



Motion Regarding Anti-Austerity Information Dissemination and Mobilization

Whereas, the Liberal government has imposed austerity measures and cuts of approximately \$205 million dollars to university funding¹;

Whereas, the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) has a mandate to mobilize its members against provincial austerity measures through the Motion Regarding SSMU's Opposition to Deregulation and Increase in tuition² and the Motion Regarding Solidarity Against Austerity³;

Whereas, the office of External Affairs has already made efforts to mobilize members through an anti-austerity campaign, including the creation of informational materials, a website⁴, and via social media⁵;

Whereas, mobilization against austerity is a central issue at all other Quebec universities and not so at McGill^{6,7};

Be it resolved, that the office of External Affairs send two listservs to the student body with information about austerity and mobilization happening across Quebec before the end of the academic year, and notably before the province-wide demonstration planned for April 2 2015⁶;

Be it resolved, that Midnight Kitchen's bookshelf be put in the green corner to display anti-austerity literature and informational material.

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1. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/premier-philippe-couillard-sets-sights-on-education-reform-in-2015-1.2882435>

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3. <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/Motion-Solidarity-Against-Austerity-2014-10-23.pdf>

4. fckausterity.com

5. [facebook/ssmuea](https://www.facebook.com/ssmuea)

6. <http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/students-planning-more-protests-to-denounce-austerity-measures>

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