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Motion to Rescind the SSMU Legislative Council Decision re Dec 5th **Confidential Session**

Whereas, a decision was made by the SSMU Legislative Council on December 5th during a Confidential Session regarding a recommendation from the SSMU Equity Complaints Investigation Committee,

Whereas, the recommendation that was adopted mandated that the defendant would send out a public apology via the SSMU listsery, and that they would take mandatory equity training sessions on a monthly basis and report to Council about those sessions,

Whereas, the listsery elicited a significant negative reaction by members of the SSMU,

Whereas, the listsery, by using the Obama .GIF has an example of microaggressions has led students to be confused about the topic of microaggressions and have consequently hurt efforts to fight racism and the image of equity initiatives,

Whereas, the equity sessions and subsequent report to Council have been perceived as unnecessary and excessively punitive by some members of the SSMU,

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council rescinds its decision on December 5th to approve the SSMU Equity Complaints Investigation Committee's recommendations on the basis that the public apology trivialized the issues of equity and racism on campus,

Resolved, that whatever communications used to make public the rescinding of this motion be accompanied by information on the details surrounding SSMU Council's decision to rescind and what factors came in to play. Contributors on this information provision shall include the Black Students' Network and the SSMU Equity Complaints Investigation Committee.



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