



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Office of the Speakers
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Motion Regarding Work on the McGill Education Summit

Whereas, the Quebec government intends to hold a summit on education at some as-yet-undetermined point in the next several months, as part of its election promises and following the cancellation of the proposed tuition hike;

Whereas, this summit will likely be a broad examination of topics related to universities in this province, including issues such as funding, governance, research, teaching and the role of post-secondary education in society;

Whereas, the SSMU wishes to consult a broad base of its membership in leading up to the government summit, in order to reflect the diversity of views and needs that exist on this campus;

Whereas, TaCEQ, the Quebec-wide association that SSMU is a member of, has currently adopted the topics of: university financing, tuition fees and alternatives, research, financial aid and student debt, university governance, and the role of universities in society;

Whereas, the SSMU External Affairs Committee, and the SSMU Executive Committee, have discussed possible themes and process for a McGill summit at great length;

Resolved, that the SSMU conduct a broad consultation of its membership, in partnership with Faculty student associations and other members of the McGill community, and produce an initial reflection document by the end of the Fall 2012 semester,

Resolved, that the SSMU adopt an initial list of the following topics on which to consult its membership:

- University financing
- Tuition fees and alternatives
- Research
- Financial Aid and Student Debt
- University governance
- The role of university in society
- Out-of-province and international student needs
- Anglophone students in Quebec
- Quality of education
- Structural barriers to post-secondary education.

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