

LEGAL SERVICE REFERENDUM 2020 - Results

The GSA-UW Board of Directors approved a decision to call a referendum for a Legal Protection Service to be offered as a GSA-UW administered service. The referendum question for approval was:

“Do you support the implementation of a fee for a GSA-UW administered legal protection service at an initial cost of less than \$30 per academic year, from which students may opt out within a change-of-coverage period?”

Results:

In accordance with GSA Bylaw #8- Referenda:

8.3.0 Decision and Quorum for Referenda: A referendum will be considered to have passed if each of the following conditions are met:

- a) more votes were cast in favour of the ballot question than were cast against it, and
- b) the number of votes cast is at least 10% of the number of eligible voters

Approximately 13% of the eligible voters cast a vote in the referendum. The referendum **passed** with 85% voting in favor of the referendum question. A breakdown of the votes is as follows:

Yes	85%
No	13%
Decline to Respond	2%

The GSA will work towards implementing the new Legal Protection Service with a fee of \$9.33 per term (approx. \$28 per year) effective Fall 2020. The service will be administered through Studentcare and graduate students may opt-out of the service during change of coverage, similar to the GSA Dental plan service administered by Studentcare. Further details about the Legal Protection Service and fees for Fall will be forthcoming.