



# MOTION REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF THE ACCESS MCGILL ANCILLARY FEE 2021-02-11

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<b>Moved by:</b>	Gifford Marpole <i>Vice-President (Finance)</i>	<b>Current Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Addy Parsons <i>Senate Representative</i>		

**Issue** The Access McGill Ancillary Fee, a non-opt-outable fee at \$2.00 per student per term (excluding summer) is set to expire after Winter 2021.

**Background and Rationale** Established through a referendum in 1988, this fee was most recently renewed in Winter 2015. The Access McGill Ancillary Fee is collected by McGill to contribute to making the University more accessible to students with disabilities. It is used for direct student support, including covering costs of invigilation for accommodated exams, assisting with requests made through the OSD, and other initiatives to make McGill more accessible under the jurisdiction of the Director, Office for Students with Disabilities.

**Alignment with Mission** This motion aligns with SSMU's mission to provide outstanding services for the SSMU Membership by strengthening the social conditions of its Members.  
This motion also aligns with SSMU's mission of representation by acting in the best interests of its Members as a whole.  
This motion further aligns with SSMU's mission of leadership by committing itself to groups, programs, and activities that are devoted to the well-being of disadvantaged groups.  
Furthermore, this motion aligns with SSMU's Equity Policy.



## Consultations Completed

Consultations were completed with the Vice-President (Finance) and the McCall MacBain Scholarships and Student Aid Centre.

## Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should the renewal of this fee not pass, the services, equipment, facilities, and resources used to make McGill more accessible will not have the necessary funding to continue.

## Sustainability Considerations

This motion has considered the economic sustainability of the OSD and the social sustainability of students with disabilities.

## Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should the renewal of this fee pass, Members will continue to be charged \$2.00/term which will go towards McGill more accessible to students with disabilities.

## Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2020 referendum period:

*Do you agree to the renewal of the non-opt-outable Access McGill Fee of \$2.00 per student per semester (excluding summer), payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting in Fall 2021 and ending Winter 2026 (inclusive) at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote will result in the discontinuation of funding used to provide services and resources necessary to improve accessibility within the University?*

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	()



## Appendix A : Relevant Appendix



**McCall MacBain Scholarships and Student Aid Centre**  
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William and Mary Brown Student Services Building  
3600 McTavish Street, Suite 3200  
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May 11, 2020

Gifford Marpole, VP Finance  
Student Society of McGill University  
[finance@ssmu.ca](mailto:finance@ssmu.ca)

Dear Gifford,

The Scholarships and Student Aid Office gratefully acknowledges the Student Society of McGill University for their ongoing support of the *SSMU Access Bursary Fund*. Established through referendum held in 1999, and with matching funds from the University, this student-initiated endeavor has produced one of the most significant need-based bursary funds offered to undergraduate students on the downtown campus. In 2019/20, 367 deserving students received \$758,410 in need based aid from the Access Bursary. Every recipient receives a personalized email highlighting this wonderful initiative of student leadership encouraging a “students helping students” model.

Every day, my staff and I witness the significant difference the Access Bursary makes in students’ lives. It is a privilege to administer this fund in collaboration with SSMU and I thank you for your on-going commitment and continued support of the Access Bursary program.

Sincerely,

Cara Piperni, Director

cc: Jemark Earle, SSMU President [president@ssmu.ca](mailto:president@ssmu.ca)  
Brooklyn Frizzle, VP University Affairs [ua@ssmu.ca](mailto:ua@ssmu.ca)



**INCEPTION-TO-DATE ANALYSIS OF SSMU ACCESS BURSARY**

Prepared by the Scholarships & Student Aid Office, May 2020

Year	Date	SSMU Contribution to:		Date	University Match to:		Income Distribution	Endowment Capitalization	Bursary Spending
		Income fund	Endow fund		Income fund	Endow fund			
1999-2000	30-May-00	\$100,000.00		30-May-00	\$100,000.00				\$124,420.00
Fall 2000	9-Jan-01	\$150,000.00		6-Feb-01	\$150,000.00				\$234,615.00
Winter 2001	24-Apr-01	\$250,000.00		7-May-01	\$250,000.00				
2001-2002	10-Jun-02		\$200,000.00	5-Jun-02		\$200,000.00			\$43,033.00
Fall 2002	15-Oct-02	\$200,000.00		5-Nov-02		\$200,000.00	\$32,380.20	-\$32,380.20	\$19,800.00
Winter 2003	2-Jul-03	\$200,000.00		3-Mar-04		\$200,000.00			
Fall 2003	3-Sep-03	\$200,000.00		3-Mar-04		\$200,000.00	\$71,068.05	-\$71,068.05	\$60,207.00
Winter 2004	15-Mar-04	\$216,186.00		3-Feb-05		\$216,186.00			
Fall 2004	17-Jan-05	\$156,948.25		3-Feb-05		\$156,948.25	\$111,703.38	-\$111,703.38	\$54,989.00
Winter 2005	6-May-05	\$131,046.25		28-Feb-07	\$131,046.25				
Fall 2005	24-Jan-06	\$150,739.75		28-Feb-07		\$150,739.75	\$142,255.04	-\$142,255.04	\$384,107.96
Winter 2006	21-Apr-06	\$142,123.75		28-Feb-07		\$142,123.75			
Fall 2006	14-Nov-06	\$159,647.75		2-Nov-08		\$310,958.25	\$162,824.78	-\$28,025.57	\$344,673.50
Winter 2007	2-Apr-07	\$151,310.50							
Fall 2007	29-Oct-07	\$153,572.50		5-Nov-09		\$297,053.00	\$193,389.73	\$142.27	\$193,532.00
Winter 2008	21-Apr-08	\$143,480.00			profit decap	-\$15.31			
Fall 2008	17-Nov-08	\$149,778.50		7-Jun-10		\$295,315.50	\$242,142.72	-\$35,721.22	\$206,454.00
Winter 2009	28-Apr-09	\$145,537.00							
Fall 2009	23-Nov-09	\$152,112.50		7-Dec-09	\$592,368.00		\$226,533.85	-\$35,639.50	\$783,454.35
Winter 2010	27-Apr-10	\$145,758.00							
Fall 2010	8-Nov-10	\$151,159.75		8-Apr-13	\$1,073.00		\$239,148.81	-\$555.81	\$238,593.00
Winter 2011	14-Mar-11	\$144,410.75							
Fall 2011	20-Feb-12	\$154,300.50		8-Apr-13	\$308,508.00		\$230,574.49	\$0.00	\$230,600.40
Winter 2012	30-Apr-12	\$154,207.00							
Fall 2012	21-Jan-13	\$160,586.25		22-Apr-14	\$314,955.00		\$235,700.61	\$0.00	\$545,281.55
Winter 2013	19-Mar-13	\$154,368.50							
Fall 2013	12-Nov-13	\$167,590.25		2-May-14	\$326,765.50		\$255,524.53	-\$326,766.00	\$329,952.36
Winter 2014	1-Apr-14	\$159,175.25							
Fall 2014	11-Nov-14	\$167,794.25		19-May-15	\$201,662.00		\$289,900.29	\$0.00	\$530,430.90
Winter 2015	26-Mar-15	\$158,571.75		30-Jul-15	\$124,704.00				
Fall 2015	16-Dec-15	\$167,207.75		16-Nov-15	\$162,500.00		\$ 336,337.08	-\$164,125.25	\$825,203.00
Winter 2016	5-Apr-16	\$159,417.50		14-Apr-16		\$164,125.25			
				20-Feb-17		-\$164,125.25			
				9-Mar-17		\$164,125.25			
misc. donations					\$254.50	\$1,490.00			
Fall 2016	28-Nov-16	\$170,102.00		5-Jan-17	\$325,000.00		\$381,401.36	\$164,125.25	\$728,763.23
Winter 2017	3-Apr-17	\$161,041.00		26-Oct-17	\$6,143.00				
Fall 2017	11-Dec-17	\$173,893.00		9-Jan-18	\$325,000.00		\$416,293.87		\$761,781.00
Winter 2018	16-Mar-18	\$163,314.75		20-Nov-18	\$12,207.75				
Fall 2018	6-Nov-18	\$175,342.25		18-Oct-18	\$325,000.00		\$422,968.56		\$887,595.00
Winter 2019	8-Apr-19	\$165,711.75		30-Sep-19	\$16,054.00				
Fall 2019	1-Nov-19	\$175,920.25		6-Nov-19	\$325,000.00		\$417,355.52		\$758,409.95
Winter 2020	1-Apr-20	\$165,711.75		pending	\$16,632.00				
		\$500,000.00	\$6,048,067.00		\$4,178,998.25	\$2,370,799.19	\$4,407,502.87	-\$783,972.50	\$8,285,896.20

Income Fund 225152 opened on January 2000:

Established in 1999 by a Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) referendum to provide financial support for needy undergraduate students on the McGill campus. The bursary fund will be matched through the McGill Development Fund and administered by the Student Aid Office.



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