



Motion to Publish a Memorandum Regarding Inaccurate Journalism

WHEREAS, a reporter from the Montreal Gazette published an article¹ that directly misquoted President Ibrahim and was reposted in the National Post²;

WHEREAS, this misinformation has concretely caused misunderstandings and discomfort in the McGill community;

WHEREAS, the SSMU is committed to transparency in all its operations and activities;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU publish a memorandum, appended hereto as Appendix A, via the SSMU website and Facebook page.

Moved by:

Kareem Ibrahim, President

Catherine McDougall, Engineering Representative

Erin Sobat, Senate Caucus Representative

¹ <http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/controversial-vote-by-mcgill-students-supports-bds>

² <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/mcgill-students-vote-to-support-boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-against-israel>



Appendix A
Memo to all SSMU Members

Dear students,

It has come to our attention that following the General Assembly on February 22, 2016, ~~a~~ ~~reporter from~~ the Montreal Gazette, ~~Karen Seidman,~~ [published an article](#) that misquoted the President of the SSMU, an act which has likely caused misinformation and discomfort in the community.

~~She~~ [The article](#) wrote, “[Ibrahim] really hoped that Jews on campus won’t feel alienated.” when, in fact, this is inaccurate. Ibrahim actually stated that he hoped “that no one on campus feels alienated”, which is quite different from what was published in the [Gazette](#) and then shared in the [National Post](#).

Although the quote has been retracted from all the articles, the SSMU maintains that the distribution of this kind of misinformation is detrimental to McGill, the SSMU, and our campus community.

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