



**Notice of 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 past<sup>1</sup> and recently<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, the Black Student's Network is committed to educating our undergraduate community by hosting discussions<sup>3</sup> 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 that an opt-outable fee of \$0.40 for full-time students and \$0.20 for part-time student, be administered on behalf of the Black Students' Network, which will be paid for by all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, to start in Winter 2015, and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2018 (inclusive) when it will be brought back to council for renewal, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of the creation of such a fee?”

Moved by:  
VP Fong (Clubs and Services)

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2010/02/a\\_halfcentury\\_of\\_black\\_issues\\_\\_at\\_mcgill\\_\\_in\\_montreal\\_\\_and\\_in\\_canada/](http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2010/02/a_halfcentury_of_black_issues__at_mcgill__in_montreal__and_in_canada/)

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

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



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