



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 possible¹²³;

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

¹[Equity Policy, Article 1.1.5](#)

²[Accessibility Policy, Article 5](#)

³[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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