



Motion Regarding Black Students' Network Fee – Second Fall Referendum 2014

Whereas, the Black Students' Network is a SSMU Service that is dedicated to promote healthy discussions regarding race and to sensitize McGill University and the wider Montreal community to racial issues concerning black people, while helping black students integrate into the McGill University community;

Whereas, our campus has a history of battling with racial issues in the past¹ and recently²;

Whereas, the Black Student's Network is committed to educating our undergraduate community by hosting discussions³ and events to discuss racial issues, on and off-campus—especially issues pertaining to black people;

Whereas, there is no existing fee for the Black Students' Network and thus, the Black Students' Network operates under a SSMU subsidy, which limits its operational growth and student reach;

Whereas, the Black Students' Network provides a variety of events to the SSMU constituency, including, but not limited to, Coffee Hours, Soul Food Fridays, Fall Retreat, Black History Month events, and discussion panels;

Whereas, the Black Students' Network is in need of a budget increase to increase its reach on and off-campus, to better communicate racial issues to our community by holding more and bigger events, and for office repairs and maintenance;

Be it resolved, that the membership approve the following question for the Fall 2014 referendum period:

"Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee levy, titled "The Black Students' Network Fee", of \$0.40 per student for full-time students and \$0.20 per student for part-time students per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are Members of the Students Society of McGill University in effect from Winter 2015 until Winter 2018 (inclusive), when it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"

Moved by:
VP Fong (Clubs and Services)
VP Bradley (Finance and Operations)
President Ayukawa

¹http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2010/02/a_halfcentury_of_black_issues_at_mcgill_in_montreal_and_in_canada/

² <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2012/11/blackface-and-other-costumes-stir-controversy-at-4floors/>

³ <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2014/10/panel-ties-police-violence-in-canada-ferguson-to-systemic-racism/>