



Submitted for: October 11th, 2018

### **Motion Regarding the Arab Student Network Fee Referendum Question 2018-10-11**

**WHEREAS**, the Arab Student Network (ASN) is a SSMU service that concerns itself with implementing a perspective of secular and non-political representation of the broad enriched culture of the Arab world;

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU has demonstrated commitment towards the integration and inclusivity of all students, especially those who identify as marginalized groups; recognizing that there is a growing demand for Arab cultural representation and the need for installation of related resources on campus for which the Arab Student Network fills a gap;

**WHEREAS**, the Arab Student Network broadcasts the local resources inspired by the broad culture that are of benefit to the inclusivity of all students, also providing a range of events for the enjoyment of students from any and all backgrounds.

**WHEREAS**, the Arab Student Network allocates its focus towards bridging the gap between the student body and the diverse set of local Arab professionals present in Montreal along with installing opportunities of involvement on-campus, including opportunities installed by the University in which fluency in the Arabic language was demonstrated. (campus touring, buddy program etc.)

**WHEREAS**, the Arab Student Network has assisted in providing the input of arabesque elements (art, decoration, catering etc.) to events in which other student groups or faculty bodies on campus can request.

**WHEREAS**, no service fee currently exists to support the operations of the Arab Student Network, and a \$0.50 opt-outable fee would generate a sustainable source of income such that the Arab Student Network can continue to provide a warm and inclusive space for the general student body to engage in Arab culture and language.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following questions to membership for the Fall 2018 referendum:



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*“Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of \$0.50 titled the “Arab Student Network Fee” payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2023 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”*

**Moved By:**

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APPROVED