



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Office of the Speakers
Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

Motion Regarding CKUT Fall 2012 Referendum Question Endorsement

Whereas, CKUT provides McGill students with news, music and arts & culture programming, radio training, journalism experience, internships, employment, and with many former student members going on to successful careers in journalism;

Whereas, radio is a public good and all members and non-members have access to the airwaves as listeners, and may attend events CKUT organizes on and off McGill campus, including many co-sponsored festivals and concerts;

Whereas, in its 25 year history CKUT has been consistently voted the #1 or #2 radio station in Montreal in the Mirror's Best of Montreal Readers Poll;

Whereas, since 1988 the fees that McGill undergraduate students pay to support CKUT have remained unchanged at \$4.00 each semester for full time students and \$2.00 per semester for part time students;

Whereas, \$4.00 in 1988, when indexed to the rate of inflation, is worth more than \$7.00 in 2012;

Whereas, the costs of running a campus-community radio station increase each year, although opt-outs have decreased CKUT's revenues;

Whereas, the SSMU's Constitution mandates the SSMU to "support the student groups that make up civic life in the McGill community, while providing services to strengthen the educational, cultural, environmental, political and social conditions of our membership";

Whereas, Radio CKUT is a significant student-initiated, student-run, student-supported and student-controlled organization existing on McGill's downtown campus since 1988;

Whereas, it is an official policy of the SSMU to support student life on campus;

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council endorse a "yes" vote to CKUT's one dollar fee increase referendum question in the Fall 2012 Referendum period.

Resolved, that this endorsement will be announced in the SSMU listserv and posted prominently on the SSMU website during campaign period.

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