

SSS AGM 2025

Paper 2 – Membership Fees

Introduction

The formula by which membership fees are calculated was endorsed by the AGM in 2023 and is based on two indices, as follows:

- A) A per head cost against each institution's full-time equivalent (FTE) student population
- B) A banded cost against club membership within each institution

The 2024 AGM approved this model and also gave support for a 3% annual rise in membership income in order to help keep pace with rising core costs.

As up to date student population data was not available last summer the decision was to simply increase each institutional bill by 3%. The knock-on effect of this is that we now have some catching up to do in terms of our underlying data.

We now have the latest available data for student population (23-24 figures) and club membership (24-25 figures) which can be used as the basis for the next year's fee calculations.

In light of the existing pressures on institutional budgets and the recent structural changes at SSS, it is the view of SSS Executive Council that we should not increase total membership fees this year.

Instead, the recommendation is to hold fees at their current (total) level, but to update the underlying indices with the latest available data, so as to give a fair and up to date split across each member institution.

Proposal

- 1. That SSS membership fees for 25-26 are calculated on the basis of achieving the same income as in 24-25, i.e. the total we are aiming to raise will remain broadly the same.**
- 2. That we renew the underlying data sets for both student population and club membership, meaning that institutional fees within the overall total may go up or down.**

The anonymised sheet overleaf indicates the out-turn of these calculations for the 25-26 year and these are the figures that shall be invoiced out by 1st September should the AGM approve the proposal.

FULL ILLUSTRATION OF FEES 2526

PRINCIPLES

Aim to raise similar amount to 24-25 but via updated data

Recognise FTE as main indicator of institution size

Adopt club membership as main indicator of activity

FOUNDATIONS

Income raised via Club Members Index, as below £61,185

Flat fee for up to 200 students £100.00

201-1000 cost per student £3.00

1001-2000 cost per student £2.00

2001-3000 cost per student £1.00

3001-4000 cost per student £0.50

4000+ cost per student £0.00

Overall FTE cost set to £89,000

Therefore the cost per FTE is £0.26

Uni Total Billed	£112,466
Uni Total Expected	£112,466
College Total Billed	£30,660
College Total Expected	£29,718
Other* Total Billed	£7,060
Other* Total Expected	£3,887
Total Billed	£150,185
Total Expected	£146,071

* Other = SRUC, UHI, GSA, RCS, OU, NA

	INSTITUTION	Club Members	Members Cost	FTE	% of FTE	FTE cost	Total Fee	2024-25 Fee Fee	Variance	% move
1	A	507	£1,021.00	3,965	1.18%	£1,047.78	£2,068.78	£2,428.43	-£359.64	-14.8%
2	B	151	£100.00	7,690	2.28%	£2,032.14	£2,132.14	£2,378.01	-£245.87	-10.3%
3	C	0	£100.00	2,000	0.59%	£528.52	£628.52	£612.20	£16.32	2.7%
4	D	181	£100.00	13,180	3.91%	£3,482.92	£3,582.92	£4,044.25	-£461.33	-11.4%
5	E	284	£352.00	1,920	0.57%	£507.38	£859.38	£653.79	£205.58	31.4%
6	F	419	£757.00	7,160	2.13%	£1,892.09	£2,649.09	£2,094.42	£554.66	26.5%
7	G	131	£100.00	11,865	3.52%	£3,135.42	£3,235.42	£3,610.68	-£375.26	-10.4%
8	H	1488	£3,476.00	12,610	3.74%	£3,332.29	£6,808.29	£5,996.65	£811.65	13.5%
9	I	115	£100.00	8,145	2.42%	£2,152.38	£2,252.38	£2,459.94	-£207.56	-8.4%
10	J	106	£100.00	5,925	1.76%	£1,565.73	£1,665.73	£1,760.42	-£94.69	-5.4%
11	K	1123	£2,746.00	17,375	5.16%	£4,591.48	£7,337.48	£6,231.24	£1,106.24	17.8%
12	L	117	£100.00	9,050	2.69%	£2,391.54	£2,491.54	£2,442.29	£49.24	2.0%
13	M	108	£100.00	5,275	1.57%	£1,393.96	£1,493.96	£1,548.67	-£54.71	-3.5%
14	N	0	£100.00	2,665	0.79%	£704.25	£804.25	£675.22	£129.03	19.1%
15	O	1779	£4,058.00	9,270	2.75%	£2,449.67	£6,507.67	£7,106.32	-£598.65	-8.4%
16	P	0	£100.00	8,515	2.53%	£2,250.16	£2,350.16	£2,265.84	£84.32	3.7%
17	Q	0	£100.00	90	0.03%	£23.78	£123.78	£123.17	£0.62	0.5%
18	R	29	£100.00	8,765	2.60%	£2,316.22	£2,416.22	£2,596.06	-£179.84	-6.9%
19	S	539	£1,117.00	5,235	1.55%	£1,383.39	£2,500.39	£2,620.33	-£119.94	-4.6%
20	T	1157	£2,814.00	10,495	3.12%	£2,773.39	£5,587.39	£5,788.49	-£201.10	-3.5%
21	U	0	£100.00	1,175	0.35%	£310.50	£410.50	£404.23	£6.27	1.6%
22	V	72	£100.00	1,460	0.43%	£385.82	£485.82	£512.63	-£26.81	-5.2%
23	W	0	£100.00	3,185	0.95%	£841.66	£941.66	£1,020.57	-£78.91	-7.7%
24	X	0	£100.00	6,562	1.95%	£1,734.06	£1,834.06	£2,908.64	-£1,074.58	-36.9%
25	Y	4201	£6,000.00	12,070	3.58%	£3,189.59	£9,189.59	£8,870.35	£319.25	3.6%
26	Z	3122	£5,561.00	13,270	3.94%	£3,506.70	£9,067.70	£9,331.24	-£263.54	-2.8%
27	AA	13238	£6,000.00	36,260	10.77%	£9,582.00	£15,582.00	£14,715.39	£866.61	5.9%
28	AB	6457	£6,000.00	32,620	9.69%	£8,620.10	£14,620.10	£14,329.71	£290.39	2.0%
29	AC	5621	£6,000.00	10,860	3.22%	£2,869.84	£8,869.84	£8,823.05	£46.80	0.5%
30	AD	4442	£6,000.00	11,305	3.36%	£2,987.44	£8,987.44	£8,461.15	£526.29	6.2%
31	AE	3776	£5,888.00	20,145	5.98%	£5,323.48	£11,211.48	£11,034.29	£177.18	1.6%
32	AF	275	£325.00	14,390	4.27%	£3,802.67	£4,127.67	£4,474.82	-£347.15	-7.8%
33	AG	590	£1,270.00	8,065	2.39%	£2,131.24	£3,401.24	£4,271.37	-£870.13	-20.4%
34	AH	73	£100.00	10,770	3.20%	£2,846.06	£2,946.06	£2,923.76	£22.30	0.8%
35	AI	56	£100.00	3,460	1.03%	£914.33	£1,014.33	£1,239.88	-£225.54	-18.2%
		50,157	£ 61,185	336,792	100.00%	89,000	£150,185.00	£150,757.50	-£572.50	
							£146,070.74	£145,625.67	£445.07	