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MOTION REGARDING INCREASE TO THE AMBASSADOR FUND FEE

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Seconded by:	Yanxin Li Management Representative		

Issue

The SSMU Ambassador Fee requires an increase to keep up with the high demand for funding seen in recent years.

Background and Rationale

The Ambassador Fund provides monetary support for groups and individuals representing McGill and the SSMU at external conferences and competitions. This fee is disbursed by the Funding Committee and is among the most popular of the funds to which SSMU members may apply.

In recent years, the demand for funding from the Ambassador Fund has exceeded the balance available, which resulted in early depletion of the funds prior to the end of the application period. This required the Funding Committee to reject all applications during the end of the application period despite the fact that many of these applications had met the criteria to qualify for funding.

An increase to the Ambassador Fee would allow students to continue representing the Society and McGill through their involvement at external conferences and competitions, and ensure that applications of similar quality stand a relatively equal chance of receiving funds regardless of when their application is submitted within the application period.



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Alignment with Mission

The Ambassador Fee improves the financial accessibility of external competitions and events for all SSMU members, facilitating external representation.

Consultations Completed

SSMU Vice-President (Finance)
SSMU Funding Commissioner
SSMU President

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should the proposed increase of the Ambassador Fee fail to pass, the Ambassador Fund will likely be unable to support the volume of applications received by the funding committee.

While the increased fee may present an additional financial burden on students, the fee is opt-outable, which mitigates the impact of this.

Sustainability Considerations

N/A

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Impact of Decision

Should this motion and the subsequent referendum question be adopted, the revised Ambassador Fee would be: \$4.00 per semester for full-time students, and part-time students. This represents an estimated additional \$40,000 in funding available to 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 increase of the opt-outable Ambassador Fee by \$2.00 per semester for both full-time students and part-time students,



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raising the fee to a total of \$4.00 for both full-time students and part-time students per semester, beginning in Winter 2025 and ending in Fall 2029 (inclusive and excluding the Summer semester), with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will result in no increase to the fee amount?"

Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()

APPROVED