

# SSMU Referendum Questions

Fall 2023



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#### **1. MUSTBUS Fee Increase - This question was initiated by MUSTBUS**

[Motion to Add a Question to the Fall Semester Referenda Regarding MUSTBUS Fee Increase, Pending the Addition of the 2022-2023 Budget](#)

WHEREAS, MUSTBUS is McGill's affordable student transportation ISG;

WHEREAS, the demand for the service provided by MUSTBUS is great, with reading break tickets selling out in minutes;

WHEREAS, due to this excess demand, many McGill students cannot access this affordable transportation option;

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increase would enable MUSTBUS to significantly expand their services, especially to popular destinations such as Boston and New York;

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increase would result in more McGill students being able to access affordable travel;

*Do you agree to increase the opt-outable MUSTBUS fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per semester for all SSMU members, starting Winter 2024 to Winter 2029 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority 'No' vote will result in the fee remaining at its current rate?*

#### **2. Creation of the Student Nutrition Accessibility Club Fee - This question was initiated by SNAC**

[Motion Regarding the Creation of the Student Nutrition Accessibility Club Fee](#)

*Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Student Nutrition Accessibility Club (SNAC) fee at \$1.30 per semester for all SSMU members, starting Fall 2024 to Winter 2029 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the Membership for renewal?*

#### **3. Safety Services Fee Increase - This question was initiated by MSERT**

[Motion Regarding Safety Services Fee Increase Referendum Question](#)

*Do you agree to increase the non-opt outable SSMU Safety Network Fee from \$5.65 per semester to \$7.01 per semester for all SSMU members, starting Winter 2024 to Winter 2029 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the Membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will result in the continuation of the fee at its current rate and the elimination of MSERT's Free First Aid courses and limitations to MSERT services?*



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#### 4. Base Fee Increase

##### [Motion Regarding the Base Fee Increase Referendum Question](#)

*Do you agree to the increase of the non-opt-outable SSMU Base Fee from \$50.31 to \$85.40/semester for full-time and \$24.14 to \$41.68/semester for part-time SSMU members in professional programs (Dentistry, MDCM, Law) \$68.48 to \$117.21/semester for full-time and \$33.24 to \$57.61/semester for part-time SSMU members in all other programs*

*Starting Winter 2024, with the understanding that a majority “No” vote would result in the SSMU Base fee continuing to be charged at its current rate and likely result in a drastic reduction in SSMU’s operations and services?*

#### 5. Radio CKUT Fee Increase - *This question was initiated by Radio CKUT*

##### [Motion Regarding the Referendum Question of the Increase of Radio CKUT's Fee, Pending the Addition of the 2022-2023 Operating Budget](#)

Whereas, CKUT is a 24/7 campus-community radio station based out of McGill University that broadcasts at 90.3 on the FM dial since 1987, and streams online for listeners across the globe,

Whereas, CKUT provides experiential learning opportunities to undergraduate students who are interested in gaining hands-on skills in podcasting, journalism, and audio production, and connects students to the local music scene,

Whereas, CKUT produces content by and for McGill students on news, music, arts and culture, and other topics both within and outside of the McGill context,

Whereas, CKUT listeners recognize its value to the McGill and Montreal communities by consistently voting it among the top radio stations in Best of Montreal polls,

Whereas, CKUT operates as an Independent Student Group of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU),

Whereas, the costs associated with operating a campus-community radio station increase on an annual basis, especially with the extreme inflation of recent years,

Whereas, had CKUT’s original 1988 fee levy of \$4.00 a semester been tied to inflation, it would be \$8.83 today,

Whereas, CKUT’s fee has not been increased in over a decade,

Whereas, CKUT’s fee is entirely opt-outable, and is detailed in Appendix A,

*Do you agree to increase the opt-outable Radio CKUT’s Fee by \$2.00 per semester for a total of:*



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- \$6.00/semester for full-time and \$4.50/semester for part-time undergraduate students in professional programs (Dentistry, MDCM, Law) and
- \$7.00/semester for full-time and \$5.00/semester for part-time undergraduate students in all other programs

*starting in Winter 2024 to Winter 2027 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the Radio CKUT Fee continuing to be charged at the current rates?*

### 6. First Year Fee Renewal

#### [Motion Regarding First Year Fee Question](#)

Whereas, first year students are an integral yet overlooked part of the McGill student population,

Whereas, working with younger membership increases the long-term sustainability of the SSMU,

*Do you agree to reinstate the opt-outable SSMU First Year Council Fee of \$0.50 per semester for all SSMU members, starting Fall 2024 to Winter 2029 (inclusive)?*

### 7. Creation of the Community Solidarity Fund, Fee, and Solidarity Funding Committee

#### [Motion Regarding the Creation of the Community Solidarity Fund, Fee, and Solidarity Funding Committee](#)

*Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable SSMU Community Solidarity Fee of \$1.00 per semester for all SSMU members, starting Winter 2024 to Winter 2029 (inclusive), to be managed by the Solidarity Funding Committee and distributed to social justice-oriented community groups?*

### 8. Ratification of the Board of Directors Members

#### [Motion Regarding Referendum Question of the Ratification of the Society's Board of Directors](#)

Be it resolved, that the following individuals be appointed to the Board of Directors subject to an online ratification for a term beginning on November 15, 2023 until November 14, 2024.

1. Alexandre Ashkir
2. Nadia Dakdouki
3. Lalia Katchelewa
4. Liam Gaither
5. Jacob Shannon
6. Fawaz Halloum

### 9. Policy Against Genocide in Palestine Referendum Question - *This question was initiated by SSMU Members*



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### [Policy Against Genocide in Palestine](#)

*Do you agree to the SSMU's adoption of the Policy Against Genocide in Palestine?*