



Motion Regarding Increasing the Diversity of Student Representation on the McGill University Senate

Whereas, 11 of the 13 student seats on Senate are allocated by faculty as follows: “Two (2) seats for the Faculty of Arts; One (1) seat for each representative of the Faculties of Science, Engineering, Management, Education, Music, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, and Religious Studies.” (Articles 3.1.2.1 and 3.1.2.2, Part II, SSMU Bylaws Book I-7);

Whereas, Article 4.3 in Part II of the SSMU Bylaws Book I-7 currently reads, “Seats left vacant after the end of the nomination period will be reallocated to the Faculties in descending order according from the Faculty with the most students enrolled per Undergraduate Senator to the Faculty with the least, according to figures provided by the Registrar of McGill University.”

Whereas, the allocation of seats by faculty does not distinguish students from the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy, Nursing, and Social Work, or the Interfaculty of Arts and Science, and student enrolment in some of these programs is comparable to or larger than some faculties that currently have seats on the University Senate;

Whereas, students in these programs are distinct entities within the McGill student body who have unique concerns and perspectives, which are not necessarily expressed by Senators not enrolled in their respective degree programs;

Whereas, these programs have representation through dedicated seats on SSMU Legislative Council and distinct faculty or interfaculty student associations;

Whereas, the proposed inclusion of these programs would apply to unfilled positions, and thus would not reduce the existing representation of other faculties through their dedicated student seats on Senate;

Resolved, that Article 4.3 in Part II of the SSMU By-laws Book I-7 shall be amended to read:

“Seats left vacant after the end of the nomination period will be reallocated first to programs not listed in 3.1.2, including the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy, Nursing, and Social Work, and the Interfaculty of Arts and Science, in descending order according from the program with the most students enrolled to the program with the least, then to Faculties listed in 3.1.2, in descending order according from the Faculty with the most students enrolled per Undergraduate Senator to the Faculty with the least, according to figures provided by the Registrar of McGill University.”

Resolved, that Article 4.3.1 be added to Part II of the SSMU By-laws Book I-7 as follows:

“Should one vacant seat be reallocated to the School of Physical/Occupational Therapy, Nursing, or Social Work, or the Interfaculty of Arts and Science, students in these programs would not be permitted to run for seats in faculties other than the reallocated seat.”



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

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FOR APPROVAL