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# MOTION REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF THE SPACE FEE REFERENDUM QUESTION 2023-02-09

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| <b>Moved by:</b>     | Marco Pizarro<br><i>Vice-President Finance</i> | <b>Current Status:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED<br><input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED<br><input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED<br><input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED |
| <b>Seconded by:</b>  | Nadia Dakdouki<br><i>Clubs Representative</i>  |                        |  |

**Issue** The Space Fee is up for renewal. The motion below presents what the Space Fee is used for in the SSMU.

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**Background and Rationale** The Space Fee is an opt-outable fee of \$1.00 per student, per semester, whose mandate is to improve spaces on campus. 85% of the fee goes to the Building and Operations Management Committee. The remaining 15% is allocated by the funding committee, via applications.

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**Alignment with Mission** This motion is aligned with SSMU's mission as the fee improves student life for McGill students, and allows the SSMU space to be maintained.

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**Consultations Completed** The funding committee have been consulted, and have determined that this fee is necessary.

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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If this motion is approved, students will optionally have to pay an additional \$1.00 per student, per semester. This is a relatively small amount per student, so is unlikely to have a large negative impact. If this motion is approved, student spaces will continue to be able to be improved, and the building team will have adequate resources to maintain the SSMU building. If the motion is not approved, the building director will no longer have an operating budget with which to improve student spaces, and students will not have any resources with which to improve their spaces across campus.

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### Sustainability Considerations

This motion takes into consideration the needs of the SSMU building over the next year so that it can continue to operate. Beyond that this motion will have limited impact on sustainability measures in place.

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### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If this motion is passed, the space fee renewal will be put in the winter 2023 referendum for students to vote on. If the referendum passes, the space fee will continue to be an opt-outable fee for students.

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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:

*Do you agree to the renewal of the Space Fee of \$1.00 per semester, per student, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting Fall 2023 and ending in Winter 2028 (inclusive), excluding summers, with the understanding that a majority vote "no" the reduction in the amount of money available to students to furnish campus spaces.*

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 resolved that, the Legislative Council approves, and recommends the ratification to the Board of Directors.

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| Results of the<br>Vote | In favour | (UNANIMOUS) |
|                        | Opposed   | ()          |
|                        | Abstain   | ()          |

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