



Motion Regarding the Renewal of the Access McGill Ancillary Fee

WHEREAS, the Access McGill Fee, established via a student referendum in 1988, is collected by the University to contribute to making McGill more accessible to students with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the fee is used to provide the services and resources necessary to improve accessibility within the University, including equipment purchases and physical space conversion, under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Office for Students with Disabilities;

WHEREAS, this fee is used for direct student support, which primarily includes the cost of invigilation for accommodated exams and payment for the peer note-taking program, as well as for maintaining reserves which allow the OSD to quickly respond to students' needs, for example, the need for sign language interpretation.

WHEREAS, due to the increasing demand for services, dedicated accessibility funding is needed to continue the provision of learning support, services, and for the improvement of physical accessibility within the University¹;

WHEREAS, the removal of this fee would have a significant, negative, and immediate impact on students with disabilities, particularly given the exponential growth of the number of students with access needs;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society ask the following question of its membership in the Winter 2016 Referendum:

“Do you agree to renew the non-opt-outable Access McGill Fee of \$2.00 per student per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting in Fall 2016 and ending Winter 2021 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the above preamble be included on the ballot along with the question.

Moved by:

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Joshua Chin, Medicine Representative

¹ <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2016/01/students-recall-experiences-with-office-for-students-with-disabilities/>



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