



Legislative Council – March 15th, 2018

Motion Regarding the Policy for the Implementation of a Fall Reading Break

Whereas, 61% of Canadian universities have already implemented four or more study days in the Fall semester;

Whereas, evidence suggests that a Fall Reading Break reduces stress levels in students, particularly first-year students;

Whereas, a 2015 survey of 5112 students conducted by Enrollment Services found that 71.5% of respondents were in favour of a Fall Reading Break;

Whereas, a Proposal for a Fall Reading Break at McGill University has already been developed;

Whereas, the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) has supported proposals for a Fall Reading Break in the past;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU renew its stance of support for a Fall Reading Break at McGill University;

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU support campaigns for the implementation of a Fall Reading Break at McGill University through the offices of the Vice-President (External Affairs) and Vice-President (University Affairs);

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU through the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs), lobby the University to implement a Fall Reading Break at McGill University as soon as possible;

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU, through the Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs), lobby the provincial government for legislation implementing a Fall Reading Break;

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU encourages the Senate Caucus to pursue implementation of a Fall Reading Break until said break is implemented or this policy expires;

Be it further Resolved, that this policy be valid for five years until April 1, 2023, when it will be brought back to the membership for renewal;

Be it further Resolved, that this Motion be brought to the SSMU membership for approval during the 2018 Winter Referendum period under the question:
“Do you agree that the Policy on Implementation of a Fall Reading Break be adopted as a policy of the SSMU?”

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council endorse the adoption of the Policy on Implementation of a Fall Reading Break.



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