There are four classifications of potential vendors, they are indicated below.

A few proposals have been received by the MSUC Board of Management (the group in charge of operating the Student Centre, comprised of student and University representation), but we need your help to make a decision.

The importance of the Student Centre is not simply that it provides a space for all of us — but also because of what the MSUC represents. The McMaster University Student Centre is physical proof of the capability of students. The building's history can be traced back to the 1970's when the MSU realized that this space would not suffice and in 1980 a levy was instituted to pay for a new student centre. In 2002 the current Student Centre opened, over twenty years after students started paying for a building that they would never get to use, and they did this because they believed it was something future McMaster students needed.

The Student Centre is a representation of student vision and accomplishment. As such, I want to ensure that the vendor chosen to fill the current vacancy is relevant and desired by students. The best way I can advocate for you is if you vote for the class you want to see in the Student Centre. To do this, please visit http://studentcentre.msumcmaster.ca and fill out our brief survey. The current options are:

- Food Services (sandwiches/wraps/ wraps, coffee house etc.)
- Merchandise (clothing and/or retail, etc.)
- Financial Services (Bank, Credit Union, Financial advice, etc.)
- Beaucic (Salon/Barber, Optometrist, Aesthetician, etc.)

Please help us decide what should be in the Student Centre. Help us plan for future students and help honour the tradition of McMaster students who have hoped to make this campus better.

So, why should you care? Well here are a few facts to consider:
- The average student debt after graduation is $26,680.
- Rural students are 60% less likely to attend university than urban students.
- Only 9% of aboriginal students attended post-secondary education.
- Students from higher income families are twice as likely to attend university.
- Thousands of qualified people don't have the means to access post-secondary education. Whether it be financial, cultural, geographical, motivational or informational, the barriers to education are vast. Take some time during March 5 – 9 and check out the events taking place in the Student Centre and help Ontario students find their seat.