

Post Election Report of the Chief Electoral Officer

26 November 2009

First Year Council Election Results

FYC VP Communications

Azfan Jaffeer	368 votes (35.9%)
Sophia Su	503 votes (49.0%)
Spoiled	155 votes (15.1%)

FYC VP Internal

Sharon Gai	380 votes (37.0%)
Valerie Mathis	517 votes (50.4%)
Spoiled	129 votes (12.6%)

FYC VP External

Faria Tanzeem Antora	155 votes (15.1%)
Lisa Hartman	235 votes (22.9%)
Sarah Lazure	364 votes (35.5%)
Brendan Steven	193 votes (18.8%)
Spoiled	79 (7.7%)

FYC President

Larah Maunder	583 votes (56.8%)
Sankalp Modwal	316 votes (30.8%)
Spoiled	127 votes (12.4%)

FYC VP Academic

Simon Liu	Acclaimed
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FYC VP Finance

Benjamin Comeau	Acclaimed
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Fall 2009 Referenda Results

Ambassador Fee

Yes:	2,706 votes (51.6%)
No:	2,239 votes (42.7%)
Spoiled:	300 votes (5.7%)

MLIC Fee Renewal

Yes: 3,914 votes (74.6%)
No: 1,005 votes (19.2%)
Spoiled: 326 votes (6.2%)

Sustainable Projects Fund

Yes: 4,137 votes (78.9%)
No: 1,016 votes (19.4%)
Spoiled: 92 votes (1.8%)

Plebiscite Question Re: Coursepacks

Yes: 2,763 votes (52.7%)
No: 2,216 votes (42.2%)
Spoiled: 266 votes (5.1%)

Plebiscite Question Re: Release of Exam Schedule

Yes: 1,345 votes (25.6%)
No: 3,684 votes (70.2%)
Spoiled: 216 votes (4.1%)

Voter Turnout

In this year's fall referendum election 5,245 votes were cast, accounting for 25.5% of the SSMU membership. Quorum for the fall electoral period is 15%. This year's participation was a significant improvement on last year's 12.7% turnout and was the second highest fall turnout behind only the Fall 2006 election, which had a turnout of 26.7%. The turnout for the First Year Council election was 17.1% or 1,026 votes.

Turnout by faculty:

Faculty	Votes	Percent of Fac	Percent of Tot
Desautels Faculty Management:	527 of 2,248	23.4%	2.6%
Faculty of Arts:	1,917 of 6,375	30.1%	9.3%
Faculty of Dentistry:	20 of 121	16.5%	0.1%
Faculty of Education:	135 of 1,547	8.7%	0.7%
Faculty of Engineering:	629 of 2,708	23.2%	3.1%
Faculty of Law:	395 of 654	60.4%	1.9%
Faculty of Medicine:	68 of 688	9.9%	0.3%
Faculty of Religious Studies:	5 of 41	12.2%	0.0%
Faculty of Science:	1,050 of 4,029	26.1%	5.1%
Interfaculty B.A. & Sc.:	250 of 551	45.4%	1.2%
NA:	8 of 10	80.0%	0.0%
School of Nursing:	46 of 428	10.7%	0.2%

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Sustainable Projects Fund:

WHEREAS both the SSMU and the McGill Administration have made commitments to creating a culture of sustainability at McGill, and;

WHEREAS there is no formal structure set in place to foster collaboration on new sustainability projects between students and the Administration, and;

WHEREAS student groups nor the Administration currently have the capacity to effectively plan, finance and implement large scale, culture changing, consensus based sustainability projects;

Do you agree that McGill University should create a Sustainable Projects Fund, which will be available to all members of the McGill community and governed by a consensus based parity committee, with equal representation from students and the University?

Do you further agree to institute a fee starting in the Winter semester 2010 and ending in the Winter semester 2013 of \$0.50 per credit per student per semester (up to 15 credits), conditional on matching contributions under the responsibility of McGill University, in order to establish this fund?

Ambassador Fee:

WHEREAS participation in extra-curricular and academic competitions and conferences is an asset to the members of the SSMU and to the SSMU itself,

WHEREAS the SSMU does not currently have a fund to support these trips,

WHEREAS the creation of such a fund would promote and permit the participation of groups on campus in such competitions and conferences;

Do you agree to the following?

- 1) The SSMU will create a fee called the SSMU Ambassador fee;
- 2) A student levy to be known as the SSMU Ambassador Fee will be charged to every member of the SSMU for \$1.00 per semester for each the Fall and the Winter terms, through the winter of 2011
- 3) The money from the Ambassador Fee will be used to sponsor travel to and participation in academic and extra-curricular competitions and conferences;
- 4) The allocation of this fee is to be decided by the SSMU Finance Committee

Note: This fee will be opt-outable

MLIC Fee Renewal:

WHEREAS the McGill Legal Information Clinic (MLIC) is a student-run, volunteer-driven, registered non-profit organization that provides free, bilingual legal information and referral services to McGill students and to the public;

WHEREAS MLIC has served tens of thousands of McGill students and community-members since its establishment in 1973;

WHEREAS Student Advocacy is a service offered by MLIC since 1989, which provides advice and assistance to McGill students alleged to have committed a disciplinary offence or who are involved in a dispute with the University;

WHEREAS all members of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) are voting members of MLIC;

WHEREAS all McGill undergraduate students currently pay a fee of \$3.25 each Fall and Winter semester to support MLIC and its Student Advocacy program, and this fee is not subject to an opt-out;

WHEREAS student fees account for approximately ninety-four percent (94%) of MLIC's annual budget;

WHEREAS a no vote will result in the termination of the activities of MLIC and Student Advocacy:

Do you support the McGill Legal Information Clinic as a recognized student activity supported by student fees, with the understanding that a "no" vote will result in the termination of all undergraduate student fees and membership in the McGill Legal Information Clinic?

Plebiscite Question Re: Coursepacks:

Whereas the production of course packs has recently been brought under the full responsibility of McGill University.

Whereas the University has expressed interest in moving towards more online course materials.

Whereas online course materials are easily distributed and promote environmental sustainability.

Whereas paper course packs are convenient but have a large cost, environmental impact, and are less easily distributed.

Would you prefer that course materials to be moved completely online?
(Note: this is a non-binding plebiscite)

Plebiscite Question Re: Release of the Exam Schedule:

Whereas the earliest possible release of the exam schedule would allow students to properly plan their Winter and Summer travel.

Whereas the date of the release of the exam schedule is dependent on the finalization of course rosters.

Whereas the process of assigning exam rooms can only commence once add/drop period is over.

Do you agree that the add/drop period should be shortened to allow for an earlier release of the exam schedule?

(Note: this is a non-binding plebiscite)