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;

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
• 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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