

SSMU Referendum Questions

Winter 2020 Elections

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1. Increase of the SSMU Club Fund Fee

[Motion Regarding SSMU Club Fund Fee Referendum Question 2020-02-27](#)

Do you agree to an increase of the opt-outable SSMU Club Fund Fee from \$2.75 to \$3.57, per semester, for all full and part-time SSMU members, to start in Fall 2020 and to be charged until Winter 2025 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority ‘no’ vote would result in the continuation of the current fee until Winter 2021?

For More Information: visit the [facebook event](#), or contact clubsrep1@ssmu.ca, clubsrep2@ssmu.ca, and studentlife@ssmu.ca

Appendix A

1. Food Handling and Sales Permit

The current fee for a [Food Handling and Sales Permit](#) is \$25. The SSMU has also assembled a [Service Kit](#) which includes Gloves, Hairnets, Signage, and Surface Cleaner (sanitizer) at a cost of \$5. Should this fee pass, these would be free of charge for student groups.

Example 1 (Without Club Fund Fee Increase) - Club Expense for Samosa Sale including Permit Fee and Service Kit

3 samosa sales per semester (200 samosas per sale)

Expenses for Samosas: \$100

Expenses for Food Handling and Sales Permit and Service Kit: \$30

Sales (based of 1 for \$1, 3 for \$2): ~\$153

Total Revenue per sale: \$23

Revenue per semester: \$69

Example 2 (With the Club Fund Fee Increase) - Club Expenses for Samosa Sale with Permit Fee and Service Kit subsidized with proposed fee increase

3 samosa sales per semester (200 samosas per sale)

Expenses for Samosas: \$100

Sales (based of 1 for \$1 and 3 for \$2): \$153

Total Revenue: \$53

Revenue per semester: \$159



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Example 3 (Without the Club Fund Fee Increase) - Increased Price of Samosa Sales with Permit Fee and Service Kit cost

(200 samosas)

Expenses for Samosas: \$100

Expenses for Food Handling and Sales Permit and Service Kit: \$30

Revenue **without** Sales Permit Fee and Service Kit cost (at 1 for \$1 and 3 for \$2): \$59

Revenue **with** Sales Permit Fee and Service Kit cost (at 1 for \$1 and 3 for \$2): \$23

Potential Price Increase to Make up for Lost Revenue: 1 for \$1.20 and 3 for \$2.50 (revenue: ~\$59)

Equation used: Revenue = 2(33a + 66b) - \$130

where a = cost of 1 samosa when buying 1 and b = cost of 1 samosa when buying 3

Assuming that 33 samosas will be bought for 1 for \$1 and 66 samosas will be bought for 3 for \$2 per box of 100 samosas

2. Club Portal

A full presentation on the Club Portal can be found [here](#).

The support and pricing structure for the project is as follows:

Annual License Fee (Setup included) - \$20,000 CAD

- Dedicated Product Consultant
- Dedicated Account Executive
- Platform Customizations
- Year-Round Support
- Annual Platform License

In order to justify a \$20,000 annual support fee, SSMU agrees to the following project terms:

- **Collaborative Case Study**
A case study with staff testimonials from this project
- **80/20 payment schedule**
(80% invoiced upon project initiation, 20% invoiced upon implementation)
- **3-year agreement terms**
(Each year is only renewable given that all the specifications are properly met for the SSMU team. SSMU has the right to cancel terms if specifications are not met)



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2. Renewal and Increase of the Referral Services Fee

[Motion Regarding SSMU Referral Services Fee Referendum Question 2020-02-27](#)

Do you agree to the renewal and increase of the opt-outable SSMU Referral Services Fee from \$1.75 to \$3.35, per semester, for all full and part-time SSMU members, to start in Fall 2020 and to be charged until Winter 2025 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority ‘no’ vote would result in the discontinuation of the fee and impact the services’ capacity for operation? The revenue from this fee shall be divided as follows: from every \$3.35, \$1.10 to Queer McGill; \$0.60 to Nightline; \$0.90 to the EDRSC and \$0.75 to the UGE.

For More Information: visit the [facebook event](#), or contact e.d.advocacy@ssmu.ca, nightlinepr@gmail.com, ugecollective@gmail.com, and admin.qm@ssmu.ca

3. Creation of the keepmeSAFE Fee

[Motion Regarding SSMU keep.meSAFE Fee Referendum Question 2020-02-27](#)

Do you agree to establish the non-opt-outable SSMU keepmeSAFE fee at \$2.75 per student per semester, payable by all SSMU members, starting Fall 2020 until Winter 2024 (inclusive) to access the keepmeSAFE 24/7/365 mental health services (including access to in-person counselling, secure clinical mobile chat, telephone, and video chat), with an understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the termination of the keepmeSAFE mental health counselling services for all students at McGill University?

For More Information: visit the [facebook event](#) or contact mentalhealthcomissioner@ssmu.ca

4. Renewal of the Plate Club Fee

[Motion Regarding Plate Club Fee Referendum Question 2020-03-12](#)

Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-outable Plate Club Fee of \$0.14, to be charged to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU in Fall 2020 and ending in Winter 2023 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal? with the understanding that a "no" vote will result in the discontinuation of the fee?

For More Information: contact finance@ssmu.ca



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5. Discretionary Funding for the UGE

[Motion Regarding Discretionary Funding for the UGE 2020-03-12](#)

Do you agree to allocate up to ten per cent (10%) of the Union for Gender Empowerment's yearly budget to be used for discretionary funding for the organization's external affairs, beginning in the Fall 2020 semester?

For More Information: contact ugecollective@gmail.com

6. Increase and Nature of Charity Fund Fee

[Motion Regarding Increase and Nature of the Charity Fund 2020-03-12](#)

Do you agree to rename the 'Charity Fee' to the 'Community Engagement Fee', and to increase this opt-outable fee, for all part and full-time SSMU members, by twenty (\$0.20) cents from \$0.56 to \$0.76 for the purpose of greater engagement with the Montreal community, to start in Fall 2020 and be charged until Winter 2025 (inclusive), with an understanding that a majority 'No' vote shall result in the fee remaining at its previous rate?"

For More Information: contact external@ssmu.ca

7. Increase to Indigenous Equity Fee

[Motion Regarding Proposed Increase to Indigenous Equity Fee 2020-03-12](#)

Do you agree with the proposed increase of \$0.50 of the non-opt-outable \$1.00 SSMU Indigenous Equity Fee, per semester (excluding summer), for all full-time and part-time SSMU members, to start in Winter 2020 and to be charged until Winter 2025 (inclusive) when it will be brought to the membership for approval, with the understanding that a majority 'No' vote would result in no increase of the current \$1.00 SSMU Indigenous Equity Fee?"

For More Information: visit the facebook event [here](#) or contact IAC@ssmu.ca



8. Increase of the SSMU Menstrual Hygiene Products Fee

[Motion Regarding SSMU Menstrual Hygiene Products Fee Referendum Question 2020-03-12](#)

Do you agree to the increase of the non-opt-outable SSMU Menstrual Hygiene Products Fee for all part and full-time SSMU members, from \$0.90 to \$2.40, to start in Fall 2020 and be charged until Winter 2025 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would greatly impede the ability of the SSMU Menstrual Hygiene Products project to provide products to menstruating students?

Appendix B : Proposed Budget with Increase

Expense	Quantity	Cost per unit	Annual projected cost
Coordinators' pay	40 hours/week of labor (typically 4 coordinators)	13.30/hour	\$26,600
Raise of coordinators' pay to \$14.50/hr	40 hours/week of labor (typically 4 coordinators)	1.20/hour	\$2400
New dispensers	30	534.75/unit	\$16,042.50
Pads and tampons for existing and new units	5000 pads and 5000 tampons every 2.5 weeks	\$1622.3/shipment	\$56,014.22
Installation of new units	30 (for 30 new dispensers)	\$151/unit	\$4554

For More Information: Visit the facebook event [here](#) or contact femhygienecoord1@ssmu.ca or UA@ssmu.ca

9. Renewal of the First Year Council Fee Renewal

[Motion Regarding First Year Council Fee Referendum Question 2020-03-12](#)

Do you agree to renew the opt-outable \$0.50 SSMU First Year Council Fee, which will be paid for by all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, to start in Fall 2020, and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2023 (inclusive), with the understanding that a "no" vote will result in the discontinuation of the fee?

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10. Adoption of the SSMU Francisation Plan Fee

[Motion Regarding Adoption of the SSMU Francisation Plan 2020-01-30](#)

As a corporation in the Province of Québec registered with the *Registraire des entreprises*, the SSMU is required to comply with the Charter and its associated Regulations. A key component of the Regulations is that corporate documents, which include governance documents and promotional materials, must be made available in French with at least the same standard of accessibility as those in English or another language (art. 52).

In order to strengthen the SSMU's compliance with the Charter and the Regulations, a Plan is needed to ensure that the SSMU has an articulated plan for the francisation of its corporate documents.

This issue has previously been addressed by the Legislative Council in the 2018-2019 year when the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) was mandated to carry out the translation of the SSMU's corporate documents. Given that Legislative Council resolutions expire at the end of the year in which they were adopted, a Plan is required to ensure the long-term viability of this work.

Do you agree to the increase of the non-opt-outable SSMU Membership Fee, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU of \$2.59 per student per semester in addition to the regular increase of the fee limited to indexation for inflation according to the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the province of Quebec (using the rate at the end of March) starting in Fall 2020 with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the regular increase of the fee limited to indexation?

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11. Creation of an Affordable Student Housing Fee

[Motion Regarding Affordable Student Housing Plan 2020-02-13](#)

L'Unité de travail pour l'implantation de logement étudiant (UTILE) is a non-profit service provider that specializes in building design and in fundraising for student housing. Since 2014, they have consulted with the student body through associations and direct surveys, studying the conditions necessary to create affordable housing that would be suitable to a McGill population.

The need for secure, affordable housing for students is particularly high. Vacancy rates are below 3% in areas populated by McGill students, giving landlords an enormous amount of negotiating power when negotiating leases and lease changes. This means students are overcharged and otherwise exploited.

This fee will go toward financing a student housing project with UTILE, with a target of 300 units and other qualities attached in a draft term sheet. Rents from the apartment will first be used to pay off the mortgage, and then put into a fund for a future project. Every apartment building UTILE builds actually makes it easier for the next one to be built, and so this fee will ensure an infrastructure for future housing projects.

Do you agree to the creation of a non-opt-outable SSMU UTILE fee of \$6.53 reserved for the promotion of affordable student housing through construction of housing units and promotion of housing information, for all full and part-time SSMU members, to start in Fall 2020 and to be charged until Winter 2025 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of SSMU Affordable Student Housing?

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12. Adoption of the Revised SSMU Constitution

[Report – Comprehensive Governance Review Committee 2020-03-12 APPROVED](#)

Do you agree to supersede and replace the Students' Society of McGill University constitution as outlined in Appendix A?

[Appendix A: The Constitution of the Students' Society of McGill University](#)

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