Motion Regarding the Service Status of the Peer Support Centre

WHEREAS, the Peer Support Centre is a SSMU Club that offers non-judgemental, confidential, one-on-one listening sessions provided by trained peer supporters in various locations across campus and referral services both online and in person;

WHEREAS, the Peer Support Centre has been active as an independent service since the Winter 2013 semester and has demonstrated their long-term financial and institutional sustainability;

WHEREAS, the SSMU has a demonstrated commitment to mental health[[1]](#footnote-1) and recognizes that there is growing need for mental health related resources on campus[[2]](#footnote-2) for which the Peer Support Centre fills a gap;

WHEREAS, the SSMU does not currently have a Service dedicated to the provision of in-person peer-to-peer support and the destigmatization of mental health;

WHEREAS, following an application process, the Services Review Committee has recommended that the Peer Support Centre be approved as a SSMU Service by the Legislative Council;

WHEREAS, the institutional support associated with becoming a SSMU Service will enable the Peer Support Centre to grow in their resource provision to expand their support a greater number of McGill students;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council grant Service status to the Peer Support Centre.

Moved by:

The Services Review Committee

Kimber Bialik, Vice-President (Clubs and Services)
Zacheriah Houston, Vice-President (Finance and Operations)

Dushan Tripp, Club Representative

Malcolm McClintock, Engineering Representative

1. SSMU Mental Health Policy [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [Student Psychological Well Being at McGill University: A Report of Findings from the 2012 and 2014 Counselling and Mental Health Benchmark Study](https://www.mcgill.ca/counselling/files/counselling/student_psychological_well-being_at_mcgill_december_2014_final_3.pdf), December 2014. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)