



**Motion Regarding the ECOLE Referendum Question for the Winter 2015
Referendum Period**

Whereas promoting social and material sustainability is a key challenge of the 21st century;

Whereas McGill University currently lacks a central space where students, faculty and staff members can meet, connect and organize around sustainability issues;

Whereas, the Educational Community Living Environment Project, hereafter referred to as the ECOLE Project, has a mandate to bring together students, faculty and staff of McGill University and Montreal residents in the pursuit of sustainable living through applied student research, alternative education and community building;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project provides space free of charge to student and community groups working toward social and material sustainability, which over 1,000 McGill students have used in the Fall 2014 semester alone;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project provides undergraduate students with hard skills for a more sustainable future, including experience with consensus-based decision-making, non-hierarchical governance structures and materially sustainable living practices;

Whereas, the ECOLE's programming initiatives, which range from skill-building workshops to discussion nights to a bi-weekly film series, enriches student life and provides opportunities for experiential learning;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project is a student-initiated and student-run initiative;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project has gained status as an Independent Student group with the Student Society of McGill University (SSMU);

Whereas, a 'yes' vote to the following question will ensure the financial sustainability of the ECOLE Project as it goes about fulfilling its mandate and providing meeting space, experiential learning opportunities, support for student research, and a greater sense of community to McGill students;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2015 Referendum period:

“Do you support the creation of a new student levy, titled “ECOLE Project Fee,” of \$2.00 per student per semester, payable by all part-time and full-time undergraduate students who are members of the Students' Society of McGill



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University and opt-outable on Minerva, effective Fall 2015 to Winter 2018 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"

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APPROVED