



# MOTION REGARDING ACCEPTABLE COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICES 2019-11-28

Submitted for: November 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Vice-President (University Affairs) made a Facebook post from the Students' Society of McGill University ("SSMU") University Affairs account using profanity on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (found in Appendix A);

**WHEREAS**, a straw-poll vote occurred during the Legislative Council meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, demonstrating that a majority of Councilors agreed that the use of profanity in official SSMU communications was inappropriate;

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Legislative Council represent the will of the McGill undergraduate student body at large;

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the Legislative Council adopt the following Communications Practices for the 2019-2020 year which shall be considered binding upon the Executive once ratified by the Board of Directors:

1. The SSMU Executives shall no longer use profanity in all official SSMU Communications, including but not limited to Facebook pages, the Listserv, or any other online platforms. Profanity being defined as "curse words, vulgar language, or swearing." This includes the use of curse words where certain letters are replaced with filler symbols such as asterisks, exclamation points and currency symbols.
2. The SSMU Executives, in all official SSMU communications, shall refrain from using other milder words that have the same vulgar connotation as profanity in an attempt to circumvent the aforementioned stipulation.
3. The addition or signing of an Executive or Officer's name onto a post or communication does not negate the use of profanity or unprofessional language.

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## APPENDIX A



SSMU University Affairs

October 31 at 7:35 PM · 🌐



"The people who levy these types of comments are people who we sit in class with, people we workout at the gym with, and people who we encounter at the grocery store. As an Indigenous person at McGill I will never know who exactly in a room is thinking/has made these type of comments towards myself or other Indigenous students. And that can be really scary and feel incredibly isolating sometimes."

Tomas Jirousek is one of the strongest and bravest people I know. And frankly, every single person behind these disgusting comments can go fuck themselves.

-Madeline