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Resolution Regarding CKUT Existence Referendum

Whereas, Radio CKUT is licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission as a campus-community radio station to broadcast at 90.3 on the FM band to the greater Montreal area;

Whereas, CKUT became an independent student activity in 1988 and has served the McGill and Montreal communities 24 hours a day 365 days a year, on FM radio and the Internet;

Whereas, McGill undergraduate students have supported CKUT with a fee of \$4.00 each semester since 1988, and whereas any student who pays said fee is automatically a member of CKUT, with all the rights and privileges pursuant thereto;

Whereas, prior to 2007 CKUT's fee was refundable at the premises of CKUT;

Whereas, the placement of CKUT's fee on the Minerva online opt-out system in 2007 has continuously depleted the financial resources of CKUT, thereby interfering with the ability of CKUT to serve the McGill and Montreal communities;

Whereas, in Fall 2007 a General Assembly of the SSMU passed a motion mandating the SSMU to take every reasonable action to put an end to the online opt-out system created by the University such that campus groups shall be in charge of their own opt-out processes;

Whereas, CKUT employs McGill undergraduate students, and includes McGill undergraduate student representatives on its Board of Directors, Steering Committee and Programming Committee, and provides internships and research opportunities for student members related to their academic fields;

Whereas, all undergraduate student members may participate in CKUT's annual general assembly, which is the highest governing body of CKUT;

Whereas, McGill undergraduate student members may participate in the activities and governance of CKUT as listeners, programmers, technicians, and receive training at CKUT in various aspects of radio production;

Whereas, CKUT is consistently voted as the #1 or #2 Radio Station in the Mirror's Best of Montreal Readers Poll;

Do you support CKUT continuing as a recognized student activity supported by a fee of \$4.00 per semester for full-time undergraduate students, which is not opt-outable on the Minerva online opt-out system but is fully refundable directly through CKUT, with the understanding that a majority "no" vote will result in the termination of all undergraduate funding to CKUT?



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