



MOTION REGARDING FALL READING BREAK FOR WINTER 2019 REFERENDUM 2019-04-04

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

WHEREAS, in the Winter 2018 Referendum period, 96.6% of students voted in favour of the Policy on Implementation of a Fall Reading Break, concurrently endorsing the implementation of a Fall Reading Break;¹

WHEREAS, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society")'s Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee was formed in Fall 2018 and conducted a survey that received over 4,300 responses;

WHEREAS, JED Consulting has provided analysis of the Fall Reading Break survey and oversaw focus groups;

WHEREAS, the Society's [Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee](#) and [JED Consulting](#) have created reports regarding the challenges around implementing a Fall Reading Break;

WHEREAS, [preliminary calendars](#) for future Fall semesters with a Fall Reading Break has been created;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society's Legislative Council approve the following Plebiscite question for the Winter 2019 Special Referendum period:

Do you agree to start the Fall semester the week prior to Labour Day (in late August) to have a one week-long Fall Reading Break occurring the week of Canadian Thanksgiving (mid-Fall semester)?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council endorse this referendum question;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council initiate a Yes Campaign Committee with Léa Allonier as Campaign Committee Chair;

¹ <https://ssmu.simplyvoting.com/index.php?mode=results&election=63088>



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council allow the SSMU President and the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee to change the Plebiscite question as needed, per the recommendations of the McGill Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC);

Moved By:

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APPROVED