

Whereas the attached Student Businesses Levy Proposal outlines the HMCS King's Wardroom and King's Galley Inc.'s current lack of financial sustainability and their important position as services for King's students run by the Union;

BIRT the following referendum question appear on the ballot during the Winter KSU Elections to be posed to the members of the King's Students' Union:

“Whereas the HMCS King's Wardroom and the King’s Galley Inc. are student-run businesses operated by the King's Students' Union, and;

Whereas these businesses provide student employment, community-building events, safe spaces for students to gather, and more, thereby forming a foundational part of the King's student community, and;

Whereas the businesses have shown over several years that they are unable to generate enough revenue to sustain themselves independently of additional funding in King's small market, and;

Whereas external grants and revenue from external events are other strategies that have been attempted but have not been sufficient to cover deficits in recent years, and;

Whereas due to the shutdown of South House and restructuring measures approved by KSU Council, the KSU Budget for 2025-26 can be adjusted to ensure that the increase in funding to the King's Galley Inc. and the HMCS Wardroom will not result in an increase in the KSU's overall dues beyond the yearly increase by CPI mandated in Bylaw 1.7 of the King's Students' Union, and;

Whereas a combined Student Businesses Levy would allow the Wardroom Advisory Committee and the Galley Advisory Board to divide the funds to each business based on need, which may change year over year, and;

Whereas these decisions would be reported to KSU Council and posted on the KSU website, as well as be available in the KSU Office by request, and;

Whereas the full Student Businesses Levy Proposal can be accessed at <https://ksu.ca/elections-2/> or by request in the KSU Office;

Do you support the creation of a combined Student Businesses Levy at \$30 per full-time or part-time student per academic year to replace the existing Galley Levy of \$15.16, and an associated reduction of other KSU dues by \$14.84?

Yes

No"

Student FAQ

What is this?

- A referendum to decide whether to create a Student Businesses Levy for the Wardroom and Galley at \$30 per student per year. This would replace the current Galley levy.

What is a levy?

- A specific part of the dues that students pay to the KSU, which is specifically used for a particular purpose or organization.

Why a Student Businesses Levy?

- To give the Wardroom and Galley increased financial stability, so they can keep being a great part of the King's student community.

How does it affect you?

- The total dues you pay to the KSU **will not** increase because of this referendum. Money from other budget lines that are no longer in use (ex: the South House levy) or where the need for funding has decreased will be reallocated to ensure that the total amount remains the same.