



Legislative Council – November 2nd, 2017

Motion regarding Endorsement of Daily Publications Society Referendum Question

Whereas, The Daily Publications Society (DPS) publishes Le Délit and The McGill Daily, two independent, student-run, non-profit newspapers both in print and online;

Whereas, all registered students on the downtown campus except for students in the School of Continuing Studies, and students in Graduate Medicine and Dentistry are members of the DPS;

Whereas, for more than 100 years and 35 years respectively, The McGill Daily and Le Délit have provided a forum for students to express their opinions and keep informed of important campus events;

Whereas, both newspapers are critical sources of news and investigative journalism on campus, as well as platforms for commentary and creative work;

Whereas, both newspapers welcome writing and artistic contributions from the entire McGill community;

Whereas, Le Délit is McGill's only francophone student newspaper, and The Daily is among Canada's oldest independent student papers;

Whereas, McGill has no journalism program and through the DPS, students interested in journalism acquire hands-on experience in researching and reporting stories;

Whereas, the DPS hosts annual general meetings every Spring, in which any and all DPS members can propose changes to the society or constitution, as well as raise questions about both publications;

Whereas, an independent and critical press is essential to a vibrant campus society and a healthy democracy;



Whereas, both papers are supported by a non-opt outable student DPS fee of \$6 per undergraduate student per fall and winter term and \$3.35 per graduate student per fall and winter term, without which both papers would cease to exist at McGill;

Be it Resolved, That the SSMU Legislative Council endorse a “yes” vote to DPS existence referendum question in the Fall 2017 Referendum.

Moved by,

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