

SLAC FAQ

QUESTION: Do you support a \$1.5 dollar per credit per semester fee indexed to CPI to provide Legal Advocacy and Advocacy services to students through the funding of the Regina Student Legal Advocacy Centre?

What is the purpose of this referendum?

Legal services are quickly becoming an essential service for students on campus across Canada. From academic advocacy issues to landlord-tenant disagreements and holding employers accountable for illegal and unfair work practices, academic and non-academic misconduct and the legal needs of students continue to grow each year. This is even helpful for good reasons, like when you are going to apply for your PR, PGWP or even if you are going to establish your own business and you do not know the legal steps and you can even use SLAC legal service regarding these positive matters, either. This is why we need a Student Legal Advocacy Center on campus. To that end, we are asking for 1.5 dollar per credit per semester fee indexed to CPI to create and fund the Student Legal Advocacy Centre at the University of Regina.

What kind of services will the SLAC provide?

The SLAC would provide students with personal legal advice services relating to academic, tenancy, employment, immigration, etc. Lawyers would work at the SLAC, providing not just consultations and advice, but also helping to complete forms, helping to write correspondence, and sometimes issuing correspondence directly from the lawyer. SLAC will also run workshops throughout the year to educate students on their rights, such as when dealing with tenant-landlord issues, and how to navigate legal structures and systems. Systemic issues will also be addressed by the centre, working on systemic legal discrimination and providing restorative justice supports. Other issues include:

- Most legal issues
- Tax Clinics
- Landlord & tenant conflicts
- Family law
- Employment law
- Criminal law
- Debt issues
- Accident claims
- Immigration and other government matters
- Corporate, commercial and intellectual property issues
- Advice on legal documents or proceedings
- Notarization or commission documents when appropriate
- And more...

Will the SLAC be part of the University? Part of URSU? Or Fully independent?

The SLAC would be a separate, independent organization at the University of Regina, which would be funded by students and be working directly for students. It will work with URSU as well as with the University administration, but it will be an independent organization and its structure will be determined over the summer if the referendum will be successful. Fees would begin, if this is passed, in September.

For more questions that came out of the town hall, visit here:

<https://www.ursu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FAQ-From-SLAC-SPSU-Town-Hall.pdf>