



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

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Motion Regarding Alternative Education Summit

Whereas, the Quebec government is currently in the process of carrying out a summit on the topic of Higher Education in Quebec, based on four themes: quality of teaching, participation and accessibility, financing and governance and the contribution of institutions to research and development in Quebec,

Whereas, the summit was first announced at the beginning of November, and is expected to end in February,

Whereas, a number of groups have expressed concerns with the limited amount of time given to prepare for the Summit, including TaCEQ, of which SSMU is a member

Whereas, much of the discussion is taking place during four themed meetings, in which only a limited number of specific groups are able to participate; other gatherings include public consultation and a winter 'school' for youth, but participation for both are limited in the number able to attend,

Whereas, all of these important topics are being discussed without a common frame of reference or even a treatment of the consideration as to what is the role of higher education in Quebec society, how it is changing, and whether it is adequately meeting the needs of the population,

Whereas, the splitting of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology from the Ministry of Education, Sports and Leisure means that no single minister is able to coordinate the missions of all levels of education in the province

Whereas, TaCEQ has adopted for the 2012-2013 year the theme of "the role of university in society"

Resolved, that the SSMU bring to TaCEQ for consideration the suggestion that TaCEQ organize another education summit, separate from that of the Quebec government and to be held at a later date, revolving around the topic of "the role of higher education in Quebec society," with the possibility of collaborating with other groups including but not limited to other national student associations, unions, community organizations and educational institutions,

Resolved, that the goal of this summit be that it be as open to participation of all parties as possible, and that TaCEQ work to specifically invite groups that are currently not present at the education summit meetings, but may have input regarding higher education in Quebec.

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