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## Motion Regarding Creation of a SSMU Policy Committee

### **Policy Committee (Joint Senate Caucus-SSMU committee)**

The Policy Committee shall support the development of research and policy initiatives conducted by SSMU through the compilation of information and the presentation of research proposals. The committee shall also advise the SSMU and Senate Caucus on matters of external policy.

#### The Membership Shall Consist of:

SSMU Policy Coordinator and Chair (Academic Research Commissioner)  
VP University Affairs  
Councillor (1)  
Senator (1)  
Members at Large (4)

#### The Committee Shall:

##### **Meet and Report**

- Bi-weekly meetings
- Committee members can expect to do 1-2 hours a week
- Monthly report to council and senate caucus

#### Mandate

**Collaborate** with SSMU executives, senators, councillors, and commissioners, develop a year plan of policy initiatives, to be completed by September 30th, and then presented to Council no later than October 15th;

**Provide an advisory role** through policy research for Senators and Councillors to make well-informed decisions. They may approach the policy committee with current projects or questions that requires further research. The committee members shall not be responsible for the execution of these projects. The committee shall:

- Compile information required to further SSMU initiatives, including time requirements and research design
- Where necessary, propose that a temporary research position be made for the project
- Confer with any relevant SSMU executive or student staff necessary to execute the project

**Assist** senators and councillors in the drafting of policies;

**Encourage** and provide avenues for collaboration between SSMU research projects where possible;



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*Liaise* with the McGill Academic Roundtable (MART);

*Advise* SSMU on how best to provide more sustainable research (preserving institutional memory). Prepare an exit-report due on April 15th of each academic year on research and policy projects that need to be continued in the next school year;

*Assist* the Academic Research Commissioner and VP University Affairs in the planning and execution of the Annual Forum on Undergraduate Education & Research.

Moved by:

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