**Motion to Approve and Form a “Yes” Committee for the Question Regarding the Renewal of the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society Fee**

**Whereas** the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society Fee subsidizes the operations of the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society (AUTS), a group affiliated with AUS and the AUS’s Fine Arts Council (FAC) that puts on a major annual theatrical production, such as RENT, Chicago, West Side Story.

**Whereas***,* without a fee levy, the financial viability of AUTS would depend solely upon the generosity of private individuals, which would put them in an unpredictable and unsustainable position;

**Whereas,** the AUTS Fee must be renewed every three years in a referendum of AUS members;

**Whereas** according to the Electoral Bylaws:

*4.1 Any fee imposed by a referendum shall be brought to subsequent referenda per its stipulated term limit for cyclical review.*

*4.2 Referenda may be initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council or by a petition signed by at least one hundred and fifty (150) members of the Society and filed with Elections AUS a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to polling.*

*4.3 In the case of a Council-initiated question, Council must ratify the wording of the question in both official languages of the AUS a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to polling. Approved fee-related questions must also be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning).*

*4.5 Council may form a “Yes” or “No” committee in any referendum through a regular motion of Council. A chairperson for the committee shall be appointed in the same motion.*

**Whereas** the deadline established by the Chief Returning Officer for the approval of referendum questions is November 4th 2015 and the formation of referendum committees is November 16th, 2015;

**Be It Resolved** that AUS Council approve the attached questions regarding the AUTS Fee renewal;

**Be It Further Resolved** that a “Yes” Committee be established for the “Question Regarding the Renewal of the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society Fee”; and that AUTS Producer Sarah Denis serve as Committee Chairperson

Moved By:

Jacob Greenspon, AUS President

Mirza Ali Shakir, AUS VP Finance

**Question Regarding The Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society (AUTS) Fee:**

*Whereas,* the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) has a commitment to promoting fine arts at McGill University for Arts undergraduate students;

*Whereas,* the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society (AUTS) is a group affiliated with AUS and the AUS’s Fine Arts Council (FAC) that puts on a major annual theatrical production, such as RENT, Chicago, West Side Story.

*Whereas,* AUTS plays a key role in fostering appreciation of and participation in theatre in the absence of a formal performing arts program;

*Whereas,* AUTS provides opportunities for students to engage in acting, producing, technical production, directing, choreography, design, and more;

*Whereas,* without a fee levy, the financial viability of AUTS would depend solely upon the generosity of private individuals, which would put them in an unpredictable and unsustainable position;

*Whereas,* a fee levy on students that is less than the cost difference between adult and student ticket pricing for their annual production results in more predictable finances for AUTS which lessens the financial burden on individuals who participate in the Arts Undergraduate Society;

*Whereas,* the passage of this referendum question assures the continued stability of AUTS’ finances as an internal affiliated group of the Arts Undergraduate Society.

**The Arts Undergraduate Society proposes that their fee continue to be levied for the next three years to aid in securing future opportunities for students within the performing arts. The fee per semester will remain unchanged, as follows:**

 **BA - full time (minimum 9 credits) : $1.00 per student per semester
 BA - part time (0.01 to 8.99 credits) : $0.50 per student per semester**

 **BASc - part time/full time : $0.25/0.50 per student per semester**

**This non-opt-outable fee will continue for 3 years, at which time it must be brought back to the membership for renewal.**

**Do you agree to the continued levying of the Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society Fee?**