



Legislative Council – November 2nd, 2017

Motion Regarding the Immediate Contestation of Bill 62

Whereas, the SSMU is an organization and union that represents a diverse body of undergraduate students while adhering to a policy that supports equitable measures:

“All the SSMU's endeavors shall be undertaken with full respect for human dignity and bodily sovereignty and without discrimination on the basis of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, language, sexual orientation or social class”¹;

Whereas, the SSMU is committed to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection;

Whereas, the enforcement of Bill 62 goes against the SSMU's commitment to human rights, non-discrimination, and social justice;

Whereas, Bill 62 is a racist and sexist piece of legislation, as it is a direct affront to women who wear face coverings for religious reasons;

Whereas, Bill 62 represents an attempt to exploit minority populations and foment xenophobia and intolerance for political gain;

Whereas, members of the SSMU are and will be negatively impacted by the enforcement of Bill 62 on campus;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU will make clear through its communications networks that any enforcement of Bill 62 is against its values and commitment to social justice;

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will make a public announcement denouncing Bill 62 on all its platforms;

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will promote on-campus and local initiatives working to combat Bill 62;

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will promote campus-related and local initiatives on their social media platforms to raise awareness about the problems regarding Bill 62 and its impact on the McGill community;

¹ <http://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/SSMU-Consistution-2017-03-16.pdf?x26516>



Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will help affected students to know their rights and provide resources for students being negatively impacted by the effects of Bill 62.

Be it further Resolved, through the office of the Vice-President (External) the SSMU will promote on-campus and local initiatives working to combat Bill 62;

Be it further Resolved, through the office of the Vice-President (External) the SSMU will promote campus-related and local initiatives on their social media platforms to raise awareness about the problems regarding Bill 62 and its impact on the McGill community;

Be it further Resolved, through the office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) the SSMU will help affected students to know their rights and provide resources for students being negatively impacted by the effects of Bill 62.

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU through its VP External will connect with other university student unions and campus unions to adopt a similar motion to this in protesting Bill 62.

Be it further Resolved, the ssmu through the office of the VP external report back to council on November 16th concerning the results of these initiatives and recommendations for further steps in approaching provincial government.

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