Motion Regarding Changes Made to Referendum Questions 2018-11-01

WHEREAS, SSMU Legislative Council approved questions for referendum to be sent to the Office for Student Life and Learning (OSLL) for review;

WHEREAS, the OSLL made recommendations to the questions that are seen in Appendix A of this motion in red;

WHEREAS, these changes revolved around clarification of language and clarification in durations. For the Environment fee and Charity fee, the time period had to be reduced since they originally exceeded five years;

WHEREAS, the question on renaming the athletic teams did not change due to it not being a question on funding;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Legislative Council adopts the following modified questions for referendum outlined in Appendix A below.

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Appendix A

1) Arab Students Network

Old: “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?”

New: “Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.50 per student per semester 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?”

2) Charity Fee

Old:

QUESTION 1: “Do you agree that the opt-outable $0.52 SSMU Charity Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, by renewed for five years, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2024 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would continue the non-existence of the fund?”

QUESTION 2: “Do you agree that the fee to be adjusted to inflation, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index)’?”

New:

“Do you agree that the opt-outable $0.52 per semester SSMU Charity Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members, and which contributes to the SSMU Community Engagement fund accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2023 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of the fee?”

“Do you agree that the fee to be adjusted to inflation, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index)?”
3) Environment Fee:

Old:

QUESTION 1: Do you agree that the opt-outable $1.25 SSMU Environment Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed for five years, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2024 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority "no" vote would result in the non-existence of the fund?

QUESTION 2: Do you agree, that the fee, in its entirety, be adjusted annually for inflation, as index by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index)

New:

“Do you agree that the opt-outable $1.25 per semester SSMU Environment Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and contributes to the SSMU Green Fund accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2023 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority "no" vote would result in the non-existence of the fee?”

Do you agree, that the fee, in its entirety, be adjusted annually for inflation, as index by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index).

4) Anti-Violence Fee

Old: “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?”

New: “Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Anti-Violence Fee of $0.45 per semester, which is paid for by all SSMU members and contributes to the Anti-Violence Fund accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2021 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of the fee?”

5) Plate Club Fee:

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Old: “Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.14 called the "Plate Club Fee", to be charged to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2020 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

New: “Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.14 per semester called the "Plate Club Fee", payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2020 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”