Do you support the implementation of a nominal fee to increase the subsidy on MBTA passes for students at UMB?

The new fee will be called "UMass Boston MBTA Subsidy Fund." The fee will be $20.00 and will be collected from all undergraduate students as a non-waivable, per-semester fee. The money collected from this fee will be used to further subsidize the MBTA passes for students and will not be utilized for any other purpose. Currently, the MBTA only provides an 11% discount to students on semester passes. With the additional funds raised through the UMass Boston MBTA Subsidy Fund, this percentage could multiply several times over. Because demand for MBTA passes may increase when the subsidy is raised, the starting subsidy will be 50%. Passes will be sold at this percentage off until the money in the fund is exhausted, at which point the subsidy will return to the 11% already provided by the MBTA. At the end of each academic year, pass sales will be collected, and the subsidy will be adjusted based on the number of sales any amount remaining in the fund. The subsidy will not drop below 50%. If a situation arises where the MBTA becomes free for all to use, or the MBTA ever decided to fully subsidize student passes, then the fee created in this referendum would no longer be collected. A YES vote will create the UMass Boston MBTA Subsidy Fund, all proceeds from which would be used to increase the subsidy students receive from the MBTA from 11% to at least 50%. A NO vote will mean no change to the current MBTA subsidy of 11%. 