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MOTION TO STRIKE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Whereas, an open letter with over 450 signatures and counting has called on the SSMU to address concerns with regards to rising anti-Semitism on campus.

Whereas, a research report from Am Cha found that the consideration of anti-Israel divestment resolutions in student government was strongly linked to a surge in anti-Semitic activity.

Whereas, McGill, and specifically the SSMU, has endured numerous anti-Semitism scandals in the past two years, from anti-Semitic social media posts in Winter 2016, an Arts Representative threatening violence against Zionist-identifying students, and allegations of anti-Semitism as a motivator in the Fall 2017 General Assembly Motion to Ratify Directors to the Board of Directors.

Whereas, anti-Semitism has often been discussed in the SSMU amongst non-Jewish identifying students.

Whereas, the SSMU should strive to create an inclusive for all students, regardless of ethnic, religious, or cultural group.

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU strikes a Special Committee on Anti-Semitism, for a one-year, renewable period, beginning November 15, 2017.

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

President Muna Tojiboeva



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COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE SSMU

1.1 OVERSIGHT. The Special Committee on Anti-Semitism in the SSMU shall be a Committee of the Board of Directors

1.2 GENERAL. The Special Committee on Anti-Semitism in the SSMU shall confront problems of anti-Semitism, both structural and perceived from the membership, within the SSMU. It shall develop recommendations for how the SSMU may make Jewish-identifying people on campus feel more safe, especially within student government.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES. The Special Committee on Anti-Semitism in the SSMU shall:

- 1.3.1 foster education of anti-Semitism, both historical and present, at McGill University and the larger Canadian and world context;
- 1.3.2 foster discussion on the relationship between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism;
- 1.3.3 advise the President, the Board and Legislative Council on issues pertaining to anti-Semitism;
- 1.3.4 develop a comprehensive action plan on combatting anti-Semitism on campus and making Jewish-identifying students feel more comfortable, especially within the SSMU, and present it to the Board of Directors;
- 1.3.5 meet at least one (1) time per two weeks;
- 1.3.6 report to the Board and Legislative Council at least once every semester

1.4 MEMBERSHIP. The Special Committee on Anti-Semitism in the SSMU shall consist of:

- 1.4.1 one (1) Director;
- 1.4.2 one (1) Councillor;
- 1.4.3 a representative from Independent Jewish Voices McGill;
- 1.4.4 a representative from Hillel McGill;
- 1.4.5 a representative from Chabad McGill;



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- 1.4.6 a representative from Am McGill;
- 1.4.7 a representative from Israel on Campus;
- 1.4.8 a representative from the Jewish Studies Students Association;
- 1.4.9 The Chair shall be selected from among the membership, and shall have full voting rights.

1.5 EQUITY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS ADVISORS. The Equity Commissioners may be requested to attend meetings of the Special Committee on Anti-Semitism in the SSMU as advisory, non-voting members.

APPROVED