

Motion to Council

SC91/92 D-97

[Re: Placing a referendum question before the Society during the March 1992 referenda (and elections) period.]

WHEREAS:

- The Federation Etudiante Universitaire du Quebec (FEUQ) is failing in its role to properly represent the interests of SSMU and McGill students;
- FEUQ has not made the issue of accessibility to education a real priority;

AND WHEREAS:

- SSMU voted to join FEUQ in a referendum in Fall 1990, but only by a narrow margin;
- Students voted in March 1991 referendum to withdraw from FEUQ but this referendum was later declared unconstitutional by the Judicial Board;
- On January 25, 1992 the Chief Returning Officer refused to allow a student initiated referendum question on FEUQ to go to ballot;
- Students are better informed than ever before about FEUQ;
- The student body as a whole should have the right to decide on such an important matter;

Be it resolved that-

Council initiate the following referendum question to be put to the Society during the March 1992 referenda period:

REFERENDUM QUESTION

WHEREAS:

- "FEUQ" refers to the Federation etudiante universitaire du Quebec;
- "FEUQ's Dues" refers to the membership dues paid by SSMU to FEUQ;
- "Student" or collectively "Students" refers to the members of SSMU;
- "SSMU" refers to the Students' Society of McGill University;
- "SSMU's Fee" refers to the compulsory contribution of Students to SSMU;

AND WHEREAS:

SSMU currently pays one dollar (\$1.00) per student per semester to FEUQ out of SSMU's fees;

Are you in favour of SSMU withdrawing from FEUQ? Being it understood that upon such withdrawal:

SSMU will cease to be a member of FEUQ and no longer pay any FEUQ's dues and therefore SSMU's fee payable by each student will be reduced by one dollar (\$1.00) per semester

Presented and signed by:

Jan [Signature]
Charal Thomas
Maurice [Signature]
[Signature]



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Students' Society of McGill University
Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université McGill

April 25, 1992.

Ms. Claude Louis
Accounting Department
Cashier's Office, room 321
James Administration Building
McGill University

Dear Ms. Louis,

This memo is to confirm the results of the Students' Society's March 1992 referendum on the SSMU's membership within la Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FEUQ).

The question presented to students was as follows:

Are you in favour of:

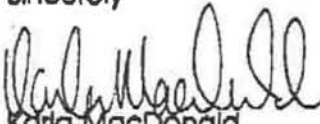
1. SSMU continuing its membership within FEUQ; or
2. SSMU withdrawing its membership from FEUQ with the understanding that the membership fee will cease to be collected in January 1993; or
3. No opinion.

The option that received the majority of votes, as to the regulations of the SSMU Constitution was option 2.

Therefore, I would like to request that the University cease the collection of the one dollar (\$1.00) per student, per semester fee levy at the appropriate collection period after the January 1993 deadline.

Thank-you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely


Karla MacDonald
VP External Affairs

ie. effective Sept 93

cc. Mr. Jon Shifman, Comptroller, SSMU





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Students' Society of McGill University
Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université McGill

March 18, 1992

From: Chief Returning Officers
William Stee and Deanna Vanderyagt

To: General Manager of SSMU
Guy Brisebois

Re: **Results of the Spring, 1992 SSMU Elections**

Voter Turnout: **3507 *** **16.4%**

* New SSMU Record dating at least 15 years !!!

SSMU Executive:

President:

Jason Prince	1128	35.0%
Rosalind Ward-Smith	976	30.3%
Adam Atlas	616	19.0%
Mitchell Fersten	506	15.7%

V.P. University Affairs:

Monique Shebbeare	1671	60.7%
Michael Rottmayer	1084	39.3%

V.P. External Affairs:

Jeff Percival	1502	52.7%
Hélène Mathieu	1347	47.3%

V.P. Internal Affairs:

Julie Dzerowicz	1604	56.8%
Michael Fleischer	668	23.6%
Sean Hanley	554	19.6%

V.P. Finance:

Susan Nickerson	Acclaimed
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Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Governors:

Santo Manna	1482	57.3%
Stanko Pecek	1103	42.7%

Senators:**Arts:**

John Sparks	Acclaimed
Maeve Sullivan	Acclaimed

<u>Dentistry:</u>	Vacant
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<u>Education:</u>	Vacant
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Engineering:

Leslie Parchomchuk	289	71.0%
Rajesh Joshi	118	29.0%

Law:

Robert Valdmanis	Acclaimed
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Management:

Mitchell Schnapp	196	53.8%
Mark Lewis	124	34.1%
Chris Forbell	44	12.1%

Medicine:

Sharlene Bogusz	Acclaimed
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Music:

Brian Current	Acclaimed
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<u>Religious Studies:</u>	Vacant
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Science:

Emmanuel Chomski	Acclaimed
Bryan Good	Acclaimed

Daily Publications Society Board of Directors:

Dave Austin	.....	Acclaimed
Nityanard Deckha	.....	Acclaimed
Pat Gentile	.....	Acclaimed
Sarah Harrison	.....	Acclaimed
Ania Kazi	.....	Acclaimed
6th Student Director	.....	Vacant

CKUT Board of Directors:

Kie Ross	.....	Acclaimed
Mark Slone	.....	Acclaimed

OPIRG Board of Directors:

Fiona Deller	.....	Acclaimed
Peter King	.....	Acclaimed
Shelagh Montgomery	.....	Acclaimed
Darren Sigesmund	.....	Acclaimed
Suzanne Stein	.....	Acclaimed
6th Director	.....	Vacant
7th Director	.....	Vacant
8th Director	.....	Vacant
9th Director	.....	Vacant

Council-Initiated Referenda Questions:

Do you agree with amending the Students' Society's Constitution to replace the words "Executive Director" with "General Manager" in the following Articles:

6.1, 8.2, 8.4, 20.3, 24.1, 24.2 ?

Yes	784	26.7%
No	476	16.2%
No Opinion	1679	57.1%

Do you agree with amending the Students' Society's Constitution to delete the words "to act as Secretary" in Article 6.1 ?

Yes	721	24.7%
No	414	14.2%
No Opinion	1779	61.1%

Whereas the situation of underfunding at McGill University does not permit an adequate amount of money to be used for services, equipment and facilities for the disabled;
Whereas there are more disabled students at McGill University today than ever before;
Whereas many students are forced to accept inadequate and inferior services, equipment and facilities;

Whereas students at McGill University have agreed to paying a \$2.00 levy per student per semester for the last four years to help resolve these problems;

Do you approve of continuing to pay a \$2.00 levy per student per semester, beginning September 1, 1992, the revenue of which shall be used to provide the required services, equipment and facilities, to be allocated by the Joint Committee Concerning Persons With Disabilities, subject to annual review ?

Yes	2530	82.3%
No	370	12.0%
No Opinion	174	5.7%

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Are you in favour of:

Option 1: SSMU continuing its membership within FEUQ; or

Option 3: SSMU withdrawing its membership from FEUQ with the understanding that the membership fee will cease to be collected in January, 1993; or

Option 5: No opinion.

Option 1	1235	39.6%
Option 2	1316	42.2%
Option 3	571	18.2%

Student-Initiated Referenda Questions:

Do you agree that the name of the "University Centre" (Union Building), located at 3480 McTavish Avenue, be changed to the "William Shatner University Centre"?

Yes	1582	50.9%
No	1355	43.6%
No Opinion	171	5.5%

Whereas:

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ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS SSMU POLICY?

Tuition Fees

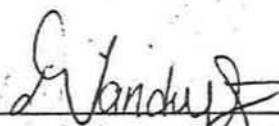
1. The SSMU is unconditionally opposed to any increases whatsoever in the total dollar amount of university tuition fees.
2. The SSMU is opposed to all forms of charges for "services" levied by universities ("frais afférents") including the so-called "course materials charge".
3. The SSMU shall not become nor remain a member of any organization whose policies are in contradiction with sections (1) and (2) of this policy.
4. This policy supersedes all previous policies of the SSMU regarding tuition fees.

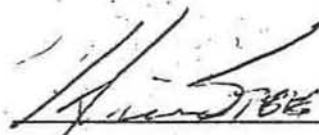
Yes	1637	58.0%
No	760	26.9%
No Opinion	427	15.1%

Note:

2824 votes was the minimum total of all the totals for the referenda, therefore each and every question attained quorum (10% of eligible voters = 2142**)

**From the Statistics of the Registrar approved by Senate March 11, 1992.


Deanna Vanderyagt


William Stee

Chief Returning Officers