



Notice of Motion Regarding the Referral Services Fee Renewal

Whereas, the Referral Services fee directly funds three SSMU Services: Nightline, the Union for Gender Empowerment and Queer McGill;

Whereas, Nightline offers anonymous and confidential phone services and general information to students throughout the academic year;

Whereas, the Union for Gender Empowerment is a trans* positive feminist organization that offers services to the McGill and Montréal community including but not limited to: as a lending library, a co-op stocking program for feminine hygiene products and sex toys, zine distribution centre, as well as organizing anti-oppression workshops and projects;

Whereas, Queer McGill prompts the well-being of queer people and allies both politically and socially, and provides resources and spaces in which to engage with queer identity;

Whereas, these three Services have been funded since 2006 by the opt-outable Referral Services Fee of \$1.75 per student per semester;

Whereas, this fee has been divided as follows: from \$1.75, \$1.00 to Queer McGill, \$0.40 to Nightline, and \$0.35 to the Union for Gender Empowerment;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2015 Referendum period:

“Do you agree to renew the Services Referral Fee of \$1.75 per student, per semester, payable and opt-outable on Minerva by all undergraduate students who are members of the Students' Society of McGill University, for Winter 2015 until Winter 2020 (inclusive) when it will be brought to the membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote will result in the termination of this fee?”

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