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# MOTION REGARDING SAFETY SERVICES FEE INCREASE REFERENDUM QUESTION 2023-02-09

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<b>Seconded by:</b>	Amelia Whitcomb Science Representative		

**Issue** The McGill Student Emergency Response Team (MSERT) is seeking an increase in their service fee by \$0.33 per student per semester.

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**Background and Rationale** This increase to the SSMU Safety Network Fee would allow MSERT to continue to provide standard and emergency first aid courses for free to all SSMU members. It would also allow them to hire more instructors and offer more courses to meet the continuously increasing demand. There is an increase in need for first aid equipment to sustain our operation. The return to in-person service generates an increase in demand for our service.

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**Alignment with Mission** SSMU Members currently enjoy free first aid courses offered by MSERT. However, there is a growing need for more courses to be offered and the associated cost will consume a large portion of the MSERT budget. These certifications are necessary for some programs and careers and it is part of the SSMU's mission to provide such resources to its members. MSERT aims to sustainably provide more courses for SSMU members to be first aid trained, thus creating a safer campus and community for all. Furthermore, with increasing demand from MSERT for first aid services across campus, it

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is our mandate to provide them, which demands more costly operational resources.

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### Consultations Completed

This question has been discussed with and reviewed by the MSERT Executive Team, the SSMU Vice-President (Student Life), and SSMU Vice-President (Finance).

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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If this question does not pass the referendum, MSERT would be unable to offer more free first aid courses to SSMU members due to budget constraints. The current long waitlists for MSERT courses reflect a growing need. First aid courses in English are incredibly difficult to find in Montreal and are often very expensive and far from campus. Furthermore, MSERT will be more operationally limited in providing first aid services to students on campus.

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### Sustainability Considerations

Currently, MSERT is subsidizing the cost of first aid courses through a portion of the budget not used in previous school years, but this fee increase would ensure that the invaluable resource of first aid courses and operational services remain accessible to more SSMU members next semester and beyond.

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### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

The question would be included in the Winter 2023 Referendum Period by Elections SSMU and sent to the Membership for approval.

If the question is approved by the Membership, the fee increase will go into effect as of Fall 2023 semester.

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### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2023 referendum period:

**Whereas**, the SSMU Safety Network Fee funds the following services: \$0.60 for Drive Safe, \$1.85 for MSERT, \$1.75 for SACOMSS, and \$0.12 for Walk Safe;

**Whereas**, MSERT is now seeking to increase the number of their first aid courses to SSMU members free-of-charge every semester;



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Whereas a majority-no vote would result in: the reduction of the First Aid courses organized by MSERT, as well as limited operation resources;

*Do you agree to the increase of the opt-outable SSMU Safety network Fee of \$4.32 per semester to \$4.65 per semester (excluding summer), payable by SSMU Members starting in Fall 2023 and ending in Winter 2028 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the Membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will result in the continuation of the fee at its current rate, resulting in significant reduction in the number of First Aid courses organized by MSERT, as well as limited operational resources for MSERT?*

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### Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()

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### APPENDIX

- [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xO1uN-Lho9X-0juxbCIBGu--xON7XvDkA\\_80hCNEr4o/edit?pli=1#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xO1uN-Lho9X-0juxbCIBGu--xON7XvDkA_80hCNEr4o/edit?pli=1#gid=0)

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