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# MOTION REGARDING FIRST YEAR FEE RENEWAL QUESTION 2023-10-17

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<b>Seconded by:</b>	Quinn Porter <i>Arts Representative</i>		

## Issue

The SSMU First Year Council (FYC) is a body of the SSMU mandated to manage the first year affairs by providing services to first year undergraduate students. The \$0.50 SSMU First Year Council Fee has expired in Winter 2023, and is presented for a vote in the Fall 2023 semester referendum period.

## Background and Rationale

The First Year Council (FYC) Fee was created in Fall 2017 for the SSMU First Year Council to be able to create social events, hold first year forums, collaborate with all first year student groups, and represent first year students at the SSMU Legislative Council.

## Alignment with Mission

The First Year Council is a body of the SSMU which represents all first year undergraduate students at McGill University.

## Consultations Completed

Consultations with the First Year Affairs Commissioner, First Year Council, Governance Manager, Vice-President (Internal), and Vice-President (Operations and Sustainability) (in the absence of a Vice-President Finance) regarding the fee renewal were done.



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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should a majority vote “No”, this would result in the absence of such a fund, which would hinder the future and existence of FYC.

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### Sustainability Considerations

Renewing/recreating the First Year Fee contributes to the long-term sustainability of the SSMU and its engagement with younger membership. It is essential to provide continuous support to new members as they come and works towards the inclusion of an easily neglected group

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### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should the fee referendum question be accepted by the Legislative Council, the fee question will go to referendum for the Fall 2023 period.

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### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Whereas, first year students are an integral yet overlooked part of the McGill student population,

Whereas, working with younger membership increases the long-term sustainability of the SSMU,

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

*“Do you agree to renew the opt-outable \$0.50 SSMU First Year Council Fee, which will be paid for by all SSMU members, per semester, excluding summers, to start in Fall 2023, and to be charged for a duration of 5 years until Winter 2028 (inclusive) with the understanding that a “no” vote will result in the discontinuation of the fee?”*

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, that the Legislative Council recommend the ratification of this referendum question to the SSMU Board of Directors and a final edit and review for legal considerations.

Be it lastly resolved, that the final wording of the question be sent to Elections SSMU.

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Results of the Vote	In favour	( )
	Opposed	( )
	Abstain	( )

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# APPENDIX A: 2022-2023 BUDGET

The budget from last year is as follows:

First Year Council Budget (2022-2023)		
Overview		
Item	Estimated	Actual
Executive Quarter Zips	\$1,000	\$450
Athletic Mixer at Gerts	\$1,000	\$750
Therapy Dogs	\$1,000	\$600
Gift Card Giveaway	\$5,000	\$6,000
Club Night at Cave	\$5,000	\$3,000
Merchandise Giveaway	\$5,000	\$5,000
FYAC Salary	\$3,050	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$21,050</b>	<b>\$15,800</b>
<b>Student Fees:</b>	<b>\$19,480</b>	