



Motion Regarding the SSMU Policy on Support for Family Care

Whereas, the Subcommittee on Family Care was struck as a new committee under the McGill Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity in the 2013-14 academic year due to increased campus demand for on-campus action on addressing the needs of McGill community members with children and/or other dependents;

Whereas, childcare needs on campus are drastically under-serviced; as of September 2014, over 700 children are currently on the waiting list for the McGill Childcare Centre (MCC);

Whereas, the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) does not currently have a daycare despite over half of SSMU Daycare spots being given to the children of PGSS members;

Whereas, PGSS has been repeatedly denied permission from the Quebec government to open a daycare, and MCC has been repeatedly denied permission from the Quebec government to expand the MCC's capacity¹;

Whereas, a joint effort of the Subcommittee on Women and PGSS in the 2013-14 academic year to secure McGill funding for a research position to research the feasibility of expanding childcare services on and/or around campus was unsuccessful²;

Whereas, the proposed research project sought to support campus equity by ensuring the concerns of single parents, queer parents, and international students with families were specifically addressed in all childcare expansion efforts;

Whereas, a lack of access to affordable, convenient childcare is an access barrier to student parents;

Whereas, the SSMU Equity Policy states, "the SSMU will actively support projects and policies that aim to end discrimination or to promote accessibility and inclusiveness in the McGill community" (Article 2.6);

Be it resolved, that the SSMU adopt an ongoing stance of support for current and future efforts to research and expand childcare services to serve SSMU members, PGSS members and McGill community members;

¹ <http://mcgilltribune.com/news/daycare-space-mcgill-limited-waiting-list-700-children-long/>

² Ibid.



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Be it resolved, that the SSMU advocate that the needs of single parents, Indigenous parents, queer parents, and international students with families are specifically addressed in childcare expansion efforts;

Be it resolved, that the Vice-President (External Affairs) support and participate in advocacy efforts directed towards the Quebec provincial government to expand the provision of daycare permits and accommodate international student parents.

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