



Legislative Council - April 5th, 2018

## Motion Regarding Council Support for the Fiat Lux Library Project

**Whereas**, the Dean and Associate Dean of libraries presented the Fiat Lux project to Legislative Council on March 15th 2018;

**Whereas**, SSMU holds the mandate of advocating for optimal spaces, resources and access for its constituents, and therefore has a vested interest in the success of the Fiat Lux project;

**Whereas**, the quantity of library space on campus has a direct impact on students' academic resources and ability to engage with their studies and fellow students at McGill;

**Whereas**, the HSSL no longer has the ability to respond to students' usage needs as well as current technological advancements;

**Whereas**, the libraries have committed to replacing the McLennan space into a modern more user-friendly library space, named the Fiat Lux Project;

**Whereas**, SSMU has the mandate to advocate for sustainability and equitable accessibility on campus whenever possible<sup>123</sup>;

**Be it Resolved, that** the SSMU Endorse the Fiat Lux Project and the Library Administration's mission of improving student spaces on campus;

**Be it further Resolved, that** the VP University affairs be mandated to run student consultations on the Fiat Lux Project in order to ascertain student priorities for campus libraries;

**Be it Further Resolved, that** the VP University affairs be mandated to bring a report to council in the Winter 2019 term and will include the following:

- A Summary of the Fiat Lux project and projected timelines
- A summary of committees and bodies involved with this project, as well as SSMU representation in these spaces
- A summary of student consultations and its results

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<sup>1</sup>[Equity Policy, Article 1.1.5](#)

<sup>2</sup>[Accessibility Policy, Article 5](#)

<sup>3</sup>[Sustainability Policy, Article 3](#)



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- An official memo on students' priorities in regards to, but not limited to space allocation, Equitable Access, Sustainability, subject to the ratification of Council
- An outline of SSMU's range of options in materially and non-materially supporting the completion of the Fiat Lux project

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