



# MOTION REGARDING THE STUDENT SERVICES FEE QUESTION FOR WINTER 2019 REFERENDUM

## 2019-03-14

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**WHEREAS**, Student Services is an integral part of student life on campus and student fees have traditionally funded its 11 services (Campus Life & Engagement, Career Planning, Counselling, First People's House, Health Clinic and Lab, International Student Services, Office for Students with Disabilities, Peer Tutoring, Psychiatry, Religious and Spiritual Life, and Scholarships & Student Aid);

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the new Student Wellness Hub and 12 Local (embedded) Wellness Advisors recently funded by McGill University and external donations, student contributions will allow for more accessible mental and physical health services by increasing the current number of counsellors by three generalist counsellors and a counsellor specializing in trauma, and almost doubling the number of medical doctors;

**WHEREAS**, McGill University is committed to reducing Student Services' operational and building maintenance costs by completely eliminating the obligatory overhead fee for self-funded units, and additionally pledging to match up to \$337,000 of new student contributions should the referendum be successful;

**WHEREAS**, government regulations limit the University to annually increase fees without referendum by a percentage determined by the MEES (Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur) indexation factor;

**WHEREAS**, aside from the indexation factor, the Student Service student fee has not increased in six years and operations are over capacity;

**WHEREAS**, aside from the MEES indexation factor, Student Services requires an 8% increase over three years to maintain current service levels and develop additional supports for undergraduate students in all of its 11 services;



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**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** that the Students' Society of McGill University Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2019 referendum period:

Do you agree, that in addition to the regular MEES indexation factor, to increase the Student Services Fee by 4% in Fall 2019, 2% in Fall 2020, and 2% in Fall 2021 per term for full-time and part-time undergraduate students, with the understanding that a majority "no" vote would result in a reduction of services?

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