



Motion Regarding Gert's Retainment of Cover Charge

Whereas the SSMU's mandate includes promoting social, cultural and personal opportunities, and providing outstanding services;

Whereas McGill students continually advocate for philanthropic endeavours and social sustainability, thus Gert's Bar has often served as a convenient space for student-lead charitable activities on campus;

Whereas Gert's Bar charged groups hosting an event 30% of collected cover/coat check charges, as outlined in the Gert's Bar Event Booking and Procedures, and this amount was recently increased to 50% following the November 21, 2013 amendments;

Whereas McGill student groups supporting local, national, and international charitable organizations do not retain profits from Gert's events, but rather donate the funds raised to their respective charitable organizations;

Whereas a bar rental fee, as outlined in the Gert's Bar Event Booking and Procedures, requires groups to guarantee a minimum amount of bar sales, in addition to forfeiting 50% of the collect cover charges;

Whereas student groups holding charitable events at Gert's Bar entice patrons to utilize the student service and augment food and beverages sales;

Whereas clubs and organizations must also provide volunteers to perform a mandatory coat check service at their own liability – a position normally staffed by a paid Gerts Bar employee – during the months of October to April;

Whereas Montreal bars and clubs often welcome charity events for free and offer total profits to be kept by the organization from door sales, without the organization required to provide a coat check service or minimum bar sales;



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Whereas student groups have often failed to advertise their event sufficiently, which may have resulted in patrons being dissuaded to pay the cover charge;

Resolved, to mandate the SSMU in particular the VP FOPS to make the booking procedure for charity events at Gert's more transparent through posting on the website, giving info at SEAMLESS etc.

Resolved that the comptroller, General Manager, Bar manager and VP FOPS meet with charity groups to discuss ways to make it easier for charities to book and hold events at Gert's

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Approved