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## Notice of Motion Regarding Peer Support Centre Fee Referendum Question

*Whereas* the Peer Support Centre (PSC) is a student run volunteer organization providing free, confidential, drop-in, one-on-one active listening, resource referral, and mental health support to all McGill students;

*Whereas* the PSC runs on thousands of hours from volunteer peer supporters who must undergo continuous training throughout the year to ensure that they are well suited to support students from any and all backgrounds;

*Whereas* the PSC now provides hundreds of support sessions throughout the school year, supporting students through issues such as anxiety, loneliness, stress, and many other topics;

*Whereas* no service fee currently exists to support the operations of the PSC, and a \$0.62 opt-outable fee would generate a sustainable source of income such that the PSC can continue providing a warm, inclusive, and safe space for McGill students to talk and receive support;

**Be it resolved, that** the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following questions for the Fall 2017 Referendum:

“Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of \$0.62 called the "Peer Support Centre Fee", to be charged to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Fall 2017 and ending in Winter 2021 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

**Moved by:**

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