



Motion Regarding Charity Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, the SSMU Charity Fee, which is dispensed in the form of the SSMU Charity Fund, was created in 2010 in an effort to empower campus members to engage in charitable initiatives on campus and in their personal lives as well as build community on campus;

Whereas, the Charity Fund offers monetary support to initiatives that contribute to providing opportunities to those who are deprived of opportunity because of uncontrollable factors;

Whereas, the Charity Fund initiatives are made to here to the SSMU Sustainability Policy;

Whereas, all members of the Society are eligible for funding given that they have not opted out of the fee;

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

“Do you agree that the opt-outable \$0.50 SSMU Charity Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed for five years, to start in Fall 2013, and to be charged until Winter 2018 (inclusive), and that the fee be adjusted to inflation, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the fee ceasing to exist?”

Moved by:

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