



MOTION REGARDING CKUT EXISTENCE REFERENDUM QUESTION 2021-10-28

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Issue CKUT is required to run an existence referendum in Fall 2021.

Background and Rationale CKUT is an independent student group which has supported the existence of a student radio station since 1966. CKUT's operation provides McGill students with news, music and arts & culture programming, radio training, podcast production, journalism experience, internships, and employment, with many student members going on to successful careers in journalism. A complete document containing the preambles and full question as it will appear on the ballot can be read [here](#).

Alignment with Mission This motion is in accordance with the SSMU's governance documents and CKUT's Memorandum of Agreement with McGill

Consultations Completed Consultations were conducted with the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections and the CKUT team.



Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should this motion not pass, CKUT will no longer be able to collect an opt-outable fee (\$3.00 for part-time students, \$5.00 for full-time students) that allows the station to produce 24/7 programming, provide training for students, purchase audio equipment and software, and keep its facilities and broadcast running.

Should this motion not pass, there will be a significant cut to CKUT's operating budget and consequently make its services to students and its existence on the FM dial impossible.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should this motion pass, the question of CKUT's existence as an Independent Student Group will be posed to the members of the SSMU for vote.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

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

Do you support CKUT continuing as a recognized student activity supported by student fees with the understanding that a majority "no" vote will result in the termination of student fees to CKUT?

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.

Be it further resolved, a budget must be included as an appendix to the ballot in the event of both a "yes" or "no" result.

Results of the Vote

In favour	(21)
Opposed	(0)
Abstain	(0)