

## Referendum Questions – Winter 2023 General Elections

### Student Services Fee Levy:

#### Preamble:

Student Services is made up of many essential services working together to support Concordia students' academic success, skills development, health and wellness, meaningful community connections and overall student experience. Whether it's supporting students to excel in their academic studies, find a job, manage mental or physical health challenges, assist student groups and associations to provide opportunities for students to engage in the life of their community, or support specific groups of students such as student parents, students with disabilities, Indigenous students or others, it's difficult to find any aspect of the lives of students that isn't touched by Student Services.

Student Services has not asked students for an increase in their portion of the funding since 2009, even though programs and salaries have consistently increased since then.

The Student Services fee supports the operation and provision of services for the following departments and their units:

Student Learning Services, Student Advocacy Office, Otsenhákta Student Centre, Accessibility Centre for Students with Disabilities and Exams Team, Health Services, Counselling and Psychological Services, Leadership Initiative Volunteer Engagement (LIVE) Centre, Concordia Council on Student Life, Multi-faith and Spirituality Centre, Concordia Student Parents Centre, Career and Planning Services, Student Experience, Financial Aid and Awards, Student Success Centre, Campus Wellness and Support Services & Dean of Students Office

#### Question:

**Do you agree to increase the Student Services fee levy supporting the Student Success Centre, Campus Wellness and Support Services, the Dean of Students Office and the Financial Aid and Awards Office from \$10.26 per credit to \$11.11 per credit (an increase of \$0.85 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be collected from all CSU members and to be implemented for the Fall 2023 term in accordance with the University's tuition refund and withdrawal policy?**

NOTE: This fee cannot be opted out of.

NOTE: Regardless of whether or not this question passes, Student Services will collaborate with the Concordia Student Union (CSU) on creating and mandating an oversight body with voting rights that best fits the needs of the CSU and Students Services. A proposal or memorandum of understanding would be presented to the council one (1) year from the 2023 General Elections. Should this proposal be passed at CSU Council, the body would be staffed and operating starting the next academic year.

### **Anti-Islamophobia Position:**

**Do you agree that the following position be adopted by the CSU and added to the position's book under section 5 titled Anti-Racism, Diversity, and inclusion?**

The Concordia Student Union (CSU) condemns Islamophobia and all forms of discrimination targeted towards the Muslim community. The CSU condemns any speech aimed at dehumanizing Muslims and inciting hatred against their religion. The CSU also opposes any purposeful inaccurate and intentionally misleading information concerning the Islamic faith. The CSU also stands against any media depiction of the Muslim community that affirms any instance of Islamophobic language. The CSU strongly denounces Bill 21, project de loi n\*21, which ultimately discriminates and further excludes Muslim women and other religious minorities from exercising their religious rights and freedoms. Thus, CSU should further mandate itself to hold accountable any student group, staff member or person holding office affiliated with the Concordia Student Union that makes or has a history of past Islamophobic comments.