

MOTION REGARDING FIRST YEAR FEE RENEWAL

QUESTION 2025-10-09

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(to be assigned by Steering)

Moved by: Dymetri Taylor
President

Current Status:

- ☐ FOR APPROVAL
- ☒ ~~APPROVED~~
- ☐ POSTPONED
- ☐ COMMITTED
- ☐ NOT APPROVED

Seconded by: Annette Yu
Athletics Representative

Issue

The SSMU First Year Council (FYC) is a body of the SSMU mandated to manage the first year affairs by providing services to first year undergraduate students. The \$0.50 SSMU First Year Council Fee has expired in Winter 2023, and is presented for a vote in the Fall 2025 semester referendum period.

Background and Rationale

The First Year Council (FYC) Fee was created in Fall 2017 for the SSMU First Year Council to be able to create social events, hold first year forums, collaborate with all first year student groups, and represent first year students at the SSMU Legislative Council.

Alignment with Mission

The First Year Council is a body of the SSMU which represents all first year undergraduate students at McGill University.

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**Consultations
Completed**

Consultations with the First Year Affairs Commissioner, First Year Council, Internal Council & Corporate Secretary, regarding the fee renewal were done.

**Risk Factors and
Resource
Implications**

Should a majority vote “No”, this would result in the absence of such a fund, which would hinder the future and existence of FYC.

**Impact of
Decision
and Next Steps**

Should the fee referendum question be accepted by the Legislative Council, the fee question will go to referendum for the Fall 2023 period.

**Motion or
Resolution for
Approval**

Be it resolved, that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2025 referendum period:

Whereas, first-year students are an integral yet overlooked part of the McGill student population,

Whereas, increasing the opportunities to get involved and attend events for first-years increases the long-term sustainability of Student Life at McGill and improves the sense of community, particularly in the wake of COVID and the gradual increase of events on Campus,

Whereas, this fee would be administered by the First-Year Council of the SSMU to create events and opportunities for first-year students and provide ways to get involved and interact with one-another,

“Do you agree to the establishment of the opt-outable \$0.30 SSMU First Year Council Fee, per student per semester (excluding summer) to start in Winter 2026 until Winter 2031 (inclusive), where it will return to be voted on, with the understanding that a majority ‘no’ vote will result in no establishment of the fee?”

Be it further resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

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Results of the Vote	☐ In favour	(19)
	☐ Opposed	(1)
	☐ Abstain	(0)

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