



Motion Regarding Implementation of the University Centre Building Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, the Lease Agreement between RIAL/McGill and the SSMU from the 2011-2012 school year to the 2020-2021 school year includes significant increases in rent and utilities costs;

Whereas, the increased rent and utilities payable by SSMU have resulted in \$230,000 due to RIAL/McGill this year and increasing amounts for the next 7 years, specified in the schedule below;

Whereas, without this fee the SSMU would have to cut services to students in order to afford the rent and utilities payments to McGill such as: significant reductions in operating hours for the University Centre, hiring and salary freezes for all staff members including not hiring a Sustainability Coordinator, the elimination of all SSMU research, significant increases in prices for Gerts, nominal fees for room bookings for all student groups, increases in rent costs for student groups using the building, the further commercialization of space in the University Centre including but not limited to the replacement of The Nest with a commercial tenant and the reversion of 108 to a commercial tenant.

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following (2) questions for the Fall 2014 Referendum period:

PART 1: "Do you support the creation of a new student levied fee, labelled "University Center Building Fee", payable and non-opt-outable on Minerva by all full-time and part-time members of the Students Society of McGill University be implemented at \$5.78 per full-time student per semester and \$2.89 per part-time student per semester in effect from the start of the semester in Fall 2014 until Winter 2021 (inclusive) at which point the current lease agreement with McGill will end?"

PART 2: "Do you agree that the SSMU Building Rent and Utilities Fee be indexed to increase at a rate of 5.6% per year at the beginning of the Fall semester each year in order to compensate for the year to year rent and utilities increases agreed upon between SSMU and McGill? "

Resolved, that this fee will be used to pay the rent and utilities of the current agreed upon lease agreement with McGill. Any excess of the rent and utilities payments that is generated by this fee will be internally restricted within SSMU's Capital Expenditures Reserve Fund for building renovation projects.



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