



Motion to Hold Plebiscite Question Regarding the Rent of the University Centre

Whereas, the SSMU used to operate under a symbolic \$1 fee until 1999¹,

Whereas, many student unions and associations still operate under a symbolic \$1 fee for the use of their student centres in Canada,

Whereas, the SSMU operated under a symbolic \$1 lease up until 1999 and it has increased to \$110,000² in the previous lease to roughly \$300,000 in 2013³;

Whereas, student space and the usage of the University Centre for student activities should not be levied on students for the usage of the building to hold such activities,

Be it resolved, that the membership vote on the following plebiscite question on the second Fall 2014 Referendum:

“Do you believe that as a member of the SSMU, with access to student services and activities that enrich your student experience here at McGill University, you should be able to access such services and activities at a symbolic cost of \$1 annually to express the need for and right to student space and campus engagement.”

Moved by:

Councillor Houston
Councillor El-Sharawy
Councillor Rioux
Councillor Sanon

¹ <http://mcgilltribune.com/news/reviewing-ssmu-lease-behind-four-years-confidential-negotiations/>

² Ibid.

³ Updated 2013 Agreement of Lease