



MOTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY POLICY

Whereas, the SSMU adopted an Indigenous Solidarity Policy (Appendix A) on March 31, 2016;

Whereas, when adopted this policy included several amendments proposed by councillors and executives without adequate consultation, such as imposing limits to the overall scope of the policy as well as the requirement for territory acknowledgements at some events;¹

Whereas, Indigenous students and community members have indicated that the current policy does not meet their needs in all areas, including but not limited to those sections revised at the Legislative Council meeting of March 31, 2016;

Whereas, effective Indigenous solidarity is an evolving learning process that requires constant engagement, critique, and adjustment;

Whereas, the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner, Vice-President (University Affairs), and President have worked with the Indigenous Affairs Committee and Indigenous community members since Fall 2016 to develop revisions and clarifications to the Policy;

Be It Resolved, That the SSMU adopt the following revisions (Appendix B) to the Indigenous Solidarity Policy.

Moved by:

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¹ Legislative Council Minutes, Students' Society of McGill University (March 31, 2016).
<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Legislative-Council-Minutes-Approved-2016-03-31.pdf#page=4>