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MOTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEE

Submitted for: 2024-10-24

Submitted to:	SSMU Legislative Council	Document no.:	LEG-PUB-MOT-2024-10-24-009
Moved by:	Pauline Jolicoeur SSMU VP Finance	Current Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Yanxin Li Management Representative		

Issue

The opt-outable SSMU Community Engagement Fund Fee, also referred to as the Charity Fund Fee, will expire in Winter of 2025 and therefore requires renewal.

Background and Rationale

The Community Engagement Fund provides monetary support for student-led charitable initiatives and events that promote community engagement. This fund is allocated by the funding committee, and has seen steady demand throughout the past few years. In 2023-2024, more than 12% of funding applications were directed to the community engagement fund, despite this being the smallest of the fees disbursed by the funding committee.

The Community Engagement is scheduled to expire in Winter of 2025 and therefore requires renewal in order to continue supporting community engagement initiatives.

Alignment with Mission

The Community Engagement Fee increases the community-wide impact that student groups are able to have through their initiatives by reducing the financial burden involved in the organization of these initiatives.



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Consultations Completed

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

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should the proposed renewal of the Community Engagement Fee fail to pass, the ability of the funding committee to fund the operation of charity events and community engagement initiatives will be significantly reduced.

This fee is opt-outable, mitigating the risk of financial strain on students.

Sustainability Considerations

N/A

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Impact of Decision:

Should this motion and the subsequent referendum question be adopted, the Community Engagement Fee would continue being billed at \$0.72 per semester for both 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 questions for the Fall 2024 referendum period:

“Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-outable Community Engagement Fee at \$0.72 per semester for both full-time students and part-time students, 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 the termination of the fee in Winter 2025?”



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

APPROVED