



Students' Society of McGill University  
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### Motion Regarding État Généraux on Higher Education

*Whereas*, the 2012 planned tuition hike was justified partly due to a report by CREPUQ which stated that Quebec universities were underfinanced by millions of dollars;<sup>i</sup>

*Whereas*, following that, conflicting reports were released stating that the amount put forward by CREPUQ was simply a measure of how much more money universities would receive if tuition in Quebec were raised to equal the average tuition across Canada;<sup>ii</sup>

*Whereas*, the FEUQ has recently gone back on its agreement that universities are currently underfinanced, based on the lack of clearly determined financial needs as provided by those universities;<sup>iii</sup>

*Whereas*, the PQ government has also recently questioned the notion of whether universities are indeed underfinanced or if it is simply a matter of university misspending of the money they currently receive;<sup>iv</sup>

*Whereas*, much of the debate regarding tuition increases and other sources of university financing are based on what is perceived to be the need for increased funding to universities;

*Whereas*, the only thing that is clear at this point, is that there are many opposing views on the whole situation;

*Whereas*, as students paying tuition, and as members of Quebec society contributing to the tax system, and as citizens engaged in this ongoing debate, we have a right to a more clear understanding of the actual financial picture of the educational institutions to which we are contributing;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU call for an état généraux of Quebec higher education, in which the real spending and real financial needs of universities will be examined,

*Resolved*, that the SSMU demand that an independent, impartial party carry out a full audit of university spending,

*Resolved*, that the SSMU bring these mandates to TaCEQ, with the intention that TaCEQ make this demand at the upcoming meetings it attends during the Education Summit.

Moved by:

Robin Reid-Fraser, Vice-President (External Affairs)  
Devin Bissky Dziadyk, Science Representative

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<sup>i</sup> <http://www.budget.finances.gouv.qc.ca/Budget/2011-2012/en/documents/Educationen.pdf>



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<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.iris-recherche.qc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Brochure-English-web.pdf>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.ledevoir.com/societe/education/362243/des-chiffres-qui-ne-valent-rien>

<sup>iv</sup> <http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/quebec-canada/education/201210/05/01-4580847-duchesne-met-en-doute-le-sous-financement-des-universites.php>