

# Plans lead to fear for members of the KSA

## Many long-time KSA members are fearing the rumored changes that the Reduce All Fees party may implement

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Certain critics of the Reduce All Fees party are worried that the majority party may be planning to restructure the student health and dental plan, a move which they believe may lead to financial ruin in the future.

"I worry that they may change the bylaws in a way where there will be no system of checks and balances," says Steve Lee, a four-year member of the Richmond KSA.

The feared plan, which has not yet been brought to council, is alleged to remove the current limitation on health and dental fees that requires any surplus fees collected to be held and used later for the health and dental plan, in case of a large pay-out.

This will allow the KSA to use these funds in any way they see fit.

According to Bryan Boechler, the vice president of Gallivan & Associates, the group that consults the KSA on its benefits plan, while the KSA controls the money, they in turn are controlled by the bylaws put in place

for the student association.

Johnny Woo, a representative of the KSA, fears that these bylaws will be broken or changed. "There's nothing we can do about it," says Woo, who feels that the KSA will be less democratic if these changes are made.



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Woo and Lee both feel that the RAF have already disregarded the idea of transparency within the KSA, which they believe is a very important part of the democratic process

"We have asked so many times [for reports], but they just keep ignoring us," says Woo. "They're going

to raise student fees and we have no idea where it is going."

"I want students to know about the lack of transparency," says Lee, who fears the RAF party is taking advantage of the great number of uninformed students.

On Sept. 29, there will be a special general meeting for the KSA, which Lee believes will be the forum where the health and dental plan changes will be discussed.

The RAF will be handing out prizes to students who attend, which both Woo and Lee believe is a ploy to get the required amount of signatures on an attendance sheet of the meeting.

"They're telling students 'hey come out for the first 10 minutes, we'll give you prizes, we'll give you food' says Woo. "All they care about is what's on the piece of paper."

Lee also fears this ploy, "people could sign in, get a prize, then leave, and as long as the sheet says there was 250 people in the room, they could change the bylaws.

Aaron Takhar, leader of the RAF party could not be reached for comment at this time.