



Trent Durham Student Association

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Preamble:

Student enrolment at Trent Durham is declining, resulting in a decrease in the membership fees we receive. This past year and for the next couple of years, Trent Durham is expected to see a drop in enrolment and thus a reduction in the total fees the TDSA collects. In order to balance the reduction in enrollment, the TDSA is looking to increase the Peer Support Group Fee

At the April 2019, Emergency General Meeting, the TDSA membership introduced the Peer support Group Fee.

The TDSA runs a Peer Support Group that consists of helping students at Trent Durham. The Peer Support Program provides academic navigation assistance, emotional support, and referrals to campus services for students. Support includes help with course registration and withdrawals, navigating the myTrent portal, and connecting students to appropriate services such as Student Accessibility Services, academic advising, academic skills, counselling, and more, with required follow-up to ensure students receive support.

These services are supported through the Peer support group fee, which contributes to program delivery, mental health event programming, and a portion of executive and staff salaries responsible for facilitation. All TDSA Executives and staff members are required to complete Mental Health First Aid, ASIST and safeTALK training as part of their participation in the Peer Support Program.

This fee also includes the TDSA emergency bursary, and the cost to facilitate it.

The Fee

If the referendum passes, the peer support group fee will increase from \$18.78/credit to \$20.66/credit starting in the spring of 2026.

If you vote Yes:

As a result we will continue to run the program as it is, and continue to offer students adequate peer support on campus.

If you vote No:

If the referendum fails, the peer support group will not be increased with the referendum. As a result, the TDSA will have to reduce the amount of money that goes into the peer support group.