

MOTION REGARDING THE STUDENT SERVICES ANCILLARY FEE 2026-02-12

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Seconded by:	Keith Baybayon <i>Senate Caucus Representative</i>		

Issue This motion proposes raising the Student Services Ancillary Fee to sustain current service levels and support enhancements. The fee, currently charged at \$204.74 per semester for full-time SSMU members, has not increased in four years beyond the Ministry indexation factor, and can no longer sustain current service and program costs.

Background and Rationale McGill Student Services is an integral part of student life on campus and provides inclusive and responsive supports and programs to students. The Student Services Ancillary Fee funds eight services:

- Campus Life & Engagement
- Career Planning Service
- First People's House
- International Student Services
- McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life
- Student Accessibility and Achievement
- Scholarships & Student Aid Office
- Student Wellness Hub

In 2019, SSMU members approved by referendum to increase the McGill Student Service Fee, providing year-over-year increases covering Fall 2019

to Winter 2022, in addition to the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur (MES) indexation factor.

Aside from the MES indexation factor, the Student Services Ancillary Fee has not increased in the 4 years since and the cost of Student Services and its programs can no longer be sustained, despite generous philanthropy and the University's annual investment.

The Student Services Ancillary Fee is currently \$204.74 per semester for full-time SSMU members (9 credits and more) and \$122.99 per semester for part-time SSMU members (up to 8.99 credits).

A 4% increase in each of the next 3 academic years is required to maintain current service levels and develop additional sought-after enhancements for undergraduate students, including:

- Online booking for appointments at the Student Wellness Hub
- Enhanced health promotion
- Extended access to mental health case management
- Increased student employees across McGill Student Services as peer supporters
- Expanded programming in transition and community building, mentorship, and career-readiness
- A permanent counselor with Indigenous specialty (without displacing another counselor).

Alignment with Mission

The Student Services Ancillary Fee, in support of the programs and services offered by eight McGill service specialties, is aligned with SSMU's mission to advance the diverse needs of undergraduate students by improving accessibility, ensuring sustainability of quality services, and promoting social, cultural, and personal opportunities.

Consultations Completed

This motion was drafted in consultation with the Senior Director of McGill Student Services. Student Services' financial position, activities and priorities are discussed at the Committee for Student Services with SSMU representation. SSMU-appointed students also sit on individual service Advisory Boards.

**Risk Factors and
Resource
Implications**

A structural deficit in McGill Student Services will result in non-replacement of position vacancies and/or non-renewal of contracts, and ultimately cuts to programs and services and increased wait times.

**Impact of
Decision
and Next Steps**

If passed, Elections SSMU would include a question to increase the Student Services Ancillary Fee on the upcoming Winter 2026 referendum. Further, Elections SSMU would be required to communicate the results of the referendum question to the Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) and the Student Accounts office, which would implement the decision of the student body.

Without a successful referendum, the Student Services Ancillary Fee will only increase by the Ministry indexation factor until the next opportunity to consider an increase. As a result, there would be a reduction of in-person services including higher wait times to access mental health clinicians, nurses and other service specialists, no online appointment booking system for physical and mental health appointments, and fewer student job opportunities in McGill Student Services.

**Motion or
Resolution for
Approval**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Students' Society of McGill University Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2026 referendum period:

In addition to the yearly Ministry indexation factor of 2%, do you agree to increase the non-optoutable Student Services Ancillary Fee by a compounding 4% in each of the next three academic years (2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029), payable by all SSMU members?

A majority "no" vote will result in a reduction of services and programs, including higher wait times to access mental health clinicians, nurses and other service specialists, no online appointment booking system for physical and mental health appointments, and fewer student job opportunities in McGill Student Services.

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Results of the Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> In favour	(26)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Opposed	(0)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	(0)

APPROVED