation. All academic representatives are asked to run an event related to career development; these fees help in the planning and execution of these events to give students resources and information needed in their career development.

Council Accountability and Support

As a federally incorporated not-for-profit, the BUCSC works tirelessly to adhere to the standard practices mandated by the university, provincial and federal governments. In order to maintain the necessary statuses, the BUCSC leans on support from many professional services. Furthermore, this fee assists the accommodation of the volunteers that make up the Board of Directors and General Assembly of the BUCSC.

Formal Events

This portion of the student fees will be allocated towards the BUCSC's yearly Brescia Ball in combination with Wine and Cheese. This traditional event allows for students to truly live the Brescia experience by coming together as a community in one's best formal attire. Students get the opportunity to socialize, dance, and win prizes while also enjoying a gourmet meal.

Student Representative Programming

Supported by the BUCSC, student representatives are able to run events that help support academic success and career development-focused events. These events are typically program-specific and help Brescia University College students gain the support and resources they need to be successful in their program and plan for their future career aspirations.

Campus Community

This portion of student fees will be allocated towards strengthening Brescia's sense of community. These funds may be used towards various initiatives including social media campaigns, social events for students, etc.

Student Opportunity Grant

This grant is collected in order to assist Brescia University College Students with academic-related fees. Students can apply for this grant to supplement tutoring, testing fees, application costs and any other program-related fees. This grant is collected and supported by the BUCSC and administered through the Brescia University College Financial Aid office in an attempt to ensure confidentiality and equal opportunity to the funding.

Mental Wellness

This portion of student fees will be utilized towards initiatives concerning the mental health and wellness of students. Initiatives may include informative workshops, awareness campaigns, fundraising incentives, and partnerships with community and/or campus-wide organizations (most notably Brescia's Student Life Center).

Awards and Grants

Supported by the BUCSC, Brescia University College students have the opportunity to apply for awards that may be applied to tuition and support their academic costs at Brescia University College. These awards are broken out to support students of all backgrounds, degrees and years of study. Furthermore, clubs ratified by the Brescia University College Student's Council or the University's Student Council of Western are eligible for initiative grants for operating, program or project costs. Both of these grants are in an effort to make opportunities at Brescia University College more accessible.

Awareness and Inclusion

This portion of student fees will be allocated towards initiatives concerning the awareness of social issues/states, as well as Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Frequent partnerships with Brescia's Multicultural Club and Agents of Change will be occurring for which these funds may be utilized. Additionally, the Awareness commissioner of the BUCSC may use these funds for initiatives including guest speakers, fundraising incentives etc.

Athletics and Healthy Living

This portion of student fees will go towards Brescia's Flag Football team and other athletic initiatives and/or events in order for students to focus on their physical well being. Through the team and with the captain's lead, students will have the opportunity to play against other affiliate campuses in a competitive yet exciting environment. Other wellness initiatives and events will be planned by the Athletic Commissioner as a way to ensure students live a healthy and active lifestyle throughout the year.

Student Entertainment

This portion of the student fees will be allocated towards interactive and engaging events and initiatives planned and hosted by the BUCSC commissioners and ratified clubs throughout the year. These events will enhance students' experience at Brescia as it allows them to learn about new resources, build connections, and most importantly have a good time. These events cover a variety of areas including guest speakers sessions, educational seminars, cultural celebrations, field trips, HBK event collaborations, and virtual components.

Traditional Celebrations

This portion of student fees will be allocated towards traditional/cultural celebrations for the Brescia community. The Diversity and Inclusion, and International Student Commissioners of the BUCSC will most likely be using these funds to collaborate with Brescia's Multicultural Club or Agents of Change to organize, promote, and execute celebratory initiatives for traditional purposes.

Opportunities to be Involved

In an effort to make student opportunities at Brescia University College available to all BUC students, the BUCSC ratifies clubs that operate on the BUC campus, or in awareness of Brescia's principles and values. The BUCSC supports these clubs' operations and projects as necessary.