



Motion Regarding First Year Council Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, 6467 first year students were registered in Fall 2016, representing 26.86 percent of the SSMU undergraduate membership;

Whereas, first year students encounter unique challenges, and possess unique academic and social needs for a healthy transition to university life;

Whereas, the SSMU First Year Council is a branch of SSMU mandated to manage first year affairs by providing services, examples of which include, but are not limited to: creating social events, holding first year forums, collaborating with all first year student groups, and representing first year students at the SSMU Legislative Council;

Whereas, the First Year Fund will be allocated to empower first year students and first year representative groups of all faculties to engage in initiatives that foster leadership, encourage student engagement, and make positive changes in the representation or experiences of first year students;

Whereas, a fee levy was passed in 2014 for a First Year Fund to create and sustain support for the first year student body of McGill University;

Whereas, the First Year Council Fee is an opt-outable \$0.50 fee;

Whereas, under the aforementioned terms, the First Year Fund be administered and valued by the SSMU Funding Committee, on which the First Year Representative will sit on and advocate for the needs of the first year student body;

Whereas, a majority “No” vote would result in the absence of the creation of such a fee;

Be it Resolved, that SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2017 referendum period:

“Do you agree to renew the opt-outable \$0.50 SSMU First Year Council Fee, which will be paid for by all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, to start in Winter 2018, and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2020 (inclusive) when it will be brought back to council for renewal?”

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