

TO: Senate  
QUESTION FROM: Madeline Wilson and Bryan Buraga (Senators, 2019-2020)  
RESPONSE FROM: Senator Christopher Manfredi, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic)  
SUBJECT: Question Regarding Athletics Facility Improvement  
MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020 (deferred from March 2020)

PREAMBLE : Athletics and Recreation are one of a handful of largely self-funded units at McGill. Although these units do receive some direct financial support from the University, a majority of their operating expenses must be generated through profits from the sale of goods and services as well as student fees.

As such, since Fall 2004<sup>1</sup>, improvements to facilities in Athletics and Recreation have been funded by the Athletics Facility Improvement Fund. This fund is generated by a \$10.00 ancillary fee charged to all undergraduate students at McGill University. This fee is then fully matched by the University, and the sum total is sent to Athletics and Recreation. Previous projects funded by this fee include, but are not limited to: the resurfacing of Molson Stadium and Forbes Field, the creation of a gender neutral washroom, the 2w [(a)6 (n)2 (d)2 ( w

primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels and pledges to refrain from investing in all companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels, and from all mutual funds that invest in such companies in the future.” As such, the SSMU Legislative Council rejected to send the renewal of the Athletics Facility Improvement Fee to referendum in the fall.

However, it remains unclear whether the University had still budgeted for matched funds for FY20, even though

Recreation is funded through different sources, an important one being contributions from students. The level of operation and activity of the unit is determined by the level of revenues from these different sources, and the unit constantly adapts to this to ensure a safe and welcoming operation.

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