



Legislative Council - February 22nd, 2018

## Motion Regarding the Black Students' Network Fee for the 2018 Winter Referendum

**Whereas**, the Black Students' Network (BSN) is a student-run service of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) that has been operating since the 1970s;

**Whereas**, the BSN's mandate is to be available to the entire McGill and Montreal Community, but also;

- a. To sensitize the McGill community to issues concerning Black peoples
- b. To work towards making the McGill campus safe and accessible for black students in order to support their academic success as well as mental and physical well-being.

**Whereas**, the BSN is committed to educating our undergraduate community by hosting panels and events to discuss racial issues, on and off campus, in particular issues pertaining to Black people;

**Whereas**, the BSN holds an intersectional approach to its presence on campus by continuously standing in solidarity with marginalized groups which include, but are not limited to, historically persecuted ethnic and religious groups, Indigenous peoples, along with members of the LGBTQIA+ community;

**Whereas**, the existing fee for the BSN is no longer sufficient to sustain our extensive programming, the BSN operates under a SSMU fee levy of \$0.40 per full-time student and \$0.20 part-time students, which limits our operational growth and student reach;

**Whereas**, the BSN provides a variety of events to the SSMU constituency, including, but not limited to Soul Food Fridays, Children's Day, Black History Month event programming, Mentorship Program, Coffee Hours and discussion panels;

**Whereas**, the BSN has become the main financial contributor to Black History Month at McGill University, which made it possible for many of the events to occur, all of which without the increase in our fee levy will not be possible to sustain in the coming years;

**Be it Resolved**, that the membership approve the following question for the Winter 2018 referendum period:

*"Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-outable fee levy, titled "The Black Students' Network Fee", at \$0.40 per student for full-time students and \$0.20 per student for part-time students per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are Members of the Students Society of McGill University, starting fall 2018 until winter 2023, when it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"*



*"If yes, do you agree to increase of the opt-outable fee levy, titled "The Black Students' Network Fee", to \$1.00 per student for full-time students and \$0.50 per student for part-time students per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are Members of the Students Society of McGill University in effect from Fall 2018 until Winter 2023, when it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"*

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