

WHEREAS, the real dollar amount of SSMU's current membership fee has been constant since 2007;

WHEREAS, the SSMU is asking a special referendum question to increase this fee by \$5.50 per student per semester as attached in APPENDIX A;

WHEREAS, this fee increase aims to expand mental health services for students, improve student space on campus, and increase student job opportunities, among other initiatives;

WHEREAS, in the event that this fee increase is approved, the SSMU Executives have committed to increasing the Club Fund by \$25,000 and reducing the leases of the Independent Student Groups by 15%;

WHEREAS, the AUS and students in the Faculty of Arts directly benefit from SSMU funding for student groups through applications by departmental associations, and AUS committees;

WHEREAS, per the AUS Constitution,

“2.1 The AUS exists to:

2.1.1 Represent all McGill students in the Faculty of Arts and to promote their welfare and interests;

2.1.2 Provide activities and services to enhance the educational, cultural, environmental and social conditions of its members.”

BE IT RESOLVED, that the AUS formally endorse a YES vote in the upcoming SSMU referendum question regarding a base fee increase of \$5.50 per student per semester.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the AUS formally announce its support for a YES vote on its website, its facebook page, and through a ~~special~~ listserv sent out to its members.

Moved by,

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