

MOTION REGARDING INTERNAL TRANSFER TO GENDER AFFIRMING CARE FUND FROM OPERATING FUND 2026-09-15

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Issue

A retroactive approval of the already budgeted \$20,000 transfer from the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year's Operating Fund into the Queer Improvement and Partnership Solidarity Fund to provide compliant documentation for the 2025-2026 audit.

Background and Rationale

During the initial implementation of the Gender Affirming Care coverage with Alumo, proper procedure wasn't followed for raising a fee to cover the cost of the plans, leading to intense strain on the Operating Fund. As an alleviating measure, part of the Gender Affirming Care was paid using the QUIPS fund.

In the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget, with being a financial position, it was budgeted in the official Annual Budget that a \$20,000 transfer from the Operating Fund to the QUIPS fund would be completed to reimburse the fund from the aforementioned Gender Affirming Care.

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Although this transfer was approved in the 2025-2026 Budget creation and review process, no formal motion was ever approved at the Board to complete this transfer.

As such, during the Year-end reconciliation, it was decided to finally complete this transfer. However, due to time constraints with needing to complete the transfer before the beginning of the 2025-2026 audit on September 14th, it was decided to move forward with the transfer, as long as a future retroactive approval of the transfer would be approved at the Board.

Doing so ensures the SSMU simultaneously completes its responsibilities of fulfilling the mandates approved by the Budget, all the while staying compliant with auditing documentation requirements.

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Alignment with Mission

The motion provides greater financial resources to support community of Members seeking gender affirming care, and ensure the Society complies with financial and legal requirements.

Consultations Completed

Comptroller + Assistant Comptroller: Confirmed that it is still possible and legal to allocate the transfer from the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year because the external auditor hasn't begun the audit, meaning our books haven't been finalized and we can have final adjustments such as this transfer.

Internal Counsel and Corporate Secretary: Confirmed that there is no legal concern.

President: Acknowledges the origin of the budgeted amount, and that it is logical to complete this transfer.

Governance Affairs Coordinator: Consulted during the writing process, as well as with the substance of the motion.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Transfer \$20,000 of unrestricted funds into a restricted fund, limiting the fiscal flexibility of the society, albeit of a negligible amount considering the healthy projected surplus of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Considering that starting September 1st, 2026, the Gender Affirming Care plan with Alumo would enable students to receive insured reimbursements elsewhere; likewise, many applications for gender affirming care to the QUIPS fund were approved at the most recent Committee meeting, whom had not met since March 2026. As such, the QUIPS fund currently has less funding than it would normally have to distribute to queer students generally applying to QUIPS for funding. As such, though this transfer will not go directly to reimbursing more gender affirming care, this transfer will counteract the effects of having fewer QUIPS applications approved to help fund the GAC over the past few funding cycles.

The Gender & Sexuality Advocacy Committee, facilitated by the Gender & Sexuality Commissioner as Chair, is assigned the responsibility of distributing the above funding through the QUIPS fund.

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Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the budgeted \$20,000 be transferred from the Operating Fund to the Queer Improvement and Partnership Solidarity (QUIPS) Fund to support the Society's goal of supporting queer students at McGill.

Results of the Vote

- ☐ In favour ()
- ☐ Opposed ()
- ☐ Abstain ()

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Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

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