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## **Report of the Steering Committee of Council**

Convened on November 26, 2012

**Present:** President Redel, Vice-President Dinell, Vice-President Reid-Fraser, Vice-President Szpejda, Councillor Larson, Councillor Chaim, Councillor Rea, Speaker of Council

### **Guest Speakers**

- There will be two guest speakers for the 11/29/12 meeting of Council
  - Lilith Wyatt, Sustainability Projects Fund Administrator
  - Mitchell Miller, Student Life Coordinator

### **New Business**

- Four notices of motion submitted regarding by-law amendments relating to the Clubs and Services portfolio will be given at the next Council meeting (the third reading will be the 01/10/13 meeting of Council)
  - The motions originally had the Interest Group Committee as one of the two required movers; they were sent back with suggestions and resubmitted with a second Councillor
- Notice of Motion Regarding Amendments to SSMU By-Law Book II concerning allocation of funds from the Club Fund will have its third reading at 11/29/12 Council
  - It will be open for debate, amendment and voting at this third reading
- Motion Regarding Opposition to Continued Colonialism in the North was sent back to the movers with suggestions:
  - For the sixth whereas clause, it was suggested to source the statement
  - For the seventh whereas clause, it was suggested that if the clause was written to imply a potential conflict of interest, it should specify as such
  - The last whereas clause should be reworded to specify that it is the SSMU that has an anti-oppressive mandate
  - The first resolved clause mentions colonialism; as such it is suggested to include a whereas clause that defines colonialism, and from what source
  - The first the second clause can be merged, and the second resolved clause outlines the "active opposition" the SSMU would take
  - The information in the second resolved clause should list the specific firms/corporations, perhaps in an appropriate appendix at the end of the motion
  - The references provided are almost all secondary sources; it is suggested to also include primary sources to strengthen the motion
  - The last reference to political campaigns research should reference the sources used in that research, not the research itself, so that it is more specific
- Motion Regarding a Campus Free from Weapons Development was sent back to the movers with suggestions:
  - In the third whereas clause, it is suggested to provide citations for the research you are outlining
  - In the second resolved clause, it is suggested that the statement "specifically oppose the ongoing research" be more specific and outline the specific calls to action



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- The list of researchers' names as part of the second resolved clause can be construed as accusative, and does not strengthen the motion. It is suggested that the names of the projects of the individuals listed be included instead of the names themselves, also because these individuals may be involved in research in other areas that do not concern your motion
- It would be more appropriate to include the list of projects/groups after the second resolved clause in a formulated appendix at the end of the motion, and that specific citations be included for each project
- To strengthen this list/appendix, it is suggested that clarification be given to outline if it is all of the research a group undertakes, or specific projects they undertake among their many projects, that concern your motion, as some projects a group undertakes may not be in an area/field that concerns your motion
- Specify what CLUMEQ stands for, as well as what simulations their supercomputer does, as currently it is very vague
- In the last resolved clause, it is suggested to included the specific calls to action when stating "that the SSMU lobby McGill"
- Motion Regarding SSMU <3's CATZ, E-Waste Collection Point, Approval of the SSMU Budget for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year, Effective Representation, and the Physical Labeling of the Madeleine Parent Room were approved with significant comments or suggestions
- A discussion point submitted by Councillor Bissky Dziadyk regarding McGill's grade in the report published recently regarding free speech on university campuses will be inscribed on the 01/10/13 meeting of Council
- There will be a discussion point regarding a report to be written and submitted by VP Reid-Fraser regarding the feedback and discussion from last week's SSMU Education Consultations

#### **In-Camera Session**

- There will be a confidential session prior to adjournment of Council to approve the minutes of the previous two confidential sessions of Council

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Tong on behalf of the Speakers of Council