

SSMU Referendum Questions

Winter 2024

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1. SSMU Membership Fee Increase

[Motion Regarding the Referendum Question for an SSMU Membership Fee Increase for Salaries and General Operations 2024-02-01](#)

Do you agree to increase the non-opt-outable SSMU Membership Fee by the amounts outlined in the table below, per student per semester and payable by all SSMU members starting in Fall 2024 to cover salary increases of the staff of the SSMU (excluding Executives) and to facilitate the operations of the SSMU as a whole, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in would likely result in a drastic reduction of SSMU’s operations, including support provided to the Clubs and Services under SSMU?

| Outcomes of Proposed Fee Increase | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Full Time Students | Faculty Group A* | Faculty Group B** |
| Current | \$68.48 | \$50.31 |
| Increase for Salaries and Operations | \$27.11 | \$19.92 |
| New Proposed Fall 2024 Membership Fee | \$95.59 | \$70.23 |
| Part Time Students | Faculty Group A* | Faculty Group B** |
| Current | \$33.24 | \$24.14 |
| Increase for Salaries and Operations | \$13.16 | \$9.56 |
| New Proposed Fall 2024 Membership Fee (part-time) | \$46.40 | \$33.70 |

*Faculty Group A: Arts, Architecture (B.Sc. Arch), Education, Engineering, Music, Management, Nursing, Physical & Occupational Therapy, Science, and Arts & Science.

**Faculty Group B: Law, Dentistry, Medicine.



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2. Queer Equity Support Fee Increase

[Motion Regarding Queer Equity Support Fee Increase Referendum Question 2024-02-01](#)

Do you agree to increase the non-opt-outable SSMU Queer Equity Support Fee by \$1.32 from \$1.09 per semester, bringing it to a total of \$2.41 per semester payable by all SSMU members starting in Fall 2024 and ending in winter 2029 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the Membership for renewal. With the understanding that a majority 'no' vote would result in the continuation of the fee at its current rate, severely limiting the ability for QUIPS to provide emergency support to queer and marginalized students.

3. SSMU Walksafe Fee Increase

[Motion Regarding SSMU Walksafe Fee Increase via Referendum Question 2024-02-01](#)

Do you agree to increase the non-opt-outable SSMU Safety Network Fee by \$0.14 from \$7.01 per semester to a total \$7.15 payable by all members, starting in Fall 2024 until 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, resulting in the reduction of some SSMU WALKSAFE operations, as well as limitations in the quality of the services offered by SSMU WALKSAFE?

4. Referral Services Fee Increase

[Motion Regarding the Increase of the Referral Services Fee 2024-02-01](#)

Do you agree to increase the opt-outable Referral Services Fee by \$1.25 from \$6.03 to a total of \$7.28 per student per semester, payable by all SSMU Members, starting in Fall 2024 until Winter 2028 (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 a continuation of the fee at its current rate, impacting the Union for Gender Empowerment's ability to provide services in alignment with its mandates?

5. Reinstatement of First-Year Fee

[Motion Regarding First Year Fee Creation Question 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to reinstate the opt-outable SSMU First Year Council (FYC) Fee at a rate of \$0.50 per semester, payable by all SSMU members for the purpose of supporting the FYC who



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represent, organize events, and do giveaways for, but not limited to, first year students. Starting in Fall 2024 until Winter 2029 (inclusive), once per semester, excluding summers, with the understanding that a majority "no" vote will result in a drastic reduction in the representation and event planning capabilities of the First Year Council?

6. Black Students' Network Service Fee Increase

[Motion Regarding the Black Students' Network Service Fee Increase Referendum Question 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to increase the opt-outable Black Students' Network Fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per semester per full-time members, and from \$0.50 to \$1.00 for part-time members, starting in Fall 2024 until Winter 2029 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority 'NO' will result in a continuation of the fee at its current rate?

7. Legal Information Clinic Fee Renewal and Increase

[Motion on the Legal Information Clinic at McGill's Existence and Fee Increase Referendum Questions 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to renew the non-opt-outable Legal Information Clinic at McGill (LICM) fee at a rate of \$4.50 per student per semester, payable by all SSMU members, starting Fall 2024 to Fall 2029 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to the Membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority "no" vote would result in the closure of the LICM, which has existed since 1973, and the end of Student Advocacy, which is the sole experienced provider of student representation at McGill in disciplinary and other internal proceedings against the University since 1989?

Do you agree to increase the non-opt-outable Legal Information Clinic at McGill (LICM) fee from \$4.50 to \$5.91 per student, per semester for all SSMU members, starting Fall 2024 until fall 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 will require significant cuts to the Legal Information and Student Advocacy representation services currently offered and reduce the organization's ability to serve students and the broader community?

8. Club Fee Increase



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[Motion Regarding the Increase of the Club Fee 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to increase the opt-outable Club Fee from by \$1.87 from \$4.57 to \$5.44 per student, per semester; payable by all SSMU members starting in Fall 2024 and ending in 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 prevent the increase of the fee amount, impacting the ability of the funding committee to fund SSMU clubs?.

9. Campus Life Fee Renewal and Increase

[Motion Regarding the Renewal and Increase of the Campus Life Fee 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to renew the opt-outable Campus Life Fee at a rate of \$2.00 for full-time students and \$1.00 for part-time students per semester starting in Fall 2024 and until Winter 2029 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will prevent the funding and support of events on and around campus?

Do you agree to increase the opt-outable Campus Life Fee by \$0.83 for full-time students and \$0.41 for part-time students, per semester, raising the fee to a total of \$2.83 for full-time students and \$1.41 for part-time students per semester, starting in Fall 2024 until Winter 2029 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will prevent the increase of the fee amount, impacting the ability of the funding committee to fund Campus Life activities?

10. Student Academic Support Services Fee Increase

[Motion Regarding the Increase of the Student Academic Support Services Fee 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to the increase the opt-outable SSMU Student Academic Support Services Fee by \$0.67, from \$0.93 to a total of \$1.60, per student, per semester, payable by all full-time and part-time SSMU members, starting in Fall 2024 and to be charged until Winter 2029 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote would result in increased MiniCourses registration costs and limited free Open Educational Resources?

11. Arab Student Network Fee Increase

[Motion Regarding Arab Student Network Fee Increase Referendum Question 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to increase the opt-outable SSMU Arab Student Network Fee by \$0.50, from \$0.50 to \$1 per student per semester payable by all SSMU members, starting in Fall 2024 until winter



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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, resulting in the reduction of some the Arab Student Network operations, as well as limitations in the quality of the services offered by the Arab Student Network?

12. Library Improvement Fund Fee Renewal

[Motion Regarding the Renewal of the Library Improvement Fund Fee 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to renew the opt-outable SSMU Library Improvement Fund Fee at a rate of \$8.50 for full time students and \$4.25 for part time students per semester, starting in Fall 2024 until Winter 2029 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority "no" vote would result in the termination of the fee?

13. keep.meSAFE Fee Renewal

[Motion Regarding the Renewal of the keep.meSAFE Fee 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to renew the non-opt-outable SSMU keep.meSAFE fee at \$2.75 per student per semester, payable by all SSMU members, starting Fall 2024 until Winter 2029 (inclusive) to access 24/7/365 mental health services?

14. Creation of Student Rights Fee and Fund

[Motion Regarding the Creation of the Student Rights Fee and Fund 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to the creation of the opt-outable SSMU Student Rights Fund at a rate of \$0.25 per student per semester, payable by all SSMU members, starting in Fall 2024 until 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 limitations for SSMU to provide resources, information, and funding for student rights?

15. Nomination of Auditor for 2024 Fiscal Year Referendum Question

[Motion Regarding the Nomination of the Auditor for the 2024 Fiscal Year 2024-02-15](#)

Do you agree to the appointment of BDO Canada LLP as the Auditor for the 2024 Fiscal Year for the Students' Society of McGill University, with the understanding that a majority "no" vote will result in the SSMU's inability to be properly audited for this fiscal year?



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16. Mustbus Opt-Outable Fee Increase

Do you agree to increase the opt-outable MUSTBUS fee by \$2.00, from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per semester, payable by all SSMU members, starting Fall 2024, until Winter 2029 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority 'No' vote will result in the fee remaining at its current rate?

17. Student-initiated question: Student Support Fee

Do you agree to renew the opt-out-able Student Support Fee at a rate of \$9.70 per student per semester, reduced from \$10.29 per student per semester, payable by all SSMU members for unlimited access to Udemy & Calm starting in Fall 2024 until Winter 2029 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority "no" vote will result in the termination of the fee and the service currently provided?