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Policy on Harmful Military Technology Report

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Consult the Policy on Harmful Military Technology Report here

Mandates

What's been done!

VP (External Affairs)

- Supported campus and community-based campaigns opposing the development of harmful military technology, notably Student for Peace and Disarmament.
 - Help organized a workshop to boost recruitment.
- This Policy was presented to UCRU (federal student federation), encouraging other member schools to adopt such a policy.

To note, Montreal had already adopted the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal

VP (University Affairs)

- Advocated for ethical and transparent research at a senior administration level
- Supporting provisions for academic freedom, which could include protests
 - Looking at reevaluating the student code of conduct
- Advocated for increased funding for ethical experiential learning

What remains to be done!

VP (External Affairs)

- 6.4 The Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs) will collaborate with university and external actors to develop more concrete directions for advocacy regarding harmful military technology at all levels of government.
 - This year research focused on maintenance of institutional memory and popular education, this should be a priority for next year.



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VP (University Affairs)

- 5.1. The Vice-President (University Affairs) will make use of Senate questions, resolutions, and other mechanisms to advocate for more ethical and transparent military research at McGill.
- 5.1.2. For greater certainty, the Vice-President (University Affairs) will advocate on behalf of students to the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) and the Academic Policy Committee and its subcommittees for the adoption of policies and mandates to the effect of
- 5.1.3. In the interim, the Vice-President (University Affairs) <u>and President</u> will advocate for the revision of the Regulation on Conduct of Research with special focus given to the implementation of transparency and accountability measures for military research
- 5.2.1. The Vice-President (University Affairs) will advocate for the revision of the Operating Procedures Demonstrations Protests Occupations to exclude the use of police forces and prioritise principles of harm reduction and de-escalation
- 5.2.2. In the interim, the Vice-President (University Affairs) will advocate on behalf of students to the Principal and Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance) for the active exclusion of military and police forces from campus, including recruitment efforts.
- 5.2.3. Further, these Offices will support in the development and dissemination of popular educational resources on McGill University's connections to and involvement in the military-industrial complex. This will include support for a dedicated researcher within their portfolios, who will work closely with relevant student groups to examine McGill University's involvement in the military-industrial complex and military research.
- 5.3. The Vice-President (University Affairs) will advocate on behalf of students to the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) for increased research funding and paid internship opportunities in fields outlined above, with specific interest given to studies that contribute to a just transition towards disarmament. This advocacy is undertaken with the intention to outway research and internship opportunities lost as we transition away from military research.

Respectfully submitted,

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