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### Alignment with Mission

In our mandates of accessibility and sustainability, affordable housing must be given attention. The economic well-being of students cannot be guaranteed on an open market that is increasingly experiencing shortages in vacancy rates, particularly in areas with a high density of students (Plateau, Milton-Parc) where landlords are aware of the exploitability and vulnerability of this population.

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### Consultations Completed

In 2017, a survey was distributed to the student body to assess their housing priorities. A further survey has been in circulation this year to refine those priorities. The term sheet of the construction project roots itself in these recommendations.

An open consultation was conducted with the Legislative Council at its first meeting of the Winter semester regarding the relationship with UTILE altogether. A town hall was then held on 27 January 2020 to present the framework proposed by UTILE as well as the recommended building plans. Finally, the Vice-President (Finance) was consulted with regard to the appropriate amount to be charged to students.

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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

The fee will pass through the accounting department and thus require some amount of administration, as is true of every fee. Other risks such as cost overruns are being assumed by UTILE, guaranteed by way of contract.

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### Sustainability Considerations

The project ensures social and economic sustainability. Additionally, the term sheet includes environmental considerations like LEED sustainability and a prioritization for geothermal heating.

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### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If approved, this motion will mandate Elections SSMU, supervised by the Governance Manager, to include the question below on the Winter 2020 referendum.

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## Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the SSMU add the following question on the Winter 2020 referendum:

“Do you agree to the creation of a non-opt-outable fee of \$6.53 reserved for the promotion of affordable student housing through construction of housing units and promotion of housing information, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of SSMU Affordable Student Housing?”

Be it resolved that the section “Background and Rationale” be included in the ballot question.

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## Results of the Vote

- In favour (10)
  - Opposed (4)
  - Abstain (4)
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