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MOTION REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF LEGAL ESSENTIALS FEE

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

Seconded by: Yanxin Li
Management Representative

Issue The opt-outable SSMU Legal Essentials Fee will expire in Winter of 2025, and therefore requires renewal.

Background and Rationale The Legal Essentials Fee covers the premium cost of the 'Legal Essentials' plan offered through StudentCare. This plan provides students with unlimited access to legal representation for housing, employment, academic, and human rights disputes, small claims support, and civil mediation where legal representation services would apply until the case is resolved, even after a student finishes their studies.

This fee will expire in Winter of 2025, and therefore requires renewal.

Alignment with Mission The Legal Essentials Plan improves the accessibility of legal representation, making a valuable service widely available to SSMU members.

Consultations Completed SSMU Vice-President (Finance)
SSMU President
SSMU Comptroller



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Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should the renewal of the Legal Essentials Fee fail to pass, the SSMU may need to reconsider whether to continue offering the Legal Essentials plan, as there would no longer be a revenue stream covering its cost.

The Legal Essentials fee is opt-outable, which mitigates the risk of causing financial strain by allowing students to decide for themselves whether they wish to be enrolled.

Sustainability Considerations

The immediate financial sustainability of the Legal Essentials Plan requires the renewal of the Legal Essentials Fee.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Impact of Decision:

Should this motion and the subsequent referendum question be adopted, the Legal Essentials Fee would continue being charged to students at the rate of: \$30 per year 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 question for the Fall 2024 referendum period:

“Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-outable Legal Essentials Fee at \$30 per semester for all full-time students and part-time Members of the SSMU, beginning in Winter 2025 and ending in Fall 2029 (inclusive and excluding the Summer semester), with the understanding that a majority ‘no’ vote will prevent the renewal of the fee and result in its termination in Winter, 2025?”

Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()



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