



Motion Regarding Legal Information Clinic at McGill Existence Referendum Question

Whereas the Legal Information Clinic at McGill (LICM) was created in 1973 to provide free legal information to McGill students and the Montreal community, with a continuing commitment to meeting the needs of marginalized groups,

Whereas LICM's Student Advocacy Programme was created in 1989 to provide free, confidential advice and assistance to McGill students going through disciplinary, grievance and appeals processes at the University,

Whereas the Student Advocacy Programme advises and assists approximately 150 McGill students each year,

Whereas LICM offers in-person and phone service to McGill students and community members for 40 hours per week during the academic year and the summer term,

Whereas LICM answers approximately 4000 legal questions each year,

Whereas LICM commissions documents under oath at no charge for approximately 750 McGill students each year,

Whereas LICM's "Just Info" presentations provide legal information to McGill student groups and local community organizations,

Whereas paid legal services are prohibitively expensive to many McGill students and members of the Montreal community, and free legal clinics cannot meet demand without continued support from the communities they serve,

Whereas the dissolution of LICM would decrease access to justice for McGill students and deny them assistance from the Student Advocacy Programme in McGill proceedings,



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Office of the Speaker
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Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2014 Referendum Period:

“Do you support the Legal Information Clinic at McGill (LICM) continuing as a recognized student activity supported by non-opt-outable student fees, effective from the start of the semester in Fall 2014 until Fall 2019 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the termination of all undergraduate student funding to LICM, and the termination of all LICM services?”

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Approved