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Official Results – Elections SSMU 2013 Fall Referendum Period

In accordance to Article 26.2 of the SSMU Bylaw Book I-1, the following is the official results of the SSMU 2013 Fall Referendum. The online version can also be found at <https://ssmu.simplyvoting.com/index.php?mode=results&election=17020>.

Copies of the ballot questions are attached.

Results - 2013 SSMU Fall Referendum | Le référendum de l'automne 2013 de l'AÉUM

Turnout: 4109 (18.3%) of 22423 electors voted in this ballot.

Question re: The Adoption of the Students’ Society of McGill University Constitution

Option	Votes
No	237 (11.2%)
Yes	1887 (88.8%)

SUMMARY

Answered Questions	2124 (51.7%)
Abstain	1985 (48.3%)
Total	4109

Question re: SSMU Daycare Fee Increase PART 1

Option	Votes
No	727 (20.2%)
Yes	2865 (79.8%)

SUMMARY

Answered Questions	3592 (87.4%)
Abstain	517 (12.6%)
Total	4109

Question re: SSMU Daycare Fee Increase PART 2

Option	Votes
No	1049 (31.2%)
Yes	2318 (68.8%)

SUMMARY

Answered Questions	3367 (81.9%)
Abstain	742 (18.1%)
Total	4109

Question re: Midnight Kitchen Existence

Option	Votes
No	507 (13.1%)
Yes	3378 (86.9%)

SUMMARY

Answered Questions	3885 (94.5%)
Abstain	224 (5.5%)
Total	4109

Question re: Midnight Kitchen Fee Increase PART 1

Option	Votes
No	1016 (27.5%)
Yes	2682 (72.5%)

SUMMARY

Answered Questions	3698 (90.0%)
Abstain	411 (10.0%)
Total	4109

Question re: Midnight Kitchen Fee Increase PART 2

Option	Votes
No	1190 (34.0%)
Yes	2312 (66.0%)

SUMMARY

Answered Questions	3502 (85.2%)
Abstain	607 (14.8%)
Total	4109



Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Students' Society of McGill University Constitution

Whereas, The current STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY Constitution was adopted May 1st, 1999,

Whereas, The current STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY Constitution has been amended six (6) times since its adoption on the following dates:

- 7 April 2000
- 1 May 2005
- 29 October 2006
- 21 March 2007
- 23 March 2010
- 17 April 2012

Whereas, In the last 14 years, the STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY has made efforts carry out all of its activities in accordance with Section III of the Quebec Companies Act [1], under which it was originally incorporated as the Student Centre of McGill University on 19 August 1992, the Students' Society of McGill University on 22 April 1999, and merged to form the current Students' Society of McGill University on 6 June 2007,

Whereas, The STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY has undertaken a multi-year Governance Document revision process with our legal counsel in order to ensure that our governance structure and processes are stable and legal,

Whereas, The proposed STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY Constitution accurately reflects the current structure of the STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY, and respects our legal obligation to convene a Board of Directors,

Resolved, The STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY Legislative Council put the following question on the Fall 2013 Referendum ballot:

Do you agree to adopt this proposed Students' Society of McGill University Constitution (in both English and French), which will replace the current Students' Society of McGill University Constitution, and will come into force at the conclusion of this Referendum?

Moved By:

Katie Larson (President)

Joey Shea (VP University Affairs)

Brian Farnan (VP Internal)Samuel Harris (VP External)Tyler Hofmeister (VP Finance and Operations)Stefan Fong (VP Clubs and Services)



Motion regarding a SSMU Daycare Fee Increase Referendum Question

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare was created in 1999 in order to support student parents at McGill University,

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare gives priority to undergraduate student parents, but also serves other members of the McGill community, such as members of the Post Graduate Students Society, as well as staff and faculty of McGill University,

Whereas, a 2006 referendum question approved an increase of the SSMU Daycare Fee to 1.50\$ per student per semester in order to help fund it,

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare is also partially funded by the government and is therefore only 7\$ a day for parents,

Whereas, other daycares are significantly more expensive, making the SSMU Daycare very accessible to parents studying at McGill University,

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare Fee has not been adjusted to reflect the appreciation of costs related to running the Daycare since the Fall 2006 Referendum Period,

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare also has a Nursery that was opened in 2009 for babies aged 4-18 months,

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare Fee was not adjusted in 2009 to accommodate the increased costs of running the Nursery,

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare signed a lease with McGill University in 2009 and has since then been paying an increasing rent for the spaces occupied by both the SSMU Daycare and the SSMU Nursery,

Whereas, the SSMU Daycare Fee was not adjusted in 2009 to accommodate the yearly increase in rent,

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2013 Referendum Period:

“Do you agree to increase the SSMU Daycare Fee from 1.50\$ to 2.50\$ per semester, as of the Winter 2014 term, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the SSMU Daycare being unable to operate at its current capacity?”



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Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2013 Referendum Period:

“Do you agree that the SSMU Daycare Fee be adjusted annually to inflation as of the Winter 2014 Term, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the province of Quebec as of March of each year?”

Moved by:

Stefan Fong, Vice-President (Clubs and Services)

Samuel Harris, Vice-President (External Affairs)

Brian Farnan, Vice-President (Internal Affairs)

Tyler Hofmeister, Vice-President (Finance and Operations)

Joey Shea, Vice-President (University Affairs)

Katie Larson, President

Approved



Motion Regarding Midnight Kitchen Existence Referendum Question

Whereas the Midnight Kitchen (MK) is a volunteer and worker-run organization that provides a balanced and complete lunch on a pay-as-you-can basis to an average of two hundred and fifty students every weekday; (1)

Whereas student fees make up over ninety-nine percent (99.3%) of MK's budget; (5)

Whereas the dissolution of MK would create a gap in an important SSMU service for students who have difficulty with food accessibility;

Whereas MK provides meal services for other McGill student groups, as well as groups and individuals in the greater Montreal community; (2)

Whereas other McGill affiliated organisations outside of MK regularly use the kitchen for their own fundraising and event needs, and this is set up by MK and available for booking through the SSMU; (3)

Whereas MK organises educational events and workshops, supports direct action and grassroots organising, has an alternative, free library, and distributes a newsletter each semester; (4)

Whereas the infrastructure and organisation of MK provides opportunities and support for community engagement on important issues, and is a hub for community building resources, ideas, and people;

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2013 referendum period:

“Do you support MK continuing as a recognised student service in effect from the start of the semester in Winter 2014 until Fall 2016 (inclusive) supported by a fee of \$2.25 per semester for undergraduate students, which is opt-outable on the Minerva online opt-out system, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote will result in the termination of all undergraduate fee-levy funding to MK, terminating the existence of MK?”

Moved by:

Claire Stewart-Kanigan, Arts Senator
Courtney Ayukawa, Arts and Science Representative
Joey Shea, VP University Affairs
Stefan Fong, VP Clubs and Services



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Appendix

1 <http://themidnightkitchen.wordpress.com/about/> (MK's mandate)

2 <http://themidnightkitchen.wordpress.com/24-2/> (solidarity serving description)

3 <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/events/room-booking/> (SSMU room booking page)

4 <http://themidnightkitchen.wordpress.com/2013/06/25/midnight-kitchen-the-union-for-gender-empowerment-and-the-prisoner-correspondence-project-present/> (example of a sponsored workshop)

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0AknswYmyNxcydHlrWnVCVzFCUkJrX2V0V1FHOF9wSFE#gid=0> (MK's current budget)

Approved



Motion Regarding Midnight Kitchen Fee Increase Referendum Question

Whereas the Midnight Kitchen (MK) is a volunteer and worker-run organisation that provides a balanced and complete lunch on a pay-as-you-can basis to an average of two hundred and fifty students every weekday; (1)

Whereas the number of students attending servings continues to rise, and MK's funding has not increased proportionally to this need;

Whereas MK strives to make food more accessible by accommodating dietary restrictions, including allergies, gluten intolerance, veganism, and religious needs; (1)

Whereas MK provides free or by donation meal services for McGill student groups and community groups and individuals in Montreal; (1)

Whereas MK hosts a myriad of educational, interactive workshops throughout the school year for McGill students and members of the greater Montreal community; (3)

Whereas MK has been in operation since 2002, and the kitchen perpetually needs costly maintenance and sporadic replacement of old equipment;

Whereas MK would like to buy more produce in bulk instead of getting only low-quality, damaged, and deemed unfit for sale food for free from grocery stores in order to have a more consistent and higher quality amount of food for servings; (6)

Whereas MK would like to expand its services to serving breakfasts, offering drip coffee, tea, other beverages, fruit, and accessible baked goods for free in the mornings; (7)

Whereas the increase of MK's fee will let the organisation expand the infrastructure and organisation of MK, allowing them to further support the community and pool more community building resources;

Whereas a change in Quebec labour code since MK's last fee increase in Fall 2011 ensures that staff are paid liveable wages, and wages now take up sixty-one percent of MK's overall budget; (4, 5)

Whereas without the proposed increase MK will continue to struggle to fulfil their mandate of food accessibility; (1)

Whereas being financially accessible is part of MK's mandate as a service, and not all students, individuals or groups who access their array of services are able to donate; (1)



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Whereas the opt-outable fee accounts for 99.3% of MK's total funding as a service; (5)

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following (2) questions for the Fall 2013 referendum period:

re: Midnight Kitchen Fee Increase Question PART 1: "Do you support that the student levy for the Midnight Kitchen, payable and opt-outable by members of the Students Society of McGill University (SSMU), be raised to \$3.25 per term from \$2.25 for all undergraduate students who are members of SSMU in effect from the start of the semester in Winter 2014 until Fall 2016 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"

re: Midnight Kitchen Fee Increase Question PART 2: "Do you agree that the Midnight Kitchen student levy be adjusted annually to inflation as of the Winter 2014 Term, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the province of Quebec as of March of each year?"

Moved by:

Claire Stewart-Kanigan, Arts Senator
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4 <http://www.ces.gouv.qc.ca/documents/publications/anglais.pdf> (Quebec pay equity act)

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AknswYmyNxcydHlrWnVCVzFCUkJrX2V0V1FHOF9wSFE&usp=sharing> (MK's current budget)

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V83yTimF2aYk16lrrXtGQAxYJY1r4eOeCBDhuRfJ0IM/edit> (proposed monthly bulk order for increased lunch servings post fee raise)



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7 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vk1L_6twgh_8t3j8AMtqubEWU-v5Q1e5aN7TruPNMYE/edit?usp=sharing (proposed monthly bulk order for breakfast servings post fee raise)

8 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nV68gXT9j6-UrA1_5Pv4CzRJ8UKuKxLKTgYJIQ_rzoc/edit (Proposed MK budget)

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