



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

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Motion Regarding a Campus Free from Weapons Development

Whereas, articles VI and VII of the SSMU Constitution read,

VI) All Students' Society endeavours shall be undertaken with full respect for human dignity and bodily sovereignty and without discrimination on the basis of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, language, sexual orientation or social class.

VII) The Students' Society commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection. The Society shall be mindful of the direct and indirect effects corporations, businesses and organizations have on their social, political, economic, and environmental surroundings.

Whereas, research is undertaken at McGill University and by members of the SSMU that violate human dignity and bodily sovereignty,

Whereas, that research includes refining drones and other military aircraft, intrusive surveillance technologies used in policing and military operations including targeting drone strikes, creating legal justification for violence in maintaining and expanding control over non-national resources, and developing thermobaric bombs--double-explosive weapons that release into the air and then explode a flammable fluid that than combusts the oxygen in the air and creates a shockwave that collapses the lungs of victims,

Resolved, that the SSMU oppose all ongoing and future research on weapons, surveillance technologies with military applications, legal justifications for aggression, war, or control over non-national resources, and any other project designed to facilitate the use of force;

Resolved, that the SSMU condemn the ongoing research of the institutes and professors, found in Appendix A, that specifically facilitates the use of force and call on McGill University and the faculties and departments in which these institutes and professors operate to permanently suspend all research of these institutes or researchers that facilitates the use of force;

Resolved, that the SSMU divest its holdings and refuse to do business with state Departments or Ministries of Defense, state militaries, state intelligence agencies, private militias, private military contractors, weapons manufacturers, and arms dealers, with the exception of firms that responsibly produce small personal firearms;

Resolved, that the SSMU call on McGill University to divest its holdings in private militias, private military contractors, weapons manufacturers, and arms dealers, and to create and enforce a policy of allowing no future research on weapons, surveillance technologies with military applications, legal justifications for aggression, war or control over non-national resources, or any other project designed to facilitate the use of force.



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Appendix A:

The Shockwave Physics Group that researches thermobaric explosives, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.

The Computational Fluid Dynamics Lab that improves the design of drones, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.

The Center for Intelligent Machines that designs surveillance technology for drones, an inter-departmental inter-faculty group.

The CLUMEQ supercomputer used for simulations.

Research on hyper-spectral imaging surveillance technology used to facilitate policing and military activities, in the Department of Geography, Faculty of Science.

The Institute of Air and Space Law that provides legal justification for Western militarization of outer space, in the Faculty of Law.