



Motion Regarding Reasonable Accommodation for Women at the McGill Gym

References to women in this document are intended to be inclusive of trans individuals

Whereas, a recent campaign led by SSMU constituents advocated for the creation of a women-only space at the McGill Sports Complex;

Whereas, discussions between said students and the McGill Athletics administration were promising as they were leading to a compromise whereby the Varsity Gym, a room separate from the main gym, would be made available exclusively to women for a few hours a week;

Whereas, this compromise would have addressed reservations about making a public space unavailable to a certain group of persons, as men would not be barred from accessing the main gym at any time;

Whereas, these negotiations were cut off by the Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life & Learning) without prior consultation with the students in question;

Whereas, women-only hours exist at the McGill pool;

Whereas, many peer institutions, including Dalhousie University, University of Toronto, York University, and Ryerson University, have women-only times at their athletics facilities, and have seen increases in the number of women participating in athletics;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU demand the McGill Administration re-open negotiations with the students in question;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU support a solution that reasonably accommodates women by creating weekly women-only hours in a space within the McGill Sports Complex.

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