



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

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### **Motion Regarding Student Consultation in Re-Appointment of the Deputy Provost of Student Life and Learning**

*Whereas*, the McGill Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities states that “The University has an obligation to ensure that administrative decisions are made, or actions taken, with fair regard for known and legitimate interests of students.” (Part 1, Article 5);

*Whereas*, a memorandum was signed by the Presidents of 11 undergraduate faculty associations, in addition to the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), opposing the extension of the term of Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) this summer without the formation of a consultative body including students;

*Whereas*, the undergraduate student body should have been consulted in this process by the McGill Administration;

*Whereas*, the McGill University Statutes 3.4.1 states that “Before recommending an appointment of the office Provost, Deputy Provost, or Vice-Principal, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee consisting of four representatives of the Board of Governors, four representatives of the Senate and two students,” meaning that the University is not required to consult such a committee in the event of the re-appointment of those holding the above positions;

*Whereas*, the McGill University Statutes 3.4.2 reads “Before recommending an appointment or reappointment for the office of dean of a large faculty, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee of thirteen members, which shall consist of four members nominated by the faculty immediately concerned, four members not necessarily members of the faculty concerned, nor of Senate, appointed by Senate, two members appointed by the Board of Governors, and three student members.”;

*Whereas*, just as McGill respects the interests of students by consulting student representatives in the case of the re-appointment of faculty deans, so should it consider student interests in the case of re-appointments of the Provost, Deputy Provosts, or Vice-Principals;

*Whereas*, the McGill By-Law Book-1 10.1.1 states that the duty of the SSMU Representative to the McGill Board of Governors is “to represent the student body at the Board of Governors”;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU Representative to the McGill Board of Governors and SSMU Representatives to Senate make all reasonable effort to amend the University Statutes article 3.4.1 to add “reappointment, or extension” to read:

“Before recommending an appointment, reappointment or extension for the office of Provost, Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning, or Vice-Principal the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee consisting of four representatives of the Board of Governors, four representatives of the Senate and two students.”



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