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UCRU AND STUDENT FEDERATIONS

A presentation by VP External Affairs, Val Masny
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TODAY'S AGENDA



What is a Student Federation?

History of SSMU's past
affiliations

SSMU's current status: UCRU
and Interassociatif

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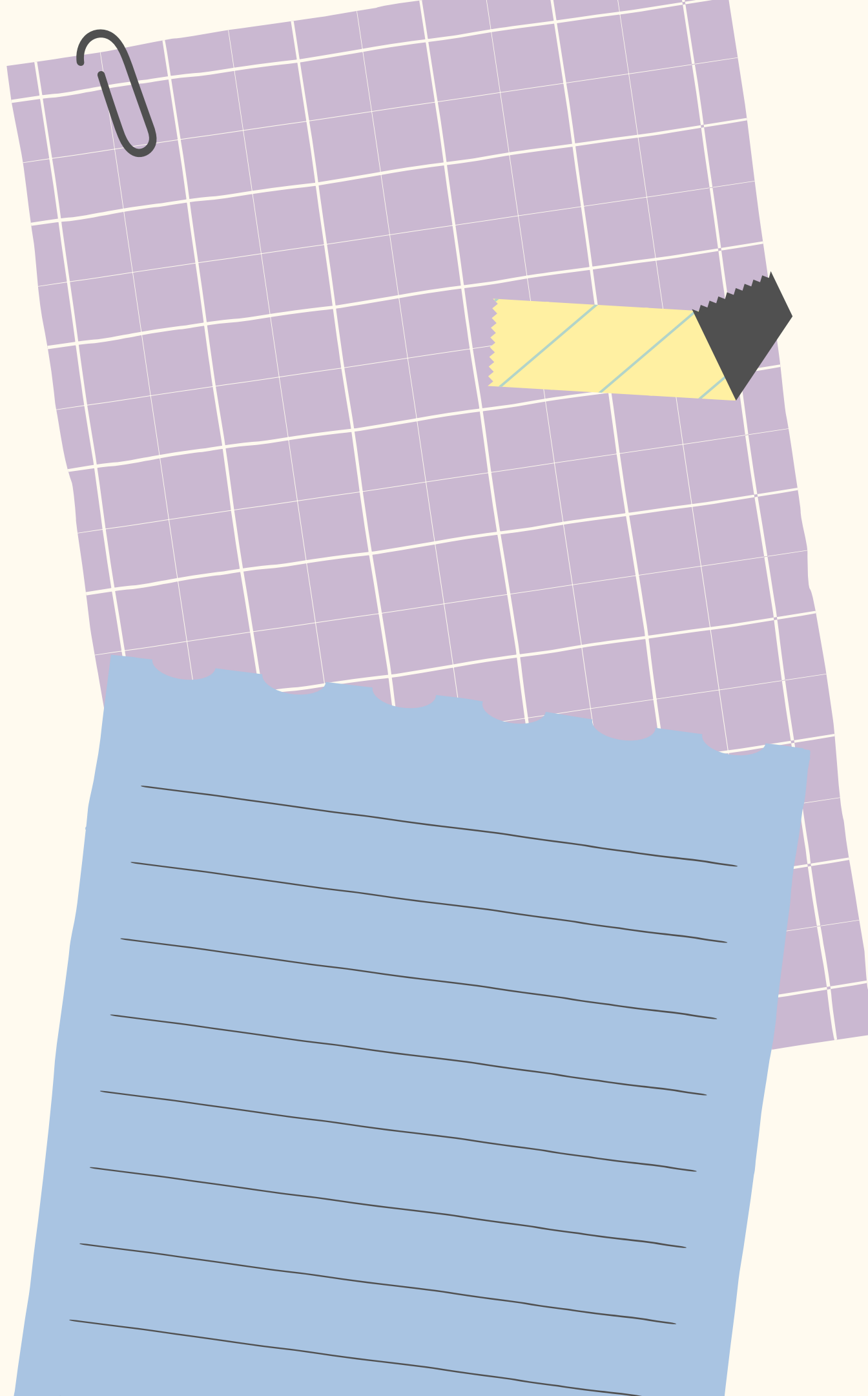
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What is a student federation?

Student Federations are composed of students unions and represent students at all levels. Federations work together to bring issues at the government level, provide advocacy efforts and mobilization on various issues and causes that pertain to students.



HISTORY OF SSMU'S PAST AFFILIATIONS

<http://externalaffairs.ssmu.ca/provincial-and-federal-representation-a-critical-overview/>

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

- 1960s: Union générale des étudiants du Québec (UGEQ,)
- 1975: l'Association nationale des étudiants du Québec (ANEQ)
- 1989: Fédération étudiant universitaire du Québec (FEUQ, originally Fondation de la Fédération des étudiants et étudiantes du Québec)
- 1990: Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec (FECQ)
- 2001: l'Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante (ASSE)
- In 2019 both ASSE and AVEQ were dissolved, leaving the QSU as the only remaining provincial student federation in Quebec



HISTORY OF SSMU'S PAST AFFILIATIONS (CONT.)

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FEDERAL REPRESENTATION

- 1981: Canadian Federation of Students
- 1990: Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)



SSMU'S CURRENT STATUS

UCRU

L'interassociatif





UCRU



At the federal level, the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) is a member of UCRU. Through this coalition, SSMU participates with other student associations across Canada in advocacy for “an affordable, inclusive and high-calibre undergraduate university education with opportunities for increased access to undergraduate research.”





UCRU



UCRU's advocacy mainly focuses on student financial aid, support for international students, undergraduate research opportunities, mental health and access for Indigenous students.

We have been collaborating with UCRU since 2020. Now that UCRU is looking to implement a fee collection, it is time to consider affiliation. Student Fee: 0.50\$/ semester.

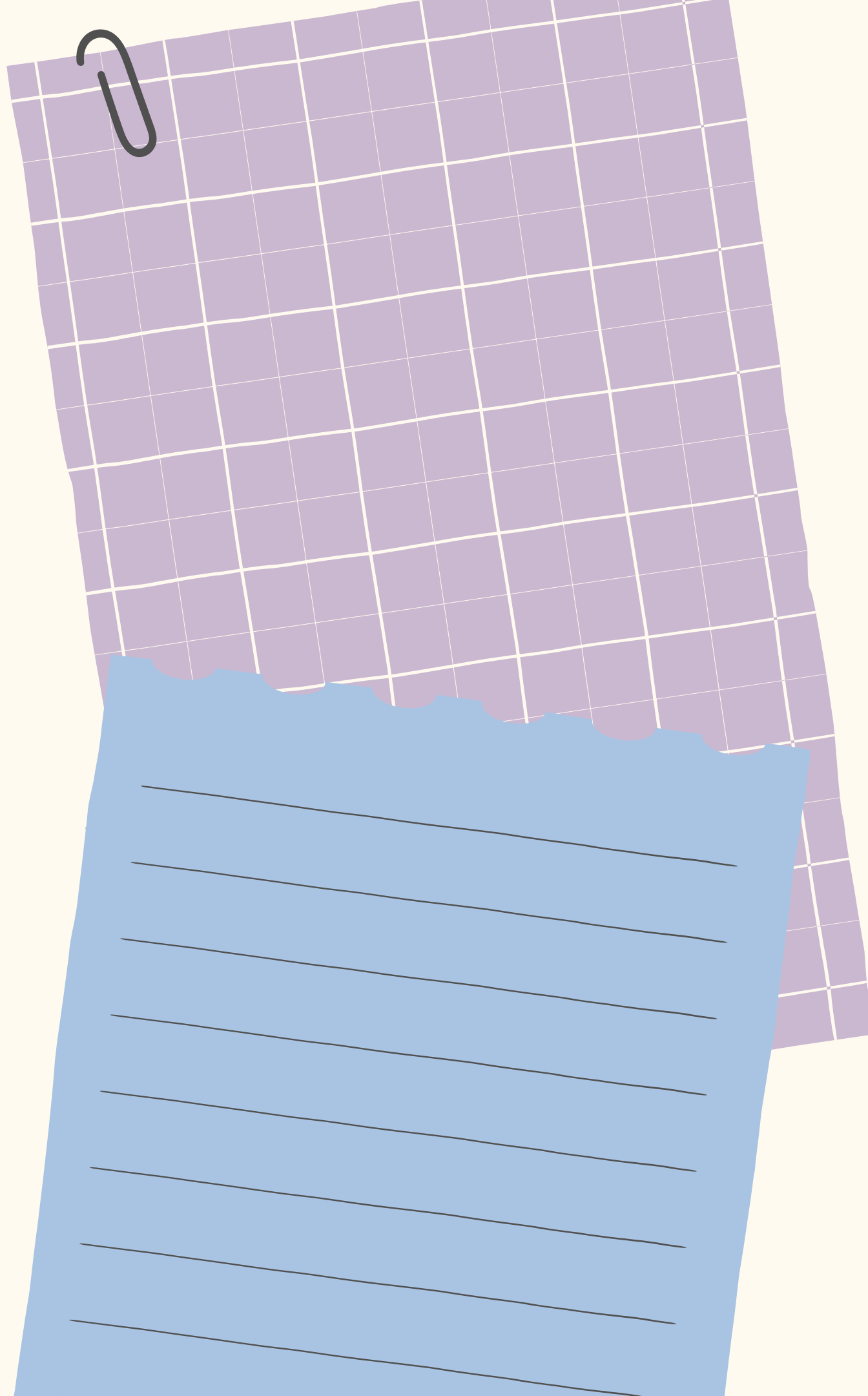


THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECOMMENDS THAT WE

Seriously consider
affiliation

Put forth a referendum
question or leave UCRU

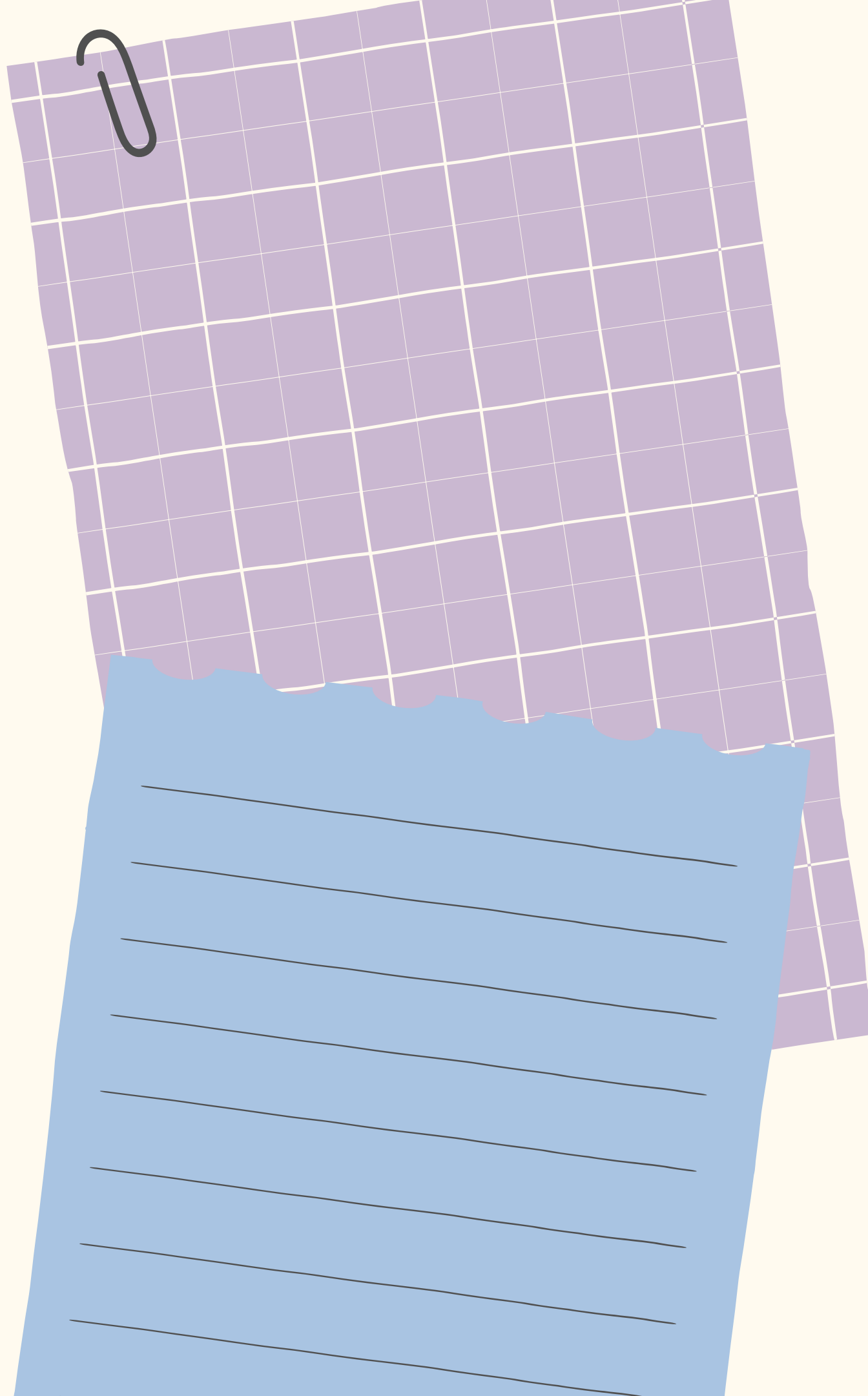




Interassociatif

At the provincial level, SSMU is involved in the inter-associatif, an informal group of combative student associations that emerged in the absence of a provincial association based on combative syndicalism in so-called Quebec. This body sees the need to build a combative student movement based on direct democracy using an anti-capitalist, feminist, anti-racist, anti-ablelist and anti-colonialist approach.





Interassociatif

Some student associations that are part of l'interassociatif have worked on a charter to form a new provincial student association.

Their Congress of formation is happening on February 18th and 19th in Quebec City. Student Fee: 4\$/semester.

Campus student unions, faculty student unions, and departmental student unions are able to affiliate.



THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECOMMENDS THAT WE

Advocate for lower fees

Advocate for more votes for
campus union

Consider that some positions of
the Association, while not
contradictory to ours, are not
specific position of the SSMU.

Help Faculties and Departmental
associations consider affiliating.



NEXT STEPS

- Discuss our positioning towards UCRU
- Discuss our positioning towards l'Association
- Influence the new Association Charter, and once adopted, evaluate the possibility of Afiliation to l'Association
- If interest, work on a referendum to affiliate to UCRU





THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING!

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