



Motion Regarding the Safety Network Fee for the Fall 2015 Referendum

WHEREAS, the McGill Students' Emergency Response Team (M-SERT) is a volunteer operated SSMU Service that provides emergency first aid coverage to McGill residences, campus events, and the Montreal community, and is supported by a non-opt-outable M-SERT fee of \$0.50 per undergraduate per semester without an expiry date;

WHEREAS, DriveSafe is a volunteer operated SSMU Service that provides a free safe ride home to any McGill student to or from any location on the island of Montreal;

WHEREAS, Walksafe is a volunteer operated SSMU Service that provides nighttime accompaniment for students unable or unwilling to travel alone at night;

WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students' Society (SACOMSS) is a volunteer operated SSMU Service that provides support to survivors of sexual assault and their allies through resource provision, advocacy, outreach, and direct support, and is supported by a non-opt-outable SACOMSS fee of \$0.75 per undergraduate per semester expiring at the end of Fall 2015;

WHEREAS, the SSMU currently allocates an additional \$0.25 per undergraduate for M-SERT, \$0.25 per undergraduate for DriveSafe, and \$0.05 per undergraduate for Walksafe from the SSMU base membership fee;

WHEREAS, together, the McGill Students' Emergency Response Team, Drivesafe, Walksafe, and the Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students' Society form the "Safety Network," a designation of SSMU Services, supported by a total of \$1.80 per undergraduate student per semester;

WHEREAS, a single fee for the Safety Network would provide continued support for each unit of the Safety Network, would make the fee more transparent, and would reduce the administrative burden on the SSMU Vice-President (Finance & Operations) and the Vice-President (Clubs & Services);

WHEREAS, the Services of the SSMU Safety Network each require additional fees to support their activities;

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 budgets, the 2015-2016 budgets, and the proposed 2015-2016 budgets (accounting for fee increases) for Walksafe, DriveSafe, M-SERT, and SACOMSS are attached as Appendices A through D respectively.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2015 Referendum:

Do you agree to replace the fees currently collected for the units of the SSMU Safety Network with the creation of a new, single, non-opt out able fee to be known as the SSMU Safety Network Fee of \$3.97 (\$0.60 for DriveSafe, \$0.75 for M-SERT, \$2.50 for SACOMSS, and \$0.12 for Walksafe) charged to all undergraduate students who are Members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2016 and ending in Winter 2021 (inclusive),



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with the understanding that the fee would be brought back to the SSMU membership in Winter 2021 for renewal?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clauses contained herein be included with the question on the referendum ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appendices A through D be included on the ballot with the motion.

Moved by:

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FOR APPROVAL