



Submitted for: October 11th, 2018

Motion Regarding the Creation of an Anti-Violence Fee Levy 2018-10-11

WHEREAS, the SSMU has dedicated time and resources to preventing and responding to campus sexual and violence over the past school year, namely through the publication of the Our Turn National Action Plan, the passage of a Survivor Bill of Rights, and the creation of a Project Team charged with drafting a holistic, inclusive, pro-survivor GSVP, in part due to the insufficiency of McGill's own policies and their limited jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the occurrence of gendered and sexual violence is inextricable from the realities of social inequity and oppression, and the SSMU has repeatedly pledged to take concrete steps to act on these particular issues, and has a long-standing commitment to equity, as outlined in the SSMU Constitution:

VII. The Students' Society commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection. The Society shall be mindful of the direct and indirect effects that corporations, businesses and organizations have on their social, political, economic, and environmental surroundings.

VIII. The Students' Society commits itself to groups, programs and activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or social class;

WHEREAS, the GSVP Report, published in Summer 2018, puts forth procedures for prevention, support, advocacy, and response within the final draft of the Policy itself, and highlights the necessity of continuous financial support for these initiatives;

WHEREAS, the report additionally recommends that the SSMU hire two casual staff members, similar to the Equity or Mental Health Commissioners, to administer and oversee the



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procedures of the SSMU GSVP, known as the “Anti-Violence Coordinators”, and additionally that funding be reserved for peer-to-peer gendered and sexual violence prevention training;

WHEREAS, the creation of an additional Anti-Violence Fund would allow for members of the SSMU to engage in initiatives that are relevant to the prevention of gendered and sexual violence, as well as support and advocacy for survivors, such as event programming, educational and artistic initiatives, resource and media development, outreach, and individualized support in accessing relevant resources;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Anti-Violence Coordinator positions, as well as the GSVP training program and the Anti-Violence Fund, will be supported by an opt-outable student levy;

WHEREAS, the Anti-Violence Fund will be administered by the SSMU Funding Committee, and all SSMU members who have not opted out of the fee will be able to apply for funding;

WHEREAS, a tentative budget for the fee is detailed in Appendix A;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2018 referendum period:

“Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Anti-Violence Fee of \$0.45 per semester, payable by all SSMU members and accessible to those who do not opt out of the fee, starting in Winter 2019 and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2021 (inclusive), when it will be brought back to the membership for referendum, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of continuous funding for the administration of the GSVP?”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the clauses herein, as well as Appendix A, be included on the ballot.

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Appendix A

Anti-Violence Annual Fee Revenue Breakdown

Fee Breakdown	Estimated Amount	Notes
Anti-Violence: General (11% of 0.45/term)	\$2,179	To be used for general costs in the policy's administration, such as honoraria for training facilitators, space booking, et cetera.
Anti-Violence: Staff (2)(78% of 0.45/term)	\$15, 667	Approximately 600 staff hours each (incl. fringe benefits).
Anti-Violence Fund (11% of 0.45/term)	\$2, 179	For distribution by the funding committee for violence prevention-related projects, events, etc. This fee would be restricted so that 6.8% of the total revenue each year (approx. \$1,250.00) goes to the Anti-Violence Fund.

Revenue Estimation (2018-2019)

Gross Fee Revenue	22,500
Less: opt outs	(2, 475)
Total \$	<u>20,025</u>