



Motion Regarding the Plebiscite Question: Bikes on Campus

Whereas, the installation of bike gates at the Milton and University entrance in August 2013 was met with vandalism, complaints regarding the negative impact that gates had on making campus a welcoming and accessible space, and general discontent amongst students;

Whereas, McGill's Master Plan explicitly aims to promote cycling as a sustainable and healthy commuting option for McGill students and staff;

Whereas, the McGill Cycling Working Group, struck by the Associate-Vice Principal, University Services, submitted a 45-page report on the situation of bikes on campus, which deemed the current dismount policy ineffective at ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists at McGill;

Whereas, Shared Space is an approach to street design that minimizes the separations between cyclists and pedestrians, forcing all mode users to share the space, and where the pedestrian is considered the primary user of the shared space and has the right of way at all times;

Whereas, the McGill Cycling Working Group submitted recommendations to McGill's senior administration that a Shared Space policy should be implemented on campus instead of the current dismount policy;

Be it resolved, that the following plebiscite questions be added on the Fall 2014 second referendum ballot.

Question 1: Should cycling be allowed on lower campus?

Question 2: Should SSMU lobby the McGill administration to allow bikes on campus?

Be it resolved, that the following whereas clauses be provided for background information before Questions 1 and 2

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APPROVED