



### **Motion Regarding the Endorsement of the McGill Food Coalition Charter**

Whereas, student groups have been mobilizing in support of student-run food services and against the corporatization of food services on campus since at least 2008<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, the McGill Administration has taken an explicit stance against student-run food services at the November 20, 2014 SSMU Legislative Council<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, the McGill Food Coalition (MFC) was formed in December 2014 as a response to the McGill Administration's banning of sandwich sales at Snax, a student-run café operating under the Arts Undergraduate Society;

Whereas, the MFC seeks to support and foster student-run food services across McGill University through shared experience, collaboration, mobilization, and a common understanding of the importance of student-run initiatives on campus<sup>3</sup>;

Whereas, as part of its collective and consultative mandates, the MFC is seeking signatures from student groups and organization in order to demonstrate support for student-run food initiatives on campus;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU endorse the McGill Food Coalition;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council 2014-2015 add itself as a signatory to the McGill Food Coalition Charter;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU remain an active member of the MFC through the office of the Vice-President (Finance and Operations);

Be it resolved, that the Vice-President (Finance and Operations) report on the activities of the MFC to the Legislative Council.

Moved By:

Kathleen Bradley, VP (Finance and Operations)  
Stefan Fong, VP (Clubs and Services)  
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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2008/03/students\\_boycott\\_corporate\\_food\\_services/](http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2008/03/students_boycott_corporate_food_services/)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2014/11/deputy-provost-shows-support-student-run-food-services/>

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix 1



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Rachel Weaver, Services Representative  
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## Appendix 1

### Student Food Coalition Charter

#### **Mission Statement**

McGill Food Coalition seeks to support and foster student-run food services across McGill University through shared experience, collaboration, mobilization, and a common understanding of the importance of student-run initiatives on campus. The Coalition recognizes the increasing corporatization of food services and its resulting constraints on both learning experiences for students and the McGill community, as well as the correlational desire for alternate food and business models that address needs such as student employment, financial accessibility, and environmental sustainability.

#### **Values**

Because we value **shared experience and collaboration**, we will:

- o collaborate with and engage all members of the McGill community including staff, students, faculties, administrators, and Montreal community members
- o To act as a channel for student dialogue and work in solidarity with student-run initiatives and their affiliated organizations
- o support one another in interactions and negotiation with the McGill Administration
- o Build partnerships with peer institutions and other student groups
- o Remain accessible to all McGill and Montreal members and operate on a non-hierarchical, consensus-based decision making process that values and respects the different needs of each member

Because we value **the financial and social accessibility of food**, we will:

- o Support and foster the offering of diverse dietary choices and needs on campus
- o Recognize the financial barriers to healthful, fresh food some individuals face and seek to reduce those barriers wherever possible

Because we value **the contribution of student voices and needs in the allocation of spaces on campus**, we will:

- o Advocate the right to student-run initiatives and spaces through the democratization of spaces
- o support student participation in the decision-making process around space planning and allocation

Because we value **the three pillars of sustainability (economic, social, environmental)**, we will:

- o Encourage sound financial processes for student-run businesses, and whenever possible provide financial advising to ensure the institutional strength of the member organizations



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- o Prioritize suppliers and businesses that demonstrate strong social responsibility in terms of fair wages, equitable hiring practices, and the respect for Indigenous territory rights
- o Help implement proper waste reduction and recycling programs, and prioritize products which are sustainably produced
- o Create open, accessible, and safe(r) spaces for students to engage with one another and with student-run services

Because we value **the academic nature of the university setting**, we shall:

- o Foster relationships between faculties and fields of research and, wherever possible, support the inclusion of academic pursuits into the fabric of student-run initiatives
- o Create continued opportunities within and between student-run projects for Applied Student Research

Signed:

AUS SNAX  
McGill Spaces Project

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