

Since the inception of the Queen's Centre project seven years ago, the administration has assumed that the SGPS membership should contribute \$4.5 million to the Queen's Centre, in proportion to the \$25 million commitment from the AMS membership. The administration has been requesting six successive SGPS Executive to entertain this idea to the membership. This was the first Executive to bring it to Council for official consideration.

Who Can Make the Commitment?

You. If the membership decides by a majority vote at referendum, the SGPS members will have to pay roughly \$112.50 per year for the next 10 years, or twice that amount for the next five years.

What does Council Decide on?

The SGPS Council will decide on whether or not to put this question to referendum. The vote to put the question of referendum will happen on Tuesday (Feb. 9th) at 5:30 pm in Room 241. Principal Woolf will attend to speak to Council and any SGPS members that attend.

Why Should I Attend Council?

All members of the SGPS are entitled to attend Council so long as they don't disturb the proceedings of Council. Come to Council to listen to Principal Woolf and to ask him questions pertinent to the commitment. The Speaker will entertain responsible questions from non-Councillors. The Speaker would also like to encourage you to submit your questions to your Councillor if you cannot attend. You can also demonstrate quietly in favor or against the commitment to express your opinion.

What Do I Get for the \$4.5 million Commitment?

The administration sees this as a donation. While they have negotiated extensively with the AMS over their commitment, they have not done so with the SGPS. If you voted on the commitment today, you will get nothing in addition to what you currently have.

What Do I Lose If I Don't Make the Commitment?

The administration has indicated it will leave SGPS out of the QC governance. There is not a single university across Canada that does not include its student societies in the governance structure of a student life building, such as the Queen's Centre. The administration has also indicated they will neglect SGPS membership's needs. These can include everything from better TA/TF rights, better funding, increased space for graduate and professional students, a new graduate and professional college, and much more.

Where Does the SGPS Executive Stand?

The SGPS Executive decided to bring this to Council in a spirit of cooperation with the administration. The Executive feels that this spirit has changed into a tactic of intimidation against the SGPS. The administration has done this a number of times in the past for different issues, but with little success. While the Executive is divided on whether or not to take this question to referendum, they all recommend voting against it as there are no benefits for the membership from this. This is all for a building that has neglected many graduate and professional needs.

Final Thoughts

The membership is the ultimate decision-maker on this issue. As such, the membership should take ownership of this issue. Direct your Councillors and your Executive on what to do. Vote for the candidates that share your sentiments. Vote for or against the commitment if Council puts it on referendum. Indicate to the current or next Executive whether they should negotiate the terms of a commitment or ignore them altogether. **This is your decision.** See you at Council.