



MOTION REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR HISTORY

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Issue

The Students Society of McGill University has historically had problems with retention of institutional knowledge. Currently, the only way for SSMU officials and students to be able to research about past issues the predate recent memory is to browse all copies of campus newspapers.

Background and Rationale

The Society has many departments that operate to provide necessary functions for the Society. However, although most are structured concerned about the current issues, they still need access to previous actions made by the Society. Therefore, creating a department that will help research the historical background of the Society will help build the institutional knowledge of the Society and improve the overall performance of the Society.

Alignment with Mission

This motion is in line with the spirit of the *Council Transparency Policy*, as it will ensure that the actions and history of the society are better documented and more easily available for students to easily access. Instead of having to rely on connections with 'SSMU Insiders' for details, students can instead access written documents to help better their understanding of the practical functionings of the society.



Consultations Completed

The President of the Society and the History Students' Association have all been consulted about their thoughts of this motion and have contributed towards its contents

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Because this motion requires a proposal to be presented in the next Council year, there is a chance that details of the proposal are miscommunicated due to Executive turnover. Therefore, it is important that this plan is properly transitioned.

In addition, History SSMU would require its own presumably part-time staff, meaning that the President will have to include in the proposal how the department will be funded.

Sustainability Considerations

The President should ensure that any proposal for the creation of *History SSMU* has sustainability considerations and does not misappropriate unnecessary resources.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Following the passage of this motion, the President should devise the *Proposal for the Development of History SSMU*. Because this is the last meeting of the 2019-2020 Council, this plan will be introduced to the 2020-2021 Legislative Council.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the President of the create the Proposal for the Development of History SSMU, which shall be presented to the next Legislative Council meeting by the President of the 2020-2021 Academic Year. If the Proposal is not completed before the Executive Turnover, the President of the 2020-2021 shall finish it.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Council assert that the potential *History SSMU* be an impartial body within the Society that documents current activities of the Society, researches the history of the Society, and assists Society officials and student members who wish to learn more about SSMU.

Be it further resolved that the *Proposal for the Development of History SSMU* also include other ways to document the history of the Society without creating a separate body.



**Results of the
Vote**

In favour ()
Opposed ()
Abstain ()

APPROVED