



Notice of Motion Regarding Athletics Ancillary Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, government Regulations allow the University to increase Ancillary Fees annually by \$15 (for students registered in the fall and winter sessions) and by \$7.50 (for students registered for the summer session);

Whereas, the \$15.00 / \$7.50 increase to Ancillary Fees allowed by the government for 2013-14 will be allocated to the General Administrative Fee to help cover increased costs;

Whereas, consistent with government regulations, SSMU and the University have agreed that any other increase to Ancillary Fees charged to undergraduate students will be subject to a referendum recognized by SSMU;

Whereas, the Athletics Ancillary Fee supports intramurals, instructional and recreation programs, intercollegiate athletics, Macdonald campus athletics and recreation programs and the maintenance and operations of all athletics facilities including Currie gymnasium, Percival Molson Stadium, Forbes Field, McConnell Arena, Macdonald campus arena and sports complex:

Whereas, Athletics and Recreation continues to provide students outstanding recreation and competitive sport offerings in state-of-the-art facilities, great recreation and instructional programs, intramurals and varsity teams;

Whereas, Athletics and Recreation is completely committed to continuous improvement to client services and, in addition to quality programming, has added online registration, renovated and improved food services, expanded the fitness centre, reduced energy consumption and improved its environmental footprint, and upgraded playing surfaces, court lighting and activity space air quality;

Whereas, Athletics and Recreation provides hundreds of students with part-time and summer employment;

Whereas, Athletics and Recreation is committed to avoid cuts to valued programming or increases to user fees;

Whereas, the Athletics Ancillary Fee is currently \$120.50 per term for full-time students and \$72.91 (i.e., approximately 60%) per term for part-time students (i.e., those taking fewer than 9 credits);

Whereas, Athletics and Recreation requires an increase to the Athletics Ancillary Fee of \$7.25 per term for full-time students and, correspondingly, \$4.35 per term for part-time students, to maintain current service levels and programming;

Whereas, the Athletics Ancillary Fee has increased only once in the last four years, an increase of less than 1% since 2009;



Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2013 referendum period:

“Do you agree to increase the athletics ancillary fee by \$7.25 to a total of \$127.75 per term for full-time students with a corresponding increase of \$4.35 to a total of \$77.26 per term for part-time students, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of such a fee increase and the inability to maintain the current programming and service levels?”

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