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February 2011

## General Assembly: Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Question Period
4. Report of the Executive Committee
5. New Business
  - I. Resolution Regarding the Society's Investments
  - II. Resolution Regarding Biking on Campus
  - III. Resolution Regarding Improvement of the SSMU
  - IV. Resolution Regarding the Appointment of McKinsey & Co. as McGill's Consultant Firm
  - V. Resolution Regarding the Use of the McGill Name by Clubs, Services, and Independent Student Groups of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU)
6. Adjournment



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## Resolution Regarding the Society's Investments

*Whereas*, The Students' Society of McGill University received a settlement of \$1.875 million in compensation for the portion of profits the Society receives from the McGill Bookstore;

*Whereas*, in 2008, the legislative council approved \$1.8 million from the Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund to be placed into a low-bearing risk portfolio;

*Whereas*, Québec Law requires the By-Laws of non-profit corporations to reflect its activities; and

*Whereas*, Legal Counsel has advised the SSMU that it must include in its by-laws the investment of shares in corporate entities and government bonds;

*Resolved*, That the SSMU shall insert the following into its bylaws, and re-letter and re-number the Bylaws accordingly:

**STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY / ASSOCIATION ÉTUDIANTE DE**

**L'UNIVERSITÉ MCGILL (the "Corporation")**

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By-Law 2011-1

### **Concerning the Corporation's Investments and Funds**

#### **GENERAL**

The Corporation is hereby permitted to invest its funds. The Corporation's investments will be managed with a general strategy for long-term growth with a minimum of risk by the Vice-President (Finance &



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Operations) in consultation with the Comptroller and the Corporation's investment advisers, the whole in accordance with such investment policies adopted by the Board of Directors from time to time.

## **INVESTMENTS**

The Vice-President (Finance & Operations), or a person designated in writing by the Board of Directors, is hereby authorized to (i) purchase or acquire in any way, shares, securities, bonds or debentures or other securities of the Government of Canada or any province of Canada or any country or political subdivision thereof, or obligations of a municipality, or shares, stocks, bonds, debentures or securities of any company or corporation (the "**Investments**"); (ii) execute and deliver receipts evidencing the Corporation's ownership of the Investments; (iii) where applicable, to exercise any voting rights attached to such Investments in a manner it sees fit; and (iv) from time to time, sell, assign, dispose of and deal fairly with the Investments and receive consideration for the sale thereof and perform all transfers or sales required to sell such Investments, or a portion thereof, to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

All Investments shall be held in the name of the Corporation.

## **FUNDS**

The Corporation's Board of Directors shall have the power to enter into agreements for the purpose of creating funds into which the capital and interest may be made available for the benefit of promoting the interests of the Corporation in accordance with such terms as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JANUARY 27, 2010

CONFIRMED BY 2/3 OF THE CORPORATION'S MEMBERS PRESENT AT A GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS ON FEBRUARY 10, 2010



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ZACH NEWBURGH

President

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NICK DREW

Vice-President (Operations & Finance)

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Drew, Vice-President (Finance & Operations) (2010-2011)

## Resolution Regarding Biking on Campus

*Whereas*, Student cyclists are now banned from biking on campus;

*Whereas*, The decision to ban biking on campus was made without consultation prior to the decision;

*Whereas*, Students have voiced concerns regarding this new regulation at the Forum on Biking on Campus;

*Whereas*, Pedestrian safety was listed as the main reason for this ban, but without substantiated evidence of a prior lack of safety;

*Whereas*, Other solutions such as biking lanes on campus were not explored by the McGill Administration, in any case of safety risks;

*Whereas*, On a large campus such as McGill's, biking benefits many students;

*Whereas*, McGill trucks and vans are still allowed on campus; and

*Whereas*, The Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) has not taken any official stance on this issue; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the SSMU investigates whether there were dangers with biking on campus;

*Resolved*, That the SSMU, through the President, Vice-President University Affairs and/or councilors, lobby the McGill Administration in order to permit biking on campus; and

*Resolved*, That the SSMU works on solutions to safety problems, other than banning biking, if their investigation concludes that there are dangers of biking on campus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joshua Abaki  
Vice President University Affairs

Anushay Irfan Khan  
Vice President Clubs and Services

Usman Shahid  
Engineering Representative



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Myriam Zaidi  
Vice President External



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## Resolution Regarding the Improvement of the SSMU

*Whereas*, The Preamble of the Constitution states that “The Society shall strive to provide excellence and quality of service at all times, and shall continue to enhance the quality and scope of these services [emphasis added]”; and

*Whereas*, The current structure of the SSMU and volume of business dealt with by its governance bodies prevent the Society from fulfilling the aforementioned aim;

*Resolved*, That the SSMU hire a third-party consulting firm to conduct a report on the operations, organization, and structure of the SSMU, with specific regard to improving the SSMU’s efficiency and service to its membership;

*Resolved*, That the SSMU first consider students to research and write a report on this subject before considering a professional consulting firm;

*Resolved*, That the final report contain a detailed analysis of comparable student associations and their organizational structure and recommendations on constitutional reforms to institutionalize a more effect organizational structure for the SSMU; and

*Resolved*, That this final report be ready for adoption before the Fall 2011 referendum period.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eli Freedman  
MUS Representative

Seconded by,  
Celine Junke  
MUS President

Tyler Lawson  
Senate Caucus Representative

Zach Newburgh  
President



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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;

*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



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*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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Abaki  
Vice President University Affairs

Anushay Khan  
Vice President Clubs and Services

Usman Shahid  
Engineering Representative

Myriam Zaidi  
Vice President External



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### Resolution Regarding the Use of the McGill Name by Clubs, Services, and Independent Student Groups of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU)

*Whereas*, Students at McGill University make up the largest part of the McGill community;

*Whereas*, Students are one of the biggest assets of McGill University;

*Whereas*, The Student Society of McGill University is an independent corporation;

*Whereas*, The Students' Society of McGill University's insurance policies cover all and any liabilities associated with its clubs and services in case of possible legal action;

*Whereas*, The McGill University administration has constantly been laying increasing pressure on student groups to remove the name "McGill" from their names;

*Whereas*, The McGill administration has a decreasing interest in improving and facilitating student life;  
and

*Whereas*, The McGill administration continually uses its students and student groups to gather support from Alumni and Faculty members to further the University's reputation; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the SSMU take every reasonable action to prevent the University from disassociating students from their own University;

*Resolved*, That the SSMU continue to fight for the right of SSMU Clubs, Services and Independent Student Groups to use the McGill name;

*Resolved*, That the SSMU continue to fight for the rights of SSMU Clubs, Services and Independent Student Groups to maintain their current names; and

*Resolved*, That in the case that the University is unwilling to negotiate, the SSMU disallow the University from using SSMU clubs, services and independent student groups on any and all publication materials – including newspapers, books, websites and other promotional material produced by McGill University.



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