



# Referendum Question: Thomson House Fee

Submitted to the General Assembly, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Whereas**, medical students have historically been considered “associate members” (not full members) within the PGSS and currently pay a Thomson House Membership fee of \$27.00 biannually (Fall and Winter Semesters). This is identical to what members of the McGill Law Students' Association pay.

**Whereas**, some of the advantages of being associate members include access to Thomson House (graduate students lounge, including the restaurant and café/bar), boardroom bookings, access to activities for members such as theme parties, outings like snowshoeing, skiing, trip to Ottawa, Québec Carnaval, leisure courses like French conversation, yoga, etc. for MSS members.

**Whereas**, MSS Clubs and Standing Committees often currently book rooms at Thomson House for activities and events.

**Whereas**, if this agreement is not renewed, medical students will be considered undergraduate students that do not have the aforementioned advantages.

**Whereas**, if this agreement is not renewed, clubs and standing committees of the MSS which currently book rooms for activities and events will have to pay if they want to access these rooms.

**Whereas**, if this agreement is not renewed, MSS members will not be able to access the Thomson House restaurant and café.

**Do you agree** with the renewal of the non-opt-outable Thomson House Membership fee of \$27.00 per term (Fall and Winter Semesters only) for all undergraduate medical students in order to maintain access to the Thomson House and other advantages for MSS members, with the understanding that a YES vote would lead to the renewal of the fee from the Fall 2019 semester to the Winter 2023 semester, at which time another renewal referendum will be conducted?

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