

Referendum Questions – Fall 2023 By-Elections

1. CSU Clubs Department:

The Concordia Student Union Clubs Fee-Levy, currently at 0.40\$ per credit, has not observed an increase since 2019. The Concordia Student Union oversees over a hundred clubs, providing a wide range of activities to encourage student life to all Concordia students. Financial demands of the Concordia Student Union Clubs have grown significantly. The fees allocated for Clubs under the Concordia Student Union umbrella are solely redistributed back into its membership, and for no other Concordia Student Union service.

Do you agree to increase the Concordia Student Union fee-levy to 0.80\$ per credit (an increase of 0.40\$), from all undergraduate students, annually adjusted to the CPI (Consumer Price Index), enacted as of the Winter 2023 term?

2. CSU Off-Campus Housing & Job Bank (HOJO):

The CSU Off-Campus Housing & Job Bank (HOJO) supports Concordia students by providing reliable housing and employment information, resources and referrals. We are a student union service located on the second floor of the Hall building, open Monday-Friday to assist students dealing with housing or employment questions and concerns. HOJO needs an increase in funding to sustain our workload and allow us to continue to advocate for Concordia student's rights as tenants and workers.

Do you agree to increasing the CSU Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank (HOJO's fee-levy to \$0.49 per credit (an increase of \$0.20 per credit from \$0.29 per credit), to be implemented with registration for the Winter 2024 term, in accordance with the University's Fee Payment, Refund and Withdrawal Policy in effect at the time and to be subsequently indexed annually to inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index, effective Fall 2023? Agreeing to this question means you consent to amending the CSU's Special Bylaw I to reflect this change.

3. Sustainable Concordia:

Since its inception in 2002, Sustainable Concordia has created and institutionalized many different programs. Since the pandemic we've shifted to be a more knowledge-based organization and so we need more funds to continue to properly compensate the community members that share their knowledge. As we've continued to grow over the years, and as we've continued to push our work and organizing efforts be more intersectional, we're now naturally in a place where we're now coming to you students, to ask for an increase of \$0.08 cents per credit to help us continue to support a sustainable culture at Concordia (an increase from \$0.22 per credit to \$0.30 per credit). More specifically, this increase in funding would go towards:

Increased funding for our campaigns and workshops, which includes "Institutionalizing" Organizing Sustainability, one of our main programmes; increasing wages to provide a living wage to staff and external facilitators; providing funding to an increased commitment to bridging accessibility gaps ; increased funding for professional development for staff and board members; collaborating with more hands-on organizations like Growing ARC, food justice organizations that center anti-

oppression and platforms the knowledge of BIPOC sustainability leaders at Concordia; and expanding the professional and educational experience of the Board Members at SC.

Do you as an undergraduate student at Concordia approve of Sustainable Concordia's fee-levy being increased by \$0.08 per credit bringing their fee-levy to \$0.30 per credit. The fee would be effective starting with the 2023 fall semester, and completely refundable in accordance with Concordia University tuition and refund policy.

4. The Link:

The Link Newspaper, Concordia University's independent, 100 per cent student-run media publication, has been covering news of all kinds since 1980. We've been supporting students and workers by holding the Concordia administration accountable for almost half a century. You can find us on newsstands across both campuses and around town every second Tuesday, as well as on every major social media platform.

The Link has not received a fee levy increase since 2001. While we have continuously produced high-quality, award winning student journalism, rising costs have prevented us from being able to produce more content, and compensate our editors and contributors fairly for their work. These barriers have left some unable to participate due to financial constraints.

With this increase, we will promote sustainable work practices and accessibility by ensuring all editors receive honorariums reflecting the Quebec minimum wage and every contributor is compensated for the publication of their work. With your support, we would also explore adding new positions like an audio (podcast) editor or translator to reach Montreal's dynamic, multilingual audience.

Do you agree to increase The Link Newspaper's fee levy from \$0.19 per credit to \$0.40 per credit (an increase of \$0.21 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be collected from all CSU members and to be implemented for the Winter 2024 term in accordance with the University's tuition refund and withdrawal policy?

5. The Concordia Global Affairs Association (CGAA):

Do you agree to increase The Concordia Global Affairs Association fee levy to \$0.11 per credit (an increase of \$0.04 per credit from \$0.07 per credit), from all undergraduate students, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Winter 2023 term, in accordance with the University's tuition, Refund and Withdrawal Policy?