



MOTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF AN AD-HOC PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Constitution outlines the SSMU's commitment to student representation:¹

The Society shall act as the official voice of its Members and as a liaison between them and the University. The Society shall act in the best interests of its Members as a whole.

Whereas, the Vice-President (External) is mandated under the Constitution to “represent the Society and communicate positions and Policy taken by the Society to external bodies and agencies; to lobby federal, provincial, and municipal governments to further the objectives, goals and Policy of the Society, [and] to communicate to the Board of Directors relevant external issues which may significantly affect the Society;”²

Whereas, during the Winter 2016 referendum question regarding affiliation to the *Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ)*, 24.5% of students abstained, or more than the difference between the “yes” and “no” votes;³

Whereas, the SSMU has a mandate to sit as an observer to the *Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ)*;

Whereas, effective external representation requires an understanding of the impact of provincial policies on SSMU members;

Whereas, improved awareness and consultation around provincial political issues can better inform the SSMU's external mandates and advocacy;

Be It Resolved That, an Ad-Hoc Provincial Representation Committee be created with the Terms of Reference outlined in Appendix A;

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¹<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/SSMU-Constitution-2016-04-28.pdf#page=6>

²<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/SSMU-Constitution-2016-04-28.pdf#page=21>

³<https://ssmu.simplyvoting.com/index.php?mode=results&election=42041>



APPENDIX A - AD-HOC PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

- 1.1 OVERSIGHT.** The Provincial Representation Committee (hereafter referred to as “the Committee”) shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.
- 1.2 GENERAL.** The Committee will build awareness, conduct consultation, and develop stances regarding the impact of provincial political issues on SSMU members.
- 1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Committee shall:
 - a) conduct research, consult students, and develop positions on provincial political issues that affect SSMU members;
 - b) work with any provincial-level organization for which the SSMU has a mandate to participate in;
 - c) organize McGill contingents to external political events happening in the Montreal and greater Quebec area;
 - d) build programming and support mobilization around provincial political issues; and
 - e) submit resolutions based on these activities for approval by the Legislative Council.
- 1.4 MEMBERSHIP.** The Committee shall consist of:
 - a) Political Campaigns Coordinator (Chair);
 - b) the Vice-President (External Affairs);
 - c) Councillors (2);
 - d) Members-at-Large (5).
- 1.5 REPORTING.** The Committee shall report to the Legislative Council at least once per term.