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## MOTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF THE EQUITY FUND FEE

Submitted for: 2024-10-24

| Submitted to:                               | SSMU Legislative Council             |  | Document no.:      | LEG-PUB-MOT-2024-10-24-008      |
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| Moved by:                                   | Pauline Jolicoeur<br>SSMU VP Finance |  | Current<br>Status: | FOR APPROVAL APPROVED POSTPONED |
| Seconded by:                                | Yanxin I<br>Manage                   | COMMITTED  |                    | COMMITTED                       |
| Issue The SSMU Equity Fun requires renewal. |                                      |  | Fee will expire in | Winter of 2025, and therefore   |
| Background and<br>Rationale                 |                                      | The SSMU Equity Fund is allocated by the Funding Committee for the purpose of providing monetary support for initiatives that aim to end discrimination and promote inclusiveness in the McGill community.  This fee is set to expire in Winter of 2025, and therefore requires renewal. |                    |                                 |
| Mission                                     |                                      | The Equity Fund Fee aligns with the SSMU's mission of service, leadership, and representation, as it enables diverse groups to be represented through the events and initiatives funded by this Fee.   |                    |                                 |
| Consultations<br>Completed                  |                                      | SSMU Vice-President (F<br>SSMU Funding Commis<br>SSMU President  |                    |                                 |



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Risk Factors and Resource Implications Should the proposed renewal of the Equity Fund Fee fail to pass, there will no longer be a dedicated fund reserved for the purpose of supporting equity-related initiatives through funding applications.

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 Equity Fund Fee would continue being billed at \$1.00 per semester for full-time 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 renewal of the opt-outable Equity Fund Fee at \$1.00 per semester for full-time 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 discontinuation of the fee?"

Results of the Vote

In favour (UNANIMOUS)

Opposed () Abstain ()