

## **Official Notice of SSMU Fall Referendum Results 2011**

### ***Electoral Timeline***

Last Council for Notice of Motion for Council-Initiated Questions: **September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Last Council for Approval of Council-Initiated Questions: **October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Deadline for Submission of Student-Initiated Referenda: **October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting for Committee Chairs: **October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Campaign Period: **October 31<sup>st</sup>–November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Polling Period: **November 4<sup>th</sup>–November 10<sup>th</sup>**

### ***CKUT Existence Question***

*Whereas*, Radio CKUT is licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission as a campus-community radio station to broadcast at 90.3 on the FM band to the greater Montreal area;

*Whereas*, CKUT became an independent student activity in 1988 and has served the McGill and Montreal communities 24 hours a day 365 days a year, on FM radio and the Internet;

*Whereas*, McGill undergraduate students have supported CKUT with a fee of \$4.00 each semester since 1988, and whereas any student who pays said fee is automatically a member of CKUT, with all the rights and privileges pursuant thereto;

*Whereas*, prior to 2007 CKUT's fee was refundable at the premises of CKUT;

*Whereas*, the placement of CKUT's fee on the Minerva online opt-out system in 2007 has continuously depleted the financial resources of CKUT, thereby interfering with the ability of CKUT to serve the McGill and Montreal communities;

*Whereas*, in Fall 2007 a General Assembly of the SSMU passed a motion mandating the SSMU to take every reasonable action to put an end to the online opt-out system created by the University such that campus groups shall be in charge of their own opt-out processes;

*Whereas*, CKUT employs McGill undergraduate students, and includes McGill undergraduate student representatives on its Board of Directors, Steering Committee and Programming Committee, and provides internships and research opportunities for student members related to

their academic fields;

*Whereas*, all undergraduate student members may participate in CKUT's annual general assembly, which is the highest governing body of CKUT;

*Whereas*, McGill undergraduate student members may participate in the activities and governance of CKUT as listeners, programmers, technicians, and receive training at CKUT in various aspects of radio production;

*Whereas*, CKUT is consistently voted as the #1 or #2 Radio Station in the Mirror's Best of Montreal Readers Poll;

Do you support CKUT continuing as a recognized student activity supported by a fee of \$4.00 per semester for full-time undergraduate students, which is not opt-outable on the Minerva online opt-out system but is fully refundable directly through CKUT, with the understanding that a majority "no" vote will result in the termination of all undergraduate funding to CKUT?

### ***QPIRG Existence Question***

*Whereas* the Quebec Public Interest Research Group at McGill (QPIRG) is one of 200 PIRGs in the United States and Canada, and has been incorporated as a not-for-profit organization since 1989;

*Whereas* QPIRG provides vital resources, funding and meeting space that enable students and community groups to conduct research and launch a diversity of environmental and social justice initiatives;

*Whereas* QPIRG connects campus and community through annual event series for McGill students (e.g., Rad Frosh, Culture Shock, Social Justice Days) and through numerous working groups (e.g., Greening McGill, Campus Crops, Women of Diverse Origins);

*Whereas* McGill students voted to grant QPIRG its initial fee levy in 1988, and QPIRG subsequently created its own fee refund process for students who wanted to "opt out";

*Whereas* McGill University took over QPIRG's opt-out process in 2007 without consulting QPIRG or McGill students and created their own online opt-out system via the Minerva website;

*Whereas* McGill undergraduate students voted in the Fall 2007 General Assembly to "put an end to the online opt-out system [...] such that campus groups shall be in charge of their own opt-out processes";

*Whereas* the placement of QPIRG's fee on the Minerva opt-out system has put QPIRG's finances in a position of increasingly unmanageable financial instability, thereby interfering with QPIRG's capacity to serve the McGill and Montreal communities;



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Whereas a “yes” vote on the following question shall mean that QPIRG continue receiving the undergraduate fee-levy, with refunds administered by QPIRG instead of the externally imposed Minerva opt-out system, and that students retain their right to receive a full fee refund;

Do you support QPIRG continuing as a recognized student activity supported by a fee of \$3.75 per semester for undergraduate students, which is not opt-outable on the Minerva online opt-out system but is instead fully refundable directly through QPIRG, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote will result in the termination of all undergraduate fee-levy funding to QPIRG?

### ***Detailed Results***

Total Votes cast: 5245 (24.7% of SSMU members)

CKUT Existence Question: YES

No	1082 (20.6%)
Yes	3792 (72.3%)
No Opinion	371 (7.1%)

QPIRG Existence Question: YES

No	1497 (28.5%)
Yes	3442 (65.6%)
No Opinion	306 (5.8%)