



Motion Regarding the Proposed Quebec Charter of Values

Whereas, the SSMU strives to “strengthen the educational, cultural, environment, political and social conditions of our membership”¹ and is committed to “demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, [and] social justice,”²

Whereas, the proposed Quebec Charter of Values stands to compromise the educational, cultural, political, and social conditions of SSMU members,

Whereas, the proposed Quebec Charter of Values stands to compromise the “fundamental freedoms, including freedom of conscience, freedom of religion, freedom of opinion, [and] freedom of expression”³ protected by the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms,

Whereas, as the “official voice of the undergraduate and professional students of McGill” and an organization bound to “act in the best interests of its membership as a whole,”⁴ it is appropriate that the SSMU adopt stances regarding legislation that stand to directly affect its membership, such as the Quebec Charter of Values,

Be it resolved, that the SSMU adopt a stance of opposition to the proposed Quebec Charter of Values.

Be it resolved, that the SSMU draft a letter in opposition to the proposed Quebec Charter of Values to be sent to:

- Premier Pauline Marois
- Principal Suzanne Fortier

¹ “The Constitution of the Students’ Society of McGill University,” SSMU, last modified April 11, 2012, <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Constitution-as-of-April-17-2012.pgf>, p.2.

² SSMU, p.3.

³ “Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms,” c. 1 s. 3, accessed September 23, 2013, http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?type=2&file=/C_12/C12_A.html.

⁴ SSMU, p.2.



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- Media outlets including, but not limited to, La Presse, The Gazette, Le Devoir, and CBC Montreal
- The SSMU membership via the SSMU listserv

Be it resolved, that an Ad-hoc Campaigns Committee of SSMU Legislative Council⁵ in opposition to the proposed Quebec Charter of Values be struck

Moved by: Motion submitted by petition

Approved

⁵ in accordance with the SSMU Legislative Council Committee Terms of Reference.