



Motion Regarding Use of the Student Life Fund to Subsidize SSMU Services

Whereas, By-Law Book II-7 Article 5.11 states “The capital of the Student Life Fund and its yearly interest revenue shall be internally restricted.” and Article 5.11.1 states “In order to use a portion of the internally restricted capital, or interest revenue, a 2/3rds favorable vote of Council is required.”

Whereas, the current unassigned balance of the Student Life Fund is \$224,797.26

Whereas, the Society has faced financial difficulties this year and only reached a balanced budget as of the Winter 2013 Revised Budget which is exactly break-even

Whereas, each revision of the SSMU Global Budget 2012-2013 has included the use of the Student Life Fund to subsidize specific Services to alleviate pressure from the Operating Budget

Resolved, the Society transfer the amounts detailed in appendix A below from the Student Life Fund to the designated departments.

Moved by:

Jean-Paul Briggs, Vice-President (Finance & Operations)
Haley Dinel, Vice-President (University Affairs)
Josh Redel, President
Michael Szejda, Vice-President (Internal)

Appendix I

Black Students Network \$5,700
Musician's Collective \$3,000
First Year Council \$3,000
Plate Club \$5,700
Volunteer Bureau \$1,000

Moved by:

Allison Cooper, Vice-President (Clubs and Services)
Robin Reid-Fraser, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Zachary Rosentzweig, Clubs and Services Representative
Claire Stewart-Kanigan, Arts Representative



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To: McGill Athletics

The Students' Society of McGill University, which represents all 22,000 undergraduate and professional students at the downtown campus, has expressed its strong sentiment against the purchase of apparel made with non-consensual or sweatshop labour. The Society's Purchasing Policy, which replaced the Ethical Business Policy, demonstrates these core student values.

McGill Athletics sources its garments from Adidas, a company notorious for its use of sweatshops. Workers fighting for better wages at its sweatshops are routinely fired, freedom of association and the right to unionize are limited, and the company refuses to offer severance pay to workers unjustly fired.^{i,ii,iii,iv,v}

The SSMU Executive Committee requests that McGill Athletics commit to sourcing 100% of its apparel from companies that provide living wages, decent working conditions, and respect freedom of association within two years. The SSMU has its Financial Ethics Research Committee, which is determining which companies are in line with the university's values, and will gladly make that research available.

Together, we can make our university a better member of the global community. Please make the right choice, and source your garments from an ethical and just company.

Sincerely,

ⁱ <https://www.oxfam.org.au/explore/workers-rights/adidas/inside-adidas-indonesian-factories/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.oxfam.org.au/explore/workers-rights/adidas/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://badidas.com/>

^{iv} <http://www.labourbehindthelabel.org/component/k2/item/583-sweet-fa?-football-associations-workers-rights-and-the-world-cup?qh=YToxOntpOjA7czo2OjJhZGlkYXMiO30%3D>

^v <http://www.cleanclothes.org/campaigns/lighttheflame>