



MOTION REGARDING REFERENDUM QUESTION ON DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR QUEER MCGILL 2021-02-11

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Seconded by:	Darshan Daryanani <i>Arts Senator</i>		

Issue Queer McGill would like to implement discretionary funding beginning in Fall 2021.

Background and Rationale Discretionary funding is a source of funding available for McGill and Montreal groups that align with Queer McGill's mandate. The source of this funding comes from Queer McGill's budget, and to maintain adequate transparency, discretionary funding must be approved by SSMU Members through a referendum.

Alignment with Mission This motion aligns with Queer McGill's constitution and mandate.

Consultations Completed Consultations were conducted with the Vice-President (Finance) and the Queer McGill team.



Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should this motion not pass, Queer McGill will not be able to provide a portion of its budget as discretionary funding for groups that otherwise may not have accessible sources of funding.
Should this motion pass, Queer McGill will have to adjust its budget to accommodate the discretionary funding. This has not been an issue for Queer McGill in the past, therefore this risk is insignificant.

Sustainability Considerations

This motion considers the social sustainability of groups external to Queer McGill who align with Queer McGill's mandate but otherwise may not have easy access to other sources of funding.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should this motion pass, Queer McGill will be able to provide funding to groups external to them that align with their mandate.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2021 referendum period:

Do you support that Queer McGill be able to offer up to 10% of its budget in discretionary funding to projects, initiatives and events in line with its mandate that do not have easy access to funding sources?

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 Legislative Council.

Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()