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## Motion Regarding the Adoption of the SSMU Accessibility Policy

WHEREAS, the Society is committed to the demonstration of leadership in matters of human rights and social justice and is committed to activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or social class as per the Society's Constitution;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, students with disabilities are a disadvantaged group that face unique challenges on the McGill campus;

WHEREAS, the SSMU currently does not have any governance document that outlines efforts to increase the accessibility of the events, communications, programming, and governance of the Society, all of which are essential to the support of students with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the adoption of an Accessibility Policy would institutionalize the SSMU's commitment to supporting students with disabilities and to the development of a more accessible campus;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council adopt the Accessibility Policy appended hereto as Appendix A, with an expiry date of April 7, 2021.

## Moved by:

Kimber Bialik, Vice-President (Clubs and Services) Kahli Douglas, Services Representative Becky Goldberg, Arts Representative Chloe Rourke, Vice-President (University Affairs)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>SSMU Constitution</u>, amended March 18, 2016.