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MOTION REGARDING CREATION OF GENDER SUPPORT FEE

Submitted for: 2024-10-24

Submitted to: SSMU Legislative Council **Document no.:** LEG-PUB-MOT-2004-10-24-007

Moved by: Pauline Jolicoeur
VP Finance **Current Status:** FOR APPROVAL
 APPROVED
 POSTPONED
 COMMITTED
 NOT APPROVED

Seconded by: Yanxin Li
Management Representative

Issue

The proposed Gender Support Fee would serve to cover the costs of gender-related healthcare and support services provided through StudentCare.

Background and Rationale

StudentCare is the intermediary company through which SSMU provides students with several services including the Health and Dental Insurance plans. Throughout recent years, the services offered through StudentCare have expanded beyond the Health and Dental care to products such as legal services, virtual health care, mental health, and gender-affirming care. In order to provide these additional services in a way that is financially sustainable in the long term, each must be funded by a designated fee. Currently, the gender-affirming care plan does not have a fee associated with it. The proposed fee corresponding to this plan would be opt-outable, ensuring that SSMU members will have the option to decide whether they wish to pay for the service or not.

Alignment with Mission

This fee would ensure that the SSMU is able to provide gender-affirming care services at an accessible price.



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Consultations Completed

SSMU Vice-President (Finance)
SSMU General Manager
SSMU President
SSMU Board of Directors
SSMU Comptroller

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should the introduction of this proposed fee fail to pass, the SSMU will be unable to provide the Gender Affirming Care StudentCare Plan to students.

This fee is opt-outable, which mitigates the potential risk of posing an additional financial burden to SSMU members.

Sustainability Considerations

The financial sustainability of the StudentCare plan in question depends on this fee.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Impact of Decision:

Should this motion and the subsequent referendum question be adopted, the Gender Support Fee would be: \$9.93 per semester for full-time students, and part-time students.

Next Steps:

If approved by the Legislative Council, the referendum question will be forwarded to Elections SSMU to be included in the Fall 2024 Referendum.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2024 referendum period:

“Do you agree to the creation of the opt-outable Gender Support Resources Fee, which would be billed as \$9.93 per semester per student for both full-time and part-time students, beginning in the Winter of 2025 and ending in the Fall of 2029 (inclusive), and excluding the Summer semester, with the understanding that a majority ‘no’ vote will result in the fee not being created?”



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Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()

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Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

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