



## MOTION REGARDING LETTER TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FROM THE MCGILL COMMUNITIES COUNCIL

**Whereas**, in Summer 2016 the SSMU released a research report, entitled A Seat at the Table: An Analysis of the McGill University Board of Governors, in order to examine longstanding issues with the structure and administration of the McGill Board of Governors;<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas**, recommendations of the report include expanding Member-at-Large seats from the McGill community; soliciting public nominations for Members-at-Large; actively recruiting for diversity in Governors; revising regulations for closed and in-camera sessions; implementing tracked voting for all decisions; and developing consultative protocols for student input in decision-making;

**Whereas**, the McGill Communities Council (MCC) is an informal monthly gathering of representatives from all major campus staff and student associations, formed in 2012;

**Whereas**, SSMU Executives including the President, Vice-President (University Affairs), and Vice-President (External Affairs) regularly participate in meetings of the MCC;

**Whereas**, the MCC has discussed systemic or recurring issues with the Board of Governors throughout most of its existence;

**Whereas**, SSMU Executives have worked with the MCC since November 2016 in order to communicate the shared concerns of member associations to the Board, and make plans to meet with members of the Board to discuss solutions;

**Whereas**, a letter from the MCC summarizing these concerns was circulated to the Board of Governors on February 1, 2017;

**Whereas**, this letter was signed on behalf of the SSMU by the Executive, however it would be beneficial to have wider awareness and endorsement of these concerns among students;

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<sup>1</sup> "PRESS RELEASE – A Seat at the Table: An Analysis of the McGill University Board of Governors," Students' Society of McGill University (November 29, 2016).

<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/blog/2016/11/press-release-a-seat-at-the-table-an-analysis-of-the-mcgill-university-board-of-governors/>



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Submitted for February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

**Be It Resolved,** That the SSMU Legislative Council formally endorse the Letter to the Board of Governors from the McGill Communities Council (Appendix A).

**Moved by:**

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