

**General Assembly Results History
2000-2009**

*"I'm not sure what a general assembly can do anyway, it can't touch the constitution, can't fire anyone and it can't touch finances. It's a vendetta against the SSMU and council. Obviously we will logically argue against anything he proposes, because I'm sure it will be ridiculous."
-disgruntled student 2001*

February 2003

"A Students' Society General Assembly voted on February 20 to support today's student strike against the US war in Iraq. Strike opponents anticipate this motion will be overturned by tomorrow night's SSMU Council, as Society officials say it is in violation of SSMU's constitution"

October 2006

Passed

Committed SSMU to take a stand against rising corporate influence on campus

"condemn corporate invasion of public space and interference in academic life, actively oppose increasing negative corporate influence on campus and support the publicly-owned and funded nature of the university"

Support workers in their struggles with McGill administration- worker solidarity

Passed

"that the SSMU support, by whatever means at its disposal, the workers' struggles affecting our campus and the greater McGill community" and that "when the rights of students anywhere are under attack, the SSMU use whatever means at its disposal to defend said rights"

Midnight Kitchen – to guarantee access to the third floor kitchen in Shatner

Passed

February 1st, 2007

General Assemblies

Passed

Be it resolved that the following bylaw 1-5 be adopted

Black History Month

Passed

Be it resolved that SSMU annually proclaim February to be Black History Month; be it further resolved that the VP communications and events organize and

delegate the organization of appropriate events to commemorate black history month, for example the inclusion of black history month in all student agendas.

Sustainability

Passed

Be it resolved that the student society adopt the following sustainability policy;

1. the student society will actively promote the principles of the ecological, economic and social sustainability on campus; including but not limited to:
 - a. championing student-initiated sustainability projects to McGill's administration;
 - b. working with McGill's admin to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and to responsibly manage our waste;
 - c. working with McGill toward the establishment and maintenance of space where faculty students and staff can easily collaborate on campus-focused sustainability research and implementation'
 - d. working with McGill toward the integration of sustainability issues into existing curricula in all faculties and programs;
 - e. working with McGill to secure space and resources for operating services necessary for building diversity with social equity
2. the student society will creatively implement organizational and operational changes toward becoming a model for sustainability at McGill; including but not limited to:
 - a. regularly monitoring the environmental impact of all student society events and operations
 - b. ensuring that the shatner university centers food offerings and provision meet a high standard of environmental and social responsibility
 - c. minimizing unnecessary energy use and material consumption and striving to make ethical procurements
 - d. ensuring that independent student groups, club and services have access to training and resources to develop their capacities for equitable decision-making and environmental stewardship

Free Education Motion

Passed

Blood Drive Vote

Deemed

Be it resolved that SSMU allow all students to vote on whether banning blood drives is appropriate

Unconstitutional

considering the current Hema-Qubec policies; be it further resolved that SSMU ask a question which is unbiased and does not suggest students vote a certain way; be it further resolved that SSMU choose to write a preamble to the question, that the preamble contains only facts which are references and no opinions so as to remain unbiased; be it further resolved that SSMU reverse its current decision to ban blood drives in Shatner and agree to organize them in the past, should this be the will of the students.

Blood Drives in Shatner

Be it resolved that the student society of McGill University allow faculty organizations and other interested groups to host blood drives in the Shatner University Centre; be it further resolved that any group wishing to host a blood drive in the shatner university centre demonstrate its commitment to educating students on the discriminatory and homophobic nature of Health Canada's refusal to collect blood donations from MSM.

Deemed

Unconstitutional

"According to Shefman, the motion would have in effect mandated councillors to call a referendum on an issue, and a General Assembly does not have the power to force SSMU Council to vote a certain way. Rousseau is considering submitting a referendum question to Elections McGill to appear on the spring ballot."

October 9th, 2007

Motion re: UNITE-HERE

Be it resolved that the SSMU endorse the UNITE-HERE boycott of American Eagle Outfitters and engage in actions including but not limited to distributing material and information about the boycott, informing students about the progress of the boycott and promoting legal actions in regards to the campaign (such as pickets, rallies etc.)

Passed

Motion re: Space in Shatner

Be it resolved that student endeavours be prioritized over any other sort of endeavour in SSMU space;
Be it further resolved that SSMU space, when it is to be used for revenue-generating activities, be given to such operations that are run by and for students;

Passed

Be it further resolved that in the alternative, in such cases as revenue-generating activities are to be contracted out, that they be contracted out only to such companies that are socially and environmental responsible.

Motion re: Opt-outs

Passed

Be it resolved that the SSMU take every reasonable action to reclaim and protect the sovereignty and independence of all campus student groups and activities;
Be it further resolved that the SSMU take every reasonable action to put an end to the online opt-out system recently created by the University such that campus groups shall be in charge of their own opt-out processes.

Motion re: Student-family

No Quorum

Be it resolved that the Students' Society of McGill University adopt the following policy: Student-parent status:
The National Assembly should create a special "student-parent status" to:
Grant parental leave for students, without penalties, financed by the public system, for a maximal period of 2 years
Give priority to the "student-parents" for the places available in the CPEs connected to or near post-secondary institutions
Grant full time student status to part time student-parents
The creating of "student parent status" should be the part of an accessible and flexible daycare system put in place in post-secondary institutions in order to ensure conciliation between the needs of study and family.
Be it further resolved that the SSMU take action towards the achievement of this policy as a goal.

**Special General Assembly
November 13th, 2007**

Motion Re: Capital Campaign

Failed

Be it resolved that SSMU officially oppose McGill University's Capital Campaign;
Be it further resolved that SSMU propose that the University use the resources already allocated to the Capital Campaign to actively promote public investment and sustainable financing of post-secondary education.

Motion Re: Student-Parent Status**Passed**

Be it resolved that the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) adopt the following policy:

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Motion Re: Heather Munroe Blum Censure**Passed as Amended**

Be it Resolved : That the Students of McGill University represented by General Assembly do hereby censure Heather Munroe-Blum, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the McGill University, and condemn her attempts at lobbying the government of Quebec to deregulate tuition, ~~and her efforts to steamroll the fundamental human rights of the students of McGill.~~

Be it further resolved: that The Students Society of McGill University does actively demand Heather Munroe-Blum reverse her policy in regards to tuition deregulation and the ~~unlimited~~ rights of students to organize on campus, ~~and write a formal written apology to the student body to be e-mailed to all SSMU members, and published in both the McGill~~

Tribune and McGill Daily.

Motion Re: Transparency in Animal Testing

Passed

Be it resolved that the Students' Society of McGill University officially support transparency in McGill's use of nonhuman animals in research.

Be it further resolved that the SSMU take action towards the achievement of this policy as a goal.

Motion re: Student Strike

Passed without Strike Clause

~~Be it resolved that SSMU members be on strike on November 15th in solidarity with students across Quebec calling for a publicly funded, high quality system of education.~~

Be it further resolved that the SSMU call on all its members to join the Quebec-wide protest starting at the Square Dorchester at 1:30pm in Montreal, on November 15th.

Motion re: Shatner performance

Passed

BIRT the SSMU make every effort to bring William Shatner to the Shatner Ballroom for a performance no later than April 30th, 2008. WHEREAS William Shatner was an actor on Star Trek and a former McGill student;

Mo tion re: Star Trek Building Names

Passed as Amended

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Redpath Library – Wrath of Khan Library

Leacock – Captain Kathryn Janeway Building of Women's Studies

Brown Student Services – Sick Bay

Bronfman – Quark School of Inter-Planetary Finance

James Administration – Captain Jean-Luc Picard

Administration Building

Ferrier – Worf Building

Wong – Geordi LaForge Chemical and Material Engineering Building

MacIntyre – Bones McCoy Medical Centre

Trottier – Hikaru Sulu Electrical Engineering Building

Burnside – The Cube

Chancellor Day Hall – Q's Centre for Perverted Justice

Downtown Campus – Alpha Quadrant

MacDonald Campus – Delta Quadrant

Solin Hall – Deep Space Nine

Motion re: Rocket Man

Passed

BIRT SSMU show its devotion to William Shatner by having SSMU Council recite "Rocket Man" by Elton John set to music, Shatner-style

Motion re: Shrine to Shatner BIRT SSMU implement Shatner worship space, to be known as a Shrine to Shatner, with admission to be charged at the discretion of the VP-Finance and Operations	Failed
Motion re: AGSEM Be it resolved that the SSMU call upon McGill University to provide better training and support for its Teaching Assistants; and Be it further resolved that the SSMU support the Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) in its upcoming negotiations with McGill University, insofar as this support shall benefit the educational experience of the undergraduate student body.	Passed
February 11th, 2008	No Quorum
Motion re: Day of Action Be it resolved that the SSMU endorse and encourage its members to participate in the February 21 province-wide Day of Action in Quebec City; Be it further resolved that the SSMU coordinate transportation to and from Quebec City to facilitate the participation of McGill students in this action;	No Quorum
Motion re: SSMU Priorities Be it resolved that SSMU's primary obligation be to support Clubs and Services.	No Quorum
Motion re: Food Services Be it resolved that in the event that Ancillary Services attempts to gain oversight or control of student-run services that SSMU intervene to defend autonomous student control of these services, Be it further resolved that SSMU take an active role in fostering the growth of new on-campus student-run initiatives and services in locations across the campus, outside of the Shatner Student Center.	No Quorum
Motion re: Happy Birthday Be it resolved that everyone at the General Assembly sing Happy Birthday to her.	No Quorum
October 7th, 2008	No Quorum
Motion re: clubs and services (from winter 2008)	No Quorum
Motion re: student services (from winter 2008)	No Quorum
Motion re: catered house party Be it resolved that the students' society of McGill University lobby the principal of the University to host a catered house party open to all McGill undergraduates as a fundraiser for student groups	No Quorum

Motion re: SSMU support for the association of McGill undergraduate Students Employees (AMUSE) Be it resolved that the SSMU officially support the creation of the Association of McGill Undergraduate Student Employees; be it further resolved that the SSMU offer its full logistical and organizational support to the campaign in non-financial ways and within bounds of the law.	No Quorum
Motion re: military recruitment at McGill University Be it resolved that SSMU not allow military publicity or recruitment in the Shatner Building, or through any other space, event or publication of the society, be it further resolved that the SSMU actively oppose the presence of military publicity of recruitment on the downtown McGill Campus.	No Quorum
Motion re: Administrators to be identified as star wars characters Be it resolved that in all council reports, names of the following people be replaced: Heather Munroe Blum shall hereby be known as “Emperor Monroe Blum” Morton Mendelson shall hereby be known and “Darth Mendelson”	No Quorum
Motion re: military research at McGill Be it resolved that the SSMU oppose any McGill involvement in the development of thermo baric weapons, Be it further resolved that the SSMU support the implementation of a policy for public transparency and ethical evaluation of all research at McGill funded by, or done in collaboration with a Military agency.	No Quorum
Motion re: no pants Friday Be it resolved that every 3 rd Friday of the month become a McGill wide holiday known as “no pants Friday,” where students may not be persecuted for a lack of pants.	No Quorum
February 5th, 2009	
Motion Re: Student Services*	Passed
Motion Re: Catered House Party**	Passed
Motion Re: SSMU Support for the Association of McGill Undergraduate Students Employees (AMUSE)**	Passed
Motion Re: Military Recruitment at McGill University**	Failed
Motion Re: Administrators to be identified as Star Wars characters**	Failed
Motion Re: Military Research at McGill**	Passed
Motion Re: No Pants Fridays**	Passed
Motion Re: Bottled Water Use on campus	Passed

Be it resolved that SSMU move towards the elimination of the sale and distribution of bottled water within the Student Union building; and
Be it further resolved that SSMU lobby McGill administration to follow suit and eliminate the sale and distribution of bottled water on the McGill campus; and
Be it yet further resolved that SSMU distribute information to all clubs and services, and to the student body on issues pertaining to bottled water; and
Be it yet further resolved that SSMU promote the sustainable alternative of already readily available tap water, and other sustainable methods of water distribution such as water coolers, re-usable glasses, etc.

Motion Re: SSMU condemnation of bombings of education institutions in Gaza

Postponed Indefinitely

Be it resolved that the Students' Society of McGill University condemn the bombing of the educational institutions in Gaza, including the Islamic University in Gaza city and the UNRWA run schools; and
Be it further resolved that the Students' Society of McGill University issues a public statement of condemnation immediately and call on the government of Canada and McGill University's Principal Heather Munroe-Blum to also condemn the bombings; and
Be it further resolved that the Students' Society of McGill University, undertake public initiative to condemn the bombing and support the right to education of Palestinian students, and that such initiatives may include: campaigns, educational lecture series, forums and/or fundraising initiatives to support students in Gaza.
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Motion Re: GA Reform

No Quorum

Be it resolved that this body recommends that the SSMU legislative council put forward a referenda question to re-write the GA section of the constitution to make SSMU general assemblies an ad hoc rather than a bi-annual body.
