



## MOTION REGARDING MIDNIGHT KITCHEN EXISTENCE REFERENDUM QUESTION

**Whereas**, the Midnight Kitchen (MK) is a volunteer and worker-run organization that provides free or by donation meal services for McGill student groups and community groups and individuals in Montreal basis<sup>1</sup>;

**Whereas**, MK strives to make food more accessible by accommodating dietary restrictions, including allergies, gluten intolerance, veganism, and religious needs;

**Whereas**, MK offers discretionary funding to projects, initiatives and events in line with our mandate that do not have easy access to funding sources;

**Whereas**, MK Fee (\$1.25) was initially established in the Winter 2007 Referenda Period;

**Whereas**, in both Winter 2011 and Fall 2013, MK passed referenda to increase their fee levy in order to account for the growth in expenditures and goals associated with the overall growth of their service's prevalence on campus;

**Whereas**, the latter of which questions passed with 72.5% in favour, resulting in an increase from a fee of \$2.25 per student per term to their current fee of \$3.25 per student per term;

**Whereas**, MK's fee expires this Fall 2016 and without it they will not be able to sustain their operations;

**Be It Resolved That**, the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following questions for the Fall 2016 referendum period:

(Part 1) "Do you support the student levy of \$3.35 per semester for the Midnight Kitchen, payable and opt-outable by members of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), in effect from winter 2017 until fall 2021 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority "no" vote will result in the termination of all undergraduate fee-levy funding to Midnight Kitchen?"

(Part 2) "Do you further support that Midnight Kitchen continue to be able to offer up to 10% of its fee budget in discretionary funding to projects, initiatives and events in line with its mandate that do not have easy access to funding sources?"

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