



Students' Society of McGill University
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**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,

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

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