



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

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This motion was amended and adopted at the General Assembly of September 26th, 2011

Motion Regarding the Institutionalization and Documentation of SSMU's
Leadership for Sustainability

Whereas, the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) has made it clear that it is committed to sustainability;

Whereas, the SSMU's adoption of the Five Year Plan for Sustainability in 2009 was a major step towards institutionalizing sustainability within the SSMU's operations;

Whereas, clear and accurate benchmarks are necessary to properly direct student effort in making the SSMU more sustainable;

Whereas, a comprehensive sustainability assessment of the SSMU was done in 2008, which included the recommendation for the assessment to be updated annually;

Whereas, with the creation of the new permanent Sustainability Coordinator position, the SSMU now has the human capacity to carry out that recommendation;

Whereas, student awareness of sustainability efforts and successes on campus is essential for continued student-led action;

Whereas, a central report assessing all sustainability-related work done by student groups and university staff would give a clear overview of the state of sustainability within both SSMU and McGill;

Resolved, that the SSMU will update the Sustainability Assessment annually in an effort to have an overarching understanding of the McGill environmental community and serve as a communication tool for interested students and related green groups,

Resolved, that this new assessment will be compiled by the Sustainability Coordinator reflecting his/her work and will, at a minimum, include:

- An overview of projects that different green student groups have done,
- A summary of the exit reports from the Environment Commissioners, Green Events Coordinator and Green Building Coordinator,
- An evaluation of the year's progress and how they fulfill the long-term goals of SSMU,
- A reflection on the SSMU's relationship with both the Office of Sustainability and McGill University and a list of recommendations for the following academic year,



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Resolved, that this report should be made publicly available to all students on campus and in the Montreal community.

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