

Graduate Question

Whereas, the Quebec Public Interest Research Group - McGill (QPIRG) is a student-initiated, student-run, non-profit organization whose mandate is to conduct research, education, and action at McGill University and in the Montreal community on environmental and social justice issues.

Whereas, QPIRG is one of 200 PIRGs across the United States and Canada, and has been incorporated as a not-for-profit organization since 1989;

Whereas, QPIRG connects campus and community through annual event series for McGill students (e.g. Rad Frosh, Culture Shock, Social Justice Days) and through numerous working groups (e.g. Accessibilize Montreal!, Community-University Talks, Solidarity Across Borders);

Whereas, QPIRG provides vital resources, funding, meeting space, and a library with alternative books, movies and zines to students and community groups;

Whereas, QPIRG co-coordinates the Community University Research Exchange (CURE) which allows graduate student research to benefit community organizations

Whereas, QPIRG provides on-campus work study jobs for students;

Whereas, McGill students have been supporting QPIRG through a student fee-levy since 1988;

Whereas, any McGill graduate student who pays the opt-outable \$5.00 fee (applied in the fall and in the winter terms) is a member of QPIRG, with all the rights and privileges pursuant thereto;

Whereas, a “yes” vote to the following question shall mean that QPIRG will continue receiving the graduate fee-levy and that students will retain the right to opt-out of the fee on Minerva each fall and winter term;

Do you support QPIRG continuing as a recognized student activity supported by student fees with the understanding that a majority “no” vote will result in the termination of graduate student fees to QPIRG?