



MOTION REGARDING AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING PLEBISCITE 2019-03-14

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WHEREAS, section 4.2 of the Internal Regulations on Elections and Referenda outlines the process by which the Society can gauge the opinion of its Members;

WHEREAS, a report conducted by [L'Unité de travail pour l'implantation de logement étudiant](#) (UTILE) indicates that McGill students pay rents significantly higher-- 40% more-- than students studying at other Montreal or Quebec universities ;

WHEREAS, on January 24 2019, UTILE had presented to SSMU Legislative Council on some possibilities and conditions that would be in favour of a construction project to be developed for and funded in part by SSMU members ;

WHEREAS, other student unions, notably the [Concordia Student Union](#), have involved themselves in pursuing more affordable options for their members;

WHEREAS, SSMU currently does not have a policy on affordable housing;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society's Legislative Council approve the following question to be posed to the members as a plebiscite in the Winter 2019 referendum period:

Would you like SSMU to further prioritize affordable housing, including, but not limited to, further actions to explore developing student housing?

Moved by:

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