



Legislative Council - April 5th, 2018

Motion to Adopt a Policy Against Affiliation with Far Right Groups

Whereas, in Fall 2017 there were instances of posters from Far Right groups being found on campus;

Whereas, council condemned these posters and mandated the Vice President (External Affairs) be mandated to create a list of active Far Right groups in the Montreal area in order to create a resource to further council's understanding of Far Right mobilization in the area;

Whereas, the SSMU Equity Policy states, "the SSMU will actively support projects and policies that aim to end discrimination or to promote accessibility and inclusiveness in the McGill community" (Article 2.6);

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU adopt the appended Policy Against Affiliation with Far Right Groups.

Be it further Resolved, that the Policy Against Affiliation with Far Right Groups expire on April 5th, 2023.

Be it further Resolved, that the Policy Against Affiliation with Far Right Groups return to Legislative Council in Fall 2018 for reconsideration.

Moved by:

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Appendix

Policy Against Affiliation Against Far Right Groups

Scope

This policy shall apply to all :

1. Staff, volunteers, and elected representatives of the SSMU
2. Clubs, Services, and Independent Student Groups

Definitions

Far Right : <<parties and movements based on [fascist](#), [racist](#) and/or extremely [reactionary](#) ideologies. Officially those on the far right embrace the concept of the "inequality of outcome", meaning that one group is naturally better than another. They also tend to embrace inequality of *opportunity* as well, favoring concepts such as [segregation](#), or mass deportation of non-white people (or in general, people of other [races](#)), or sometimes even [genocide](#) - although they sometimes keep these abhorrent views hidden, except when [trolling](#) anonymously online (see [/pol/](#)). The label "far right" can apply to everything from absolute [monarchies](#) to [Nazism](#), meaning that many far-rightists oppose others on the far-right who have a different idea of what the ruling class should be>> (RationalWiki)

Far Right Groups : Groups named in a list updated annually by the Vice President (External Affairs)

1. The SSMU will hold a zero tolerance policy for affiliations to Far Right Groups
 - 1.1 The SSMU will sever any official ties and restrict funding opportunities to any club, service, or Independent Student Group who has any formal or informal affiliation with any Far Right groups



1.2 Should a group wish to appeal their having their status and funding opportunity removed on the basis of a misconstrued affiliation, they may appeal to the Legislative Council

2. The Vice President (External Affairs) will annually at the beginning of their mandate update the list of Far Right Groups active in Montreal to be ~~shared with~~ ratified by Council and shared with general membership as a reference.

3. Any person who has either a formal or informal affiliation with a far right group cannot run for a position with the Society, to be regulated by Elections SSMU.

APPROVED