



Students' Society of McGill University  
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

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### Resolution Regarding Quality of Undergraduate Education

*Whereas*, the SSMU is mandated to “support, by whatever means at its disposal, the workers’ struggles affecting our campus and the greater McGill community” (Policy on Solidarity with Workers Struggles, Oct. 5 2006 GA);

*Whereas*, the Teaching Assistant Bargaining Team of AGSEM (Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill) is currently engaged in Collective Bargaining negotiations with the McGill administration regarding new contracts for TA’s;

*Whereas*, McGill University pledges in its mission statement to provide students with the, “best education available”;

*Whereas*, the chief bargaining priorities of AGSEM’s TA Bargaining Team reflect the best interests of undergraduate students;

*Whereas*, “The Students’ Society shall act as the official voice of the undergraduate and professional students of McGill and as a liaison between them and the university” (SSMU Constitution, Preamble, Article IV);

*Whereas*, the chief bargaining priorities of the TA Bargaining Team are the following:

- 1) First-time TA’s are paid by the University to participate in pedagogical training provided by the University
- 2) The University increase the number of hours worked per TA in order to lower the student: TA ratio
- 3) The University limit the size of discussion-based conferences as well as laboratory sections
- 4) The University require that course supervisors and TA’s meet regularly
- 5) The University ensure that the salaries of TA’s, at bare minimum, keep pace with the rise of the cost of living in Montreal;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU support AGSEM’s TA Bargaining Team in its negotiations with the McGill Administration,

*Resolved*, that the SSMU utilize the resources at its disposal, including but not limited to its listserv and website, to inform students about AGSEM’s bargaining priorities and about related AGSEM events,

*Resolved*, that the SSMU, with support from the Executive Committee, draft an official letter based on the five principles of negotiation of the AGSEM and send it to the Provost by this coming Monday, October the 3rd.

Moved by:

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