



Motion Regarding the Renewal of the McGill Writing Centre Ancillary Fee

WHEREAS, the SSMU membership voted in the Winter 2013 Referendum to establish the Writing Centre Ancillary Fee¹ of \$1.50 per student per semester, the funds from which are used to support the McGill Writing Centre (MWC);

WHEREAS, the MWC acts as a central resource to students seeking assistance with written communication, by offering credit courses in academic and professional writing specialized writing courses, and a tutorial service open to all McGill students;

WHEREAS, the McGill Writing Centre Ancillary Fee provides support for the continuation of the Centre's non-credit resources, which include one-to-one individualized tutoring and small-group workshops on a variety of writing genres and topics, and for development of new initiatives both on-site and online.

WHEREAS, the University has asked the Society to authorize the renewal of this fee by contacting the Office of the Vice President (Finance & Operations);

WHEREAS, consistent with government regulations, the SSMU and the University have agreed that the renewal of an Ancillary Fee charged to undergraduate students by the University will be subject to a referendum of the members of the SSMU;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society pose the following question in the Winter 2016 Referendum:

“Do you agree to renew the non-opt-outable McGill Writing Centre Ancillary Fee of \$1.50 per term per student, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting Fall 2016 and ending Winter 2021 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought 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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¹ Ancillary Fees are defined by the Internal Regulations of the Presidential Portfolio as “University-wide mandatory fees, other than tuition fees, that must be paid to apply to, enroll in, and/or attend the University” (IR-01 Part III (v))