



Motion Regarding the Increase of the SSMU Membership Fee

WHEREAS, the SSMU is committed to providing service, representation, and leadership to all undergraduates on the downtown campus at McGill University;

WHEREAS, the real dollar amount of SSMU's current membership fee has been constant since 2007, when \$1.00 was added, to be used in a restricted student space fund;

WHEREAS, the SSMU has grown in size in the last decade by supporting more student groups, providing more services, and providing more opportunities for student employment;

WHEREAS, the SSMU has identified budgetary constraints that have resulted in the reduction of both permanent and student staff hours, thereby reducing the level of service that the SSMU is able to offer;

WHEREAS, in the event that this fee increase is approved, the funding will be directed toward identified priority areas including increased student group support, increased mental health funding, increased funding for student space improvements, increased building, related maintenance costs, and additional student staff;

WHEREAS, in the event that this fee increase is approved, the SSMU Executives have committed to increasing the Club Fund by \$25,000 and reducing the leases of the Independent Student Groups by 15%;

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Special Referendum regarding the increase of the SSMU membership fee by \$5.50 per student per semester be called in January 2016, in accordance with the following timeline:

Campaign Period:	January 18-29
Polling Period:	January 27-29

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question, attached as Appendix A, be posed in the aforementioned Special Referendum;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the question be accompanied by the whereas clauses in this motion on the ballot in the Special Referendum;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee be mandated to create a 'Yes' Committee and coordinate this campaign.

Moved by,
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Erin Sobat, Senate Caucus Representative
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APPENDIX A

“Do you agree to the increase of the non-opt-outable SSMU Membership fee by \$5.50 per student per semester, payable on Minerva by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU and starting in Fall 2016, resulting in the following fee schedule:

\$50.25 for full-time SSMU members in faculties other than Law, Religious Studies, Dentistry, and Medicine

\$39.06 for full-time SSMU members in the faculties of Law, Religious Studies, Dentistry, and Medicine

\$27.94 for part-time SSMU members in faculties other than Law, Religious Studies, Dentistry, and Medicine

\$22.33 for part-time SSMU members in the faculties of Law, Religious Studies, Dentistry, and Medicine”

APPROVED