



Motion Regarding the AVEQ Affiliation Referendum

WHEREAS, the SSMU is an independent student association and is currently not affiliated with any provincial or federal student association;

WHEREAS, the SSMU has a limited ability to influence provincial and federal politics as an independent student association and membership in a provincial student association would result in better representation of the voices of McGill students at the provincial level;

WHEREAS, the SSMU has historically affiliated with provincial student associations, allowing the SSMU to represent McGill student interests at the provincial and federal level by advocating for accessible and high quality education;

WHEREAS, the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec, hereafter referred to as the AVEQ, is a provincial level student association with the mission to unite Quebec's university students so as to defend their pedagogical, political, social, and economic interests, by means of research, representation, and mobilization;

WHEREAS, membership in the AVEQ would provide significant advantages to McGill students due to the association's emphasis on both Anglophone and Francophone representation, representation of international students, and a balance of both mobilization and lobbying efforts;

WHEREAS, membership in the AVEQ would require a fee levy of \$3.50 per student per semester, which will go towards the funding of six full-time student executives, mobilization and associative development, and research on issues related to education;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2016 referendum period:

Do you support the creation of a non-opt-outable AVEQ fee of \$3.50 per student per semester, payable on Minerva by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting in Fall 2016 and to be charged until Winter 2021 (inclusive), adjusted annually to inflation as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index), in order for the SSMU to affiliate with the provincial student federation the Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ), with the understanding that a no vote will result in the SSMU remaining an independent student association?

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the clauses contained herein be included with the questions on the referendum ballot;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Vice-President (External Affairs) be mandated to create a "Yes" Committee and coordinate this campaign.

Moved by,
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Erin Sobat, Senate Caucus Representative
Chelsea Kingzett, Environment Representative

APPROVED