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**Adoption, with recommended amendments, recommended by the Consultative Forum on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2011**

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### Resolution Regarding the Appointment of McKinsey & Co. as McGill's Consultant Firm

*Whereas*, The principal of McGill has announced this past November that McKinsey & Co. would provide their services to McGill Administration for its Strategic Reframing Initiative (SRI);

*Whereas*, This initiative will look into issues that pertain to students such as enrollment, employment on Campus, and research;

*Whereas*, McKinsey & Co. has a reputation of prioritizing profit over knowledge and good governance, often at the expense of their clients;

*Whereas*, McKinsey & Co. proposed the privatization of 25 percent of Minneapolis public schools with the lowest standardized test scores, converting them into private charter schools, to the dismay of teachers and staff;

*Whereas*, McKinsey & Co. had a link with the increased cuts in education in the U.K., especially with regard to cuts in the humanities and the arts;

*Whereas*, McKinsey & Co. has advised Walmart in changing the general population's perception of its already bad working conditions;

*Whereas*, A senior of McKinsey, Claude Généreux, was recently appointed to McGill's Board of Governors, coinciding with McKinsey's offer regarding the SRI;

*Whereas*, SSMU's policy regarding Negative Corporate Influences on Campus states that the SSMU "Believes that the decision-making power should be vested in the members of the McGill community, namely Students, Faculty, and Staff"; and

*Whereas*, The McGill Administration did not consult Students and Faculty before appointing McKinsey; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the SSMU opposes the appointment of the external company McKinsey & Co. as the consulting firm for McGill University's Strategic Reframing Initiative;

*Resolved*, That the SSMU questions the presence and appointment of Claude Généreux on McGill's Board of Governors;



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(Recommends the insertion of: *Resolved*, That the SSMU oppose any contracting or findings of any consultative forums that does not involve the SSMU in its consultative process or students in working groups relating to such consultative processes;)

*Resolved*, That the SSMU reaffirms its commitment to collegial spirit university governance, by requiring more transparency in the administration's decision-making and more Student, Faculty, and Staff involvement in such decisions; and

*Resolved*, That the SSMU advocates that any future endeavor that involves reframing important structures of this university be undertaken by in collegial spirit by the internal members of the university.

*Resolved*, That the SSMU advocate for the University to consider other consultative mechanisms in developing the final report of the SRI initiative.

Respectfully Submitted,

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