



Motion Regarding Condemning McGill's Lack of Response to Sexual Assault

Whereas the McGill Policy on Sexual Harassment states the objective to “ensure that the University’s policies and procedures dealing with Members of the University community foster an environment free of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law.”¹

Whereas validating the experiences of a survivor of sexual assault, regardless of the outcome of a trial, is necessary to foster an environment where people feel safe to report their experience of sexual assault.

Whereas on November 1 2013 the Montreal Gazette published an article about sexual assault charges made against three McGill University students, stating that these students have continued to play on the football team despite disclosure of these charges to their coach.²

Whereas McGill’s lack of response to this incident perpetuates the normalization and silence surrounding sexual assault, and thus perpetuates rape culture.

Whereas athletes at the university act as direct representatives of the institution in their capacity as athletes, and are in positions of power and responsibility.

Be it resolved that SSMU condemns McGill’s lack of response when this incident of sexual assault became public.²

Be it resolved that SSMU requests that the McGill Athletics Department requires all athletes and staff to take consent and safe space workshops at the beginning of the season.

Be it resolved that SSMU collaborate with McGill to provide workshops on consent and safe space for other students in leadership positions on campus.

¹ <https://secureweb.mcgill.ca/secretariat/sites/mcgill.ca.secretariat/files/Harassment-Sexual-Harassment-Discrimination-Policy-on.pdf>

² <http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/McGill+football+players+face+assault+charges/9110081/story.html>



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Be it resolved that the SSMU be mandated to lobby McGill for the creation of a sexual harassment support and advocacy office

Be it resolved that SSMU require all Senators, Councillors, and staff to take consent and safe space workshops.

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