



Motion Regarding Sustainability Projects Fund Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, SSMU, MCSS, PGSS, and the McGill Administration have made commitments to supporting a culture of sustainability, as exemplified by the creation and operation of the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) in winter 2010, which is co-funded by students (50%) and administration (50%) and has funded 91 projects to date totalling two million dollars,

Whereas, all members of the McGill community, including students, academic staff and non-academic staff are eligible to apply for SPF funding,

Whereas, funding decisions are made by a consensus based committee with equal representation from students and McGill University,

Whereas, the SPF was created in 2010 for a trial period of 3.5 years and such funds normally have a renewal period of 5 years,

Whereas, a third-party review carried out in Fall 2012 concluded that the administration and governance of the fund has been successful in fulfilling the stated mission of the SPF,

Whereas, further information about the SPF is available at www.mcgill.ca/sustainability/spf, including application criteria, current projects, cumulative impacts, and other relevant documentation,

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

“Do you agree to renew the Sustainability Projects Fund fee for the next five academic years (Fall 2013 through Winter 2018) at \$0.50 per credit per student per semester (up to 15 credits), adjusted annually for inflation, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index), with the understanding that if McGill University does not agree to match this contribution, it will cease to exist? The renewed SPF would continue to be governed by a parity working group (equal numbers of students and staff) and accept project applications from any member of the McGill community.”

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