



Motion Regarding the Guarantee of Freedom of Dress in the SSMU Building

Whereas Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the right of free expression, regardless of the content of that expression, to the exception of violence and the threats of acts of violence;

Whereas the choice of dress is intrinsically tied to the notion of free speech and free expression;

Whereas limitations on outward appearance contribute to a loss of individual or cultural identity;

Whereas Article 2.5 of the Equity Policy adopted by the Student Society of McGill University provides specific guidelines for what warrants condemnation of oppressive behavior;

Be it resolved that the right of freedom of dress shall not be infringed upon or denied on the SSMU grounds, inside SSMU facilities or at events organized through the SSMU excepting under reasonable circumstances;

Be it further resolved reasonable circumstances shall be defined as an individual garment being deemed inequitable and thusly banned based on the explicit content of their images or text, and this shall be determined on a case-by-case basis based on the SSMU Equity Policy;

Be it further resolved that any standing bans on student groups' choice of dress be overturned immediately.

Moved by petition at the General Assembly