

## **Resolution Regarding SSMU Going Prorogue**

WHEREAS as an elected body the SSMU has a mandate to uphold democratic ideals, and;

WHEREAS the Canadian government represents the highest democratic arena in our country and our Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, sets the example all Canadians, and;

WHEREAS as the head of Canadian government Stephen Harper gave legitimacy to proroguing Parliament, and;

WHEREAS if this action is good enough for Canadian Parliament it should be good enough for the SSMU, and;

WHEREAS SSMU should take the example from Stephen Harper and pro-rogue Council (SSMU's equivalent to Parliament) in order to chart a proper path forward during these difficult economic times, and;

WHEREAS manipulative and partisan politics has led to a crisis of confidence in our voters and SSMU has a responsibility to act in solidarity with the Canadian government in order to make a stand for democratic ideals, and;

WHEREAS this is a tangible means by which students, who are too often left feeling cynical, disenchanting and helpless, can stand in support of their government, and;

WHEREAS proroguing the SSMU's democratically elected Council for the entire period of time that Parliament is prorogued is unrealistic for the SSMU to maintain its capacity to effectively function;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED the SSMU, in solidarity with the Conservative government's example, shut down the Chamber of its democratically elected Council, Lev Bukhman Room, for a symbolic period of time on the date of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the SSMU declare March 2<sup>nd</sup> a "Going pro-Rogue" day and invite all democratically elected bodies in Canada from provincial and municipal governments to worker unions and school boards to join in showing our solidarity for the actions of our federal government, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the SSMU mandates the responsibilities of this action to the portfolio of VP External Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Co-signed

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