## **Office of the Speakers** Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

## Motion Regarding Endorsement of the Equity Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, in the Winter 2013 Referendum period a referendum question regarding establishing a SSMU Equity Fund has been proposed;

Whereas, the SSMU has a long-standing history of leadership on issues of Equity;

Whereas, given the fact that McGill University is home to students from over 150 countries, issues of equity and inclusiveness on campus are critical and have to be acknowledged and addressed;

Whereas, the Equity Fund will empower campus members to engage in initiatives that foster leadership, encourage civic engagement, and make observable and/or measurable differences in the representation or experiences of individuals who are members of historically and currently disadvantaged groups;

Whereas, the Equity Fund, which will be administered by the SSMU Funding Committee, will be the only student-regulated equity fund on campus, and therefore prioritizes students;

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council officially endorse a "yes" vote for the Equity Fund fee levy referendum question in the Winter 2013 Referendum period,

Resolved, that this endorsement be publicly announced in the SSMU listserv and displayed prominently on the website during the Winter 2013 referendum campaign period

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