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MOTION TO BRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SSMU CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO REFERENDUM

Whereas, the Board of Directors has received a petition with over 450 signatures demanding Constitutional reform to raise quorum for General Assemblies.

Whereas, General Assembly decisions this Fall 2017 were made by 0.4% of the student body, and have serious effects.

Whereas, a well-functioning democracy requires broader participation to ensure effective representation.

Whereas, constitutional amendments in Winter of 2017 removed Faculty representation requirements at SSMU General Assemblies.

Whereas, no changes were made to the number of people required, keeping it at a minimum of 100 attendees to keep quorum.

Whereas, 100 students represents less than .4% of the undergraduate student body at McGill.

Whereas, the General Assembly serves as a platform for the members to have a direct impact with student government. The current quorum limit enables small interest groups to push and dismiss policies that fit their personal agenda, influencing the broader McGill student body on what policies they can and cannot vote on.

Whereas, the SSMU should strive to have a General Assembly representative of the diverse opinions of McGill students.

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Board of Directors approve the following text and question for the Fall 2017 referendum period:

“Do you agree to change section 13.4 of the SSMU Constitution to:

13.4 QUORUM. Unless the Act or the Letters Patent of the Society dictate otherwise, quorum for a regular General Assembly shall be three hundred fifty (350) Members of the Society.



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The Speaker shall not be counted towards the quorum at the General Assembly.”

Moved by:

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APPROVED