



# MOTION REGARDING CREATION OF THE GERTS REOPENING FUND AND FEE 2019-10-10

Submitted for: October 10, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Gerts Student Bar is an integral piece within the McGill Community, and serves as a community place for many students;

**WHEREAS**, due to the renovations of the William Shatner University Centre, McGill students have been deprived of significant social experiences and event booking space for almost 2 years;

**WHEREAS**, this fee will ensure that damages that may have arisen during the William Shatner University Centre renovations can be repaired so that Gerts can be reopened at the soonest possible date while also minimizing the financial burden on the Students' Society of McGill University ("SSMU");

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that Gerts would operate at a significant financial loss if it were re-opened during the Winter 2020 Semester as outlined in Appendix A;

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU Legislative Council approves the following question for the Fall 2019 Referendum period:

*Do you agree to the creation of the opt-outable \$7.50 Gerts Reopening Fee for all full and part-time SSMU members, to be charged only in Winter 2020, with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote would result in the non-existence of the fund?*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU Board of Directors use the funds collected to pay for repairs necessary to re-open Gerts in a timely manner;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** that the SSMU Executives be given the latitude to suspend this fee referendum if the case arises that the William Shatner University Centre will not be reopened in the Winter 2020 semester;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the "Whereas" clauses of this motion also be included on the ballot;



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the SSMU Legislative Council.

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## APPENDIX A

Forthcoming

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