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PALESTINE SOLIDARITY POLICY

Adopted by way of Referendum: 2022/03/21

Expires: 2027/05/01

[Adopted Policy](#) and [Question](#) (Link)

1. Background and rationale

1.1. The [SSMU Constitution](#) states that “the SSMU commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights [and] social justice”.

1.2. McGill students have [historically](#) campaigned for [divestment](#) from institutions or [corporations](#) that demonstrate a lack of accountability, ethicality, and respect for the rights and dignity of others.

1.3. Palestinian and pro-Palestine students have worked for years to [educate](#) their peers about McGill University’s complicity in the oppression of Palestinians, while facing [serious threats](#) to their safety and other fundamental rights.

1.4. McGill University [invests](#) in, or engages in close [collaboration](#) with several corporations and institutions complicit in an entrenched system of settler-colonial [apartheid](#) against Palestinians.

1.5. This system of settler-colonial [apartheid](#) is characterized by a brutal regime of [land theft](#), [checkpoints](#), [house demolitions](#), [environmental destruction](#), [deportation](#), and [extrajudicial killings](#) at the hands of [soldiers](#), [police](#), and [settlers](#).

1.6. Under this same [regime](#), Palestinians in the Gaza Strip continue to live in ever-worsening [conditions](#) under a destructive [blockade](#), where attempts to protest or resist are met with the bullets of [snipers](#), or deadly [bombing](#).

1.7. McGill University [cut its ties](#) with institutions and corporations complicit in South African apartheid in the 1980s, after concerted student [activism](#).

1.8. An ever-growing number of [student unions](#), [universities](#), [labour unions](#), [political parties](#), and [religious organizations](#) have called for boycotts or divestment from settler-colonial atrocities against Palestinians, in [Canada](#) and [around the world](#).



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2. Action Items

2.1. Be it Resolved:

2.1.1. The SSMU shall campaign for McGill University's public condemnation of [Canary Mission](#) and other [surveillance](#) or smear campaigns against Palestinian and pro-Palestine students.

2.1.2. The SSMU shall make at least one public statement each semester, including a [statement](#) on [Nakba Day](#), reaffirming the SSMU's solidarity with Palestinian students and with Palestinian liberation from settler-colonial apartheid. Each of these statements shall be authored by the SSMU Palestine Solidarity Committee.

2.1.3. The SSMU shall completely boycott all corporations and institutions complicit in settler-colonial apartheid against Palestinians.

2.1.4. The SSMU shall campaign for McGill University's complete boycott of all corporations and institutions complicit in settler-colonial apartheid against Palestinians.

2.1.5. The SSMU shall completely divest from all corporations complicit in settler-colonial apartheid against Palestinians.

2.1.6. The SSMU shall campaign for McGill University's complete divestment from all corporations complicit in settler-colonial apartheid against Palestinians.

2.1.7. The SSMU shall form a Palestine Solidarity Committee (PSC), composed of at least one SSMU Political Campaign Coordinator (chair), one SSMU executive and at least four members of Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights McGill (SPHR).

2.1.8. In the event of any question, conflict or uncertainty regarding the correct application of the Policy, the Palestine Solidarity Committee shall make a binding decision, by majority vote. This decision shall then be ratified by the student body in the earliest subsequent SSMU referendum.

2.1.9. This Policy shall remain in force for a period of 5 years, starting from the moment of its adoption by the student body.