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MOTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR QPIRG-MCGILL'S EXISTENCE REFERENDUM

Whereas, the Quebec Public Interest Research Group – McGill (QPIRG) is an Independent Student Group of the SSMU that was incorporated in 1989 and whose mandate is to conduct research, education, and action at McGill and in the Montreal community on environmental and social justice issues;

Whereas, QPIRG connects campus and community through annual event series for McGill students and numerous working groups, and provides resources and funding to students and community groups;

Whereas, QPIRG's fee levy must be renewed every five years and is expiring in Winter 2017;

Whereas, the SSMU's Constitution mandates the SSMU to:

“Support the student groups that make up civic life in the McGill community, while providing services to strengthen the educational, cultural, environmental, political and social conditions of [their] membership”;¹

Whereas, according to the SSMU Policy and Plan Book, “the SSMU's primary obligation shall be to support affiliated student groups”;²

Be it resolved, that the SSMU endorse a “Yes” vote to the QPIRG existence referendum in the Fall 2016 QPIRG Referendum period;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU publicize this endorsement through its website, listserv, and social media.

Moved by:

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¹<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/SSMU-Constitution-2016-04-28.pdf>

²<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/SSMU-Policy-and-Plan-Book-2016-06-28.pdf#page=59>