Resolution RE: Creating a greater connection between the SSMU Executive and the undergraduate student population on campus

WHEREAS a very similar motion was passed during the 2008-2009 school year, and;

WHEREAS the SSMU Constitution states: "The Students' Society shall act as the official voice of the undergraduate and professional students of McGill and as a liaison between them and the university," and;

WHEREAS the student population pays SSMU Executives \$24,000 per annum, and;

WHEREAS not enough students know about the issues that SSMU deals with and that concern them, and;

WHEREAS each student should have the opportunity to have his/her voice heard within the Student Society, and;

WHEREAS McGill has a small undergraduate population that is easily accessible on campus in libraries, in cafeterias, in sports facilities, and among other venues, and;

WHEREAS SSMU should not be seen as only listening to student concerns during election or referendum periods, and;

WHEREAS students should feel like they have a connection with their student representatives, and;

WHEREAS the SSMU Constitution states in Article 3.1: "The governing body of the Society shall be known as the Legislative Council (hereinafter, Council) and shall be empowered to make all decisions and take all actions on behalf of the Society."

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that each member of the SSMU Council spend a minimum of two hours a week individually sitting at a kiosk outside of the "Shatner" building or walking in different areas of campus with clothing visibly identifying them as a SSMU councillor with the objective of talking to unknown students about different issues in their portfolio, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the SSMU Council actively try to speak with the students that seem apathetic or disinterested, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member of the SSMU Council go to both "Lower campus" as well as faculties not located on "Lower campus" in order to fulfill this mandate, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SSMU Executive include a report of these activities in their bi-weekly "Report to Council."

Respectfully submitted,

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