

## **Motion regarding the creation of an Ad-Hoc SSMU Health and Dental Review Committee**

WHEREAS, the SSMU Health and Dental Fee is an opt-outable fee of \$220 per year, the payment of which automatically enrolls the student in the SSMU Health and Dental Plan;

WHEREAS, the SSMU Health and Dental Plan, administered by ASEQ, provides dental, travel, vision, and health coverage for SSMU members;

WHEREAS, the SSMU Health and Dental Plan does not provide legal coverage and provides only minimal mental health coverage;

WHEREAS, the Legal Information Clinic provides legal information but cannot provide legal advice or representation<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, the Legal Information Clinic's Student Advocacy group only provides "free and confidential advice and representation when McGill students have a conflict with the University. This can include disciplinary issues, grievances, appeals, and informal negotiations"<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS, McGill Mental Health Service has a wait time of 2 weeks for first appointments, 2 additional weeks to see a Psychiatrist, and then an additional 3-4 months for psychotherapy (McGill Mental Health Service Advisory Board Minutes Oct 7, 2015)<sup>3</sup>;

WHEREAS, there are many other areas in which SSMU members have indicated that they would like to see increased coverage, including and especially Mental Health coverage<sup>4</sup>;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU establish an Ad-Hoc Health and Dental Committee to investigate and propose changes to the Health and Dental Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Ad-Hoc Health and Dental Committee have the following Terms of Reference:

**GENERAL.** The Ad-Hoc SSMU Health and Dental Review Committee shall review the current Health and Dental Plan and propose options for improvements to the plan.

**FUNCTIONS.** The Ad-Hoc SSMU Health and Dental Review Committee shall:

- A. review and evaluate the current coverage provided by the SSMU Health and Dental Plan;
- B. review data regarding the usage of the plan by SSMU members and consult students regarding desired additions to the coverage provided in the current Health and Dental Plan;
- C. review the costs of various improvements to the plan, particularly legal and mental health coverage, provided by ASEQ;
- D. investigate the utility of additional coverage options;
- E. propose multiple options for changes to the plan to the Legislative Council;

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<sup>1</sup> <http://licm.mcgill.ca/legal-clinic-free-legal-information/>, also the 'Know Your Rights' pamphlet under the section *What can the LICM do for you?*

<sup>2</sup> Student Advocacy Pamphlet from the Legal Information Clinic. Available in the SSMU Offices entrance.

<sup>3</sup> McGill Mental Health Service Advisory Board Minutes Oct 7, 2015; [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-lpDtJBMmGeNkJwMjBhaFMwUjA/view?usp=embed\\_facebook&pli=1](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-lpDtJBMmGeNkJwMjBhaFMwUjA/view?usp=embed_facebook&pli=1)

<sup>4</sup> ASEQ Survey Report – March 2014. Pg 26, 27. Councillor Templer will have a copy on hand for reference on request.

F. propose a referendum question for changes to the plan, if applicable.

MEMBERSHIP. The Ad-Hoc SSMU Health and Dental Review Committee shall consist of:

- A. the Vice-President (Finance and Operations) [Co-Chair]
- B. Adam Templer, Arts Representative [Co-Chair]
- C. the Vice-President (University Affairs)
- D. the Vice-President (Clubs & Services) [Advisory]
- E. Councillors (6)
- F. Members at Large (2)

QUORUM. The quorum of the Committee will be a majority of the seats currently filled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU Legislative Council will appoint Councillors Templer, Sobat, Benrimoh, Chin, Ning and Olivier as the Councillors to fill this Committee.

**Moved by:**

Adam Templer, Arts Representative  
Kimber Bialik, Vice-President (Clubs and Services)  
David Benrimoh, Senate Caucus Representative  
Valerie Olivier, Law Representative