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Motion Regarding Adoption of a Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy 2018-10-11

WHEREAS, the SSMU lacks survivor-centric avenues for recourse and accountability that can be used to respond to instances of sexual and gendered violence, as evidenced by historical and more recent failures within the Union to address these realities, particularly when individuals in positions of power are implicated in occurrences of violence;

WHEREAS, the SSMU has been mandated to uphold and advocate for the rights and welfare of survivors per the Survivor Bill of Rights, and must make concrete material and financial commitments to conduct this work in good faith;

WHEREAS, the SSMU's commitments to equity, mental health, indigenous solidarity, and accessibility are inextricable from the realities of sexual violence, as these issues are closely tied to one another;

WHEREAS, the GSVP Project Team and the GSVP Implementation Coordinator worked to develop a holistic, survivor-centric Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy through extensive research and consultation over the course of this past year;

WHEREAS, this Project Team has successfully produced a policy for internal use at the SSMU;

WHEREAS, the SSMU already has a Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Guide, provided in [Appendix A](#);

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU adopt the following Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy in [Appendix B](#).

Moved By:

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