



MOTION REGARDING STATEMENT BY SSMU AND SPHR IN RESPONSE TO MRO 2022-03-24

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Moved by: Yara Coussa
Arts Representative **Current Status:** FOR APPROVAL
 APPROVED
 POSTPONED
 COMMITTED
 NOT APPROVED

Seconded by: Sacha Delouvrier
Vice-President External Affairs

Issue This motion seeks to rapidly draft a public SSMU statement in response to the [MRO](#) from the Deputy Provost for Student Life and Learning.

Background and Rationale This would send out a message to the student body that the SSMU is taking a stance against McGill University's attempt to intimidate the Society publicly.

Alignment with Mission This motion aligns with the [Divest for Human Rights Policy](#) and [Palestine Solidarity Policy](#)

Consultations Completed Consultations completed with SPHR McGill and Political Campaign Coordinators.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications Passing this would mandate SSMU to release a statement which could lead to the McGill administration enacting sanctions and consequences against the SSMU.

Not releasing a statement would harm SSMU's democracy, agency and the trust of the student body in SSMU and its democratic procedures.



Sustainability Considerations

It would make SSMU a more socially sustainable environment. It not passing would go against the DHR policy which we are mandated to support. Not passing the motion would undermine the results of the referendum and the votes of the members of the society.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

The Political Campaign Coordinators shall be mandated to draft a SSMU statement in consultation with the SSMU Executives and SPHR McGill as swiftly as possible for publication on Monday 28th March 2022.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Whereas, the MRO email sent on behalf of Fabrice Labeau, Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) constitutes a breach against the SSMU's autonomy as a student union, its right to implement democratically-approved policies, and an overall disregard to student's voices and advocacy efforts.

Be it resolved, that the Legislative Council mandate the Political Campaign Coordinators, the Executive Team, and Councilor Coussa to draft a SSMU statement in consultation with SPHR McGill and SSMU's legal team, for publication on Monday 28th March 2022.

Results of the Vote

In favour ()
Opposed ()
Abstain ()
