

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

Submitted for: 2022-03-24

**Submitted to:** SSMU Legislative Council      **Document no.:** LEG-PUB-MOT-2022-03-24-007

**Moved by:** Yara Coussa  
*Arts Representative*      **Current Status:**  FOR APPROVAL  
 APPROVED

**Seconded by:** Sacha Delouvrier  
*Vice-President External Affairs*       POSTPONED  
 COMMITTED  
 NOT APPROVED

**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.

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**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.

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**Alignment with Mission**      This motion aligns with student's freedom of speech and our rights as a student union.

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**Consultations Completed**      Consultations completed with Political Campaign Coordinators.

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

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**Sustainability  
Considerations**

It would make SSMU a more socially sustainable environment. Not passing would go against our agency as a student body.

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**Impact  
Decision  
and Next Steps**

of The Political Campaign Coordinators, the executive team, and Arts Rep Coussa shall be mandated to draft a SSMU statement against the MRO in consultation with the SPHR McGill and SSMU's legal team as swiftly as possible, for publication on Monday March 28.

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**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 Political Campaign Coordinators, the executive team, and Arts Rep Coussa shall be mandated to draft a SSMU statement against the MRO in consultation with SSMU's legal team as swiftly as possible on behalf of the SSMU LC and SSMU executive team, for publication on Monday March 28.

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**Results of the  
Vote**

In favour (11)  
Opposed (4)  
Abstain (2)

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