



Motion Regarding the SSMU's Policy on Accessible Education

Whereas, the Couillard government has imposed austerity measures and cuts of approximately \$205 million dollars to University funding;

Whereas, this translates to around more than \$20 million dollars in cuts to McGill University alone;

Whereas, the Quebec government increased French student tuition this year by around 180% (from \$2300 to \$6600);

Whereas, in 2008 McGill University successfully lobbied the Québec government for a deregulation of tuition fees for six programs (Applied Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Computer Sciences, Management, and Law);

Whereas, the Politique québécoise de financement des universités released this year and similarly calls for deregulation of out-of-province and international tuition in all programs and at all levels;

Whereas, the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) has previously had a Policy Regarding Accessible Education (2007) and a Motion Regarding Renewing Support for Accessible Education (2012);

Be it resolved, that the SSMU adopt the following policy regarding accessibility to postsecondary education to expire on March 26, 2020:

- Support for high-quality, universally accessible post-secondary education as a human right,
- Opposition to any mechanism or legislation that would permit a non-consensual increase in student fees for any student, whether Quebecker, Canadian, or international,
- Call for a public re-investment in post-secondary education from all levels of government,
- Call for the elimination of all financial barriers to a high-quality post-secondary education, and advocate for a progressive reduction of tuition fees for all students, including the eventual replacement of any and all ancillary and tuition fees with alternative methods of funding post-secondary education,
- Work with elements of the Quebec and Canadian student movements that share these goals,

Moved by:



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