



Motion Regarding the Revision of the SSMU Mental Health Five-Year Plan

Whereas, 2014-15 was the first year of implementation of the SSMU Mental Health Five-Year Plan,

Whereas, the needs and functions of student-led mental health initiatives have been found to differ from the needs and functions identified in the original Five-Year Plan,

Whereas, negotiations with the University have resulted in different approaches to reaching the outcomes sought in the original Five-Year Plan,

Be it resolved, that the following changes be made to the SSMU Mental Health Five-Year Plan:

1. A. Mental Health Fee Levy:

~~Timeline: To be created through a question present on Winter 2015 referendum ballot~~
ongoing; beginning in Fall 2015

~~This fee, which will exist as an opt-outable fee paid by semester by all members of the SSMU, shall be used to fund the position of the Mental Health Coordinator and the Mental Health Website Administrator (if applicable). Remaining funds shall be allocated by the Council in order to support student led mental health initiatives. All fund allocations must be reported to the Legislative Council and are subject to approval by that body.~~ **A Mental Health Fee Levy shall be presented in a SSMU referendum ballot if it is identified as a need by the Mental Health Committee to sustain and expand student-led mental health initiatives. The Mental Health Committee shall solicit feedback from student-led mental health groups on this subject via an email feedback form at least once per semester.**

2. ~~To establish a university-wide mental health awareness week on campus in October, building up to the annual Students in Mind conference~~ **Fall semester in coordination with Residence Life's Mental Health workshop series**

3. ~~A~~ **Two** SSMU Mental Health Coordinator positions will ensure institutional memory and keep projects moving forward *(plus additions of necessary pluralizations of "Mental Health Coordinator" throughout)*

4. ~~The website is to be administered and maintained by a website administrator, who will report to the Council.~~ **The website shall be collaboratively maintained by the Mental Health Committee and McGill Mental Health Services** *(plus removal of references to "a website administrator" throughout)*

5. The Committee's membership will include:

- o The SSMU Mental Health Coordinator (Chair)
- o The SSMU VP UA
- o ~~Three (3)~~ **Two (2)** Councillors
- o One (1) representative from each relevant student-run mental health initiative, as



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determined by the VP UA and approved by Council

- o Two (2) members-at-large recruited from the student body
- o One (1) representative from PGSS (non-voting)
- o Observers from university or community mental health services, as invited by the Council **Committee** (non-voting)

6. Objectives of the Committee:

- Cohesion: connect and facilitate cooperation between groups
 - *(add)* **Facilitate student feedback on professional and peer-run mental health services**
 - *(add)* **Support advocacy for students who have had negative experiences with available mental health resources**

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