



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Office of the Speakers
Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

Motion Regarding Renewing Support for Accessible Education

Whereas, the Quebec Government has recently canceled the proposed tuition hike of \$1778 over 7 years;

Whereas, the Quebec Government has historically raised tuition for out-of-province and international students soon after the success of a student strike;

Whereas, many members of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) come from outside Quebec and already pay high tuition rates;

Whereas, the SSMU currently has a resolution "Motion Regarding Accessible Education" (reference: page 88 of the SSMU Resolution Manual) which expired September 26, 2012;

Resolved, that the SSMU continue to uphold the following mandates on accessibility to post-secondary education:

- Support for high-quality, universally accessible post-secondary education as a human right,
- Opposition to any mechanism or legislation that would permit a non-consensual increase in student fees for any student, whether Quebecker, Canadian, or international,
- Call for a public re-investment in post-secondary education from all levels of government,
- Call for the elimination of all financial barriers to a high-quality post-secondary education, and advocate for a progressive reduction of tuition fees for all students, including the eventual replacement of any and all ancillary and tuition fees with alternative methods of funding post-secondary education,
- Work with elements of the Quebec and Canadian student movements that share these goals,

Resolved, that the SSMU specifically oppose any tuition hike proposed by the Quebec government that targets out-of-province or international students,

Resolved, that the External Affairs Committee, in conjunction with SSMU's Political Attaché Researcher and SSMU members at large, work to develop informational materials and policy proposals regarding out-of-province and international students, in line with SSMU's commitment to accessible education for all students.

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