



Fall General Assembly - October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

## Motion for SSMU to Condemn the Disciplinary Action Being Taken Against Masuma Asad Khan

*Whereas*, there has been a rise of a conversation of “neutrality” in Canadian politics, including the student movement,

*Whereas*, the rhetoric of “neutrality” is inherently harmful and antithetical to the work expected of any student union and its representatives that is mandated to advocate for increased access to postsecondary education;

*Whereas*, the SSMU Indigenous Solidarity Policy states that its aim is to “further [...] commitment by undertaking public awareness campaigns that recognize under-addressed components of Indigenous history...”, and “to commit the SSMU to prioritizing Indigenous voices and histories in its activities”;

*Whereas*, Masuma Asad Khan, the Vice President Academic and External at Dalhousie Student Union is facing disciplinary procedures through the Dalhousie Student Code of Conduct for her anti-colonial activism which was an official campaign of the Dalhousie Student Union<sup>1</sup>;

*Whereas*, the censuring of Masuma Asad Khan is an attack on student unions’ abilities to mobilize and support their marginalized student members;

**Be it Resolved, that** the SSMU officially condemn the discipline being taken against Masuma Asad Khan,

**Be it Further Resolved, that** the SSMU External Affairs Office disseminate a statement from the External Affairs facebook page condemning Dalhousie University’s action, and put together an email template for SSMU members to be able to use in order to express their opposition to Dalhousie’s using the Student Code of Conduct to discipline Khan.

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[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/10/21/dalhousie-student-masuma-khan-investigated-for-canada-150-comments\\_a\\_23251247/](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/10/21/dalhousie-student-masuma-khan-investigated-for-canada-150-comments_a_23251247/)