



Motion Regarding the Creation of a Club Fund Fee

WHEREAS, support for clubs and services has consistently been identified as the highest priority of the SSMU;^{1 2 3}

WHEREAS, the Club Fund is a portion of the SSMU Operating Budget earmarked as financial support for clubs, applied to by Full Status Clubs and allocated and disbursed by the Funding Committee;

WHEREAS, the \$25,000 allocated to the Club Fund each semester is insufficient to meet the need for funding by the 240+ clubs recognized by the SSMU, with a total of \$117,369.48 requested from the Club Fund during the Fall 2015 semester;

WHEREAS, due to budgetary constraints the Club Fund cannot be increased and is likely to being cut in favour of other areas of the SSMU budget;

WHEREAS, the creation of a dedicated fee to fund the Club Fund would ensure a secure source of funding to support student groups and would double the available funding for clubs to foster student life on campus;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2016 referendum period:

Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Club Fund Fee of \$2.75 per student per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting in Fall 2016 and ending in Winter 2021 (inclusive) at which point it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?

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

Moved by:

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¹ Policy on SSMU Priorities, April 2008 - April 2013

² Policy on Clubs and Services as the Highest Priority of SSMU, April 2013 – April 2018

³ Referendum Question on Support for Clubs and Services, Spring 2008