



ASSAULT AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE-RELATED POLICY ADVOCACY

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WHEREAS, incidents related to sexual assault and sexual violence are an ongoing phenomenon not just at McGill, but at campuses across the country,

WHEREAS, cultural change regarding consent and sexual violence requires longstanding commitment through advocating for and building institutional change, and maintaining regular campaigns,

WHEREAS, student leaders across the McGill community are in key positions to promote and uphold the creation of a culture of consent,

WHEREAS, advocacy to develop, pass, and implement a McGill Sexual Assault Policy is ongoing and will require continuous student leadership and participation in designing the Policy and accompany procedural processes,

WHEREAS, the McGill Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination¹ does not meet the highest possible standard for accessibility, assuring confidentiality to complainants, and training of assessors,

WHEREAS, the SSMU has a long-standing history of leadership on issues of Equity and social justice, Whereas, Leadership, the third pillar of SSMU's commitment to its membership, as outlined in the SSMU constitution states that:

VII. The Students' Society commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection. The Society shall be mindful of the direct and indirect effects corporations, businesses and organizations have on their social, political, economic, and environmental surroundings.

¹ <http://www.mcgill.ca/harass/harassment-sexual-harassment-and-discrimination-prohibited-law>



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VIII. The Students' Society commits itself to groups, programs and activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or social class;

WHEREAS, the SSMU Equity Policy states that

6.5. The SSMU will actively support projects and policies that aim to end discrimination or to promote accessibility and inclusiveness in the McGill community.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU support initiatives and campaigns that seek to promote the creation of a culture of consent on campus, including through organizational collaboration and promotion.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU continue its leadership in advocating for, developing, and implementing the McGill Sexual Assault Policy in collaboration with student groups including the Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students' Society (SACOMSS).

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU collaborate with other campus unions in advocating for reforms to the McGill Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination to improve accessibility, confidentiality, and training of assessors.

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