



Motion Regarding the Plebiscite on the SSMU's involvement in Student-Run Cooperative Enterprises

Whereas, the SSMU has a mandate to mobilize its members against provincial austerity measures through the Motion Regarding SSMU's Opposition to Deregulation and Increase in tuition¹ and the Motion Regarding Solidarity Against Austerity²,

Whereas, the SSMU has the necessary infrastructure and the potential financial capacity to help decrease the costs associated with fundamental goods such as housing and food through social economic models,

Whereas, the privatization of public services, such as education, continue to affect our community in drastic ways³,

Be it resolved, that the following plebiscite question be added on the Fall 2015 second referendum ballot with the below whereas clauses.

Whereas, the SSMU has a mandate to mobilize its members against provincial austerity measures through the Motion Regarding SSMU's Opposition to Deregulation and Increase in tuition⁴, our Policy on Accessible Education⁵ and the Motion Regarding Solidarity Against Austerity⁶,

Whereas, the SSMU has the necessary infrastructure and the potential financial capacity to help decrease the costs associated with fundamental goods, such as student housing and food, through social economic models,

Do you support the SSMU focusing more of its energy on developing projects to increase the financial accessibility of commodities, such as student housing and food cooperatives, for students?

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¹ <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Motion-Re-SSMU-Opposition-to-Deregulation-Increase-Tuition-2015-02-121.pdf>

² <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/Motion-Solidarity-Against-Austerity-2014-10-23.pdf>

³ <http://www.bath.ac.uk/ipr/policy-briefs/reports/alternatives-to-austerity.html>

⁴ <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Motion-Re-SSMU-Opposition-to-Deregulation-Increase-Tuition-2015-02-121.pdf>

⁵ <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/k.-Motion-Policy-on-Accessible-Education.pdf>

⁶ <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/Motion-Solidarity-Against-Austerity-2014-10-23.pdf>