

**Resolution RE: SSMU's position on the MBA tuition hike and self-funding model**

WHEREAS the SSMU has a policy against the increase in tuition (passed by Council in 1992) and a policy for the reduction of tuition until its complete abolition (passed by GA in 2006);

WHEREAS McGill University recently announced that they would move the MBA programme at the Dessaults School of Business towards a self-funding model, which would increase the tuition for MBA students from \$1,500 for Quebec students and \$4,675 for out-of-province students to \$29,500 for all students in the fall 2010;

WHEREAS this move threatens the accessibility of the MBA programme and is the manifestation of a trend towards the privatization of postsecondary education and professional programmes in Quebec and Canada;

WHEREAS the students of many professional programmes at McGill, including Law, dentistry, Physical and Occupational Therapy, are undergraduates and, as such, members of SSMU;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education, Recreation and Sports has articulated that McGill has not followed the proper procedures in moving towards the self-funding model;

WHEREAS the self-funding model fundamentally threatens the Canadian and Quebecois philosophy of accessible postsecondary education and should be decried by students and their associations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSMU take a formal and public position of disapproval vis-à-vis McGill's decision to pursue a self-funding model for the MBA programme resulting in the dramatic increase in tuition;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSMU, through its representatives, lobby against the MBA tuition hike and self-funding model at the University Senate, the Board of Governors and with the McGill Administration.

**Moved:** VP Ronderos-Morgan

**Seconded:** VP Dooley