



Motion Regarding the Endorsement of the Leap Manifesto

WHEREAS, the SSMU recently passed a climate change policy which emphasized the importance of anti-oppression and solidarity when organizing around climate change¹;

WHEREAS, the Leap Manifesto is a non-partisan initiative initiated by representatives from Canada's Indigenous rights, social and food justice, environmental, faith-based, and labour movements²;

WHEREAS, the Leap Manifesto calls for a "Canada based on caring for each other and the planet, moving swiftly to a post-carbon future, upholding Indigenous rights, and pursuing economic justice for all"³;

WHEREAS, the Leap Manifesto has 15 specific demands that are related to indigenous rights, austerity, and a just transition for workers in carbon intensive industries⁴;

WHEREAS, the Leap Manifesto has over 32,000 signatories, consisting of both individuals and organizations such as the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, Black Lives Matter Toronto, and Idle No More, as well as McGill based groups such as Divest McGill and the McGill Office for Religious and Spiritual Life⁵;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU sign the Leap Manifesto;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU distribute information pertaining to the Leap Manifesto at climate justice related events that it hosts⁶.

Moved by,

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Sean Taylor (Science Representative)
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¹ SSMU Policies and Plans Book, 2016

² <https://leapmanifesto.org/en/faq/>

³ <https://leapmanifesto.org/en/sign-the-manifesto/>

⁴ <https://leapmanifesto.org/en/sign-the-manifesto/>

⁵ <https://leapmanifesto.org/en/whos-on-board/>

⁶ Examples can be found at: <https://leapmanifesto.org/en/resources/>