

Motion from Senator Upham for the consideration of Senate:

Whereas the SSMU is participating in the pan-Canadian Day of Action on Postsecondary Education on the afternoon February 7th, 2007;

And whereas the SSMU is leading the organization of the Day of Action activities local to Montreal;

And whereas the theme of the Day of Action is "Fund the Future", a call for reinvestment from all levels of government into postsecondary education;

And whereas McGill University is recognized as being grossly underfunded, along with all other universities in Quebec;

And whereas it is important for students to be able to engage the larger community on such an important issue without academic backlash;

And whereas many Canadian Postsecondary Education Institution have already granted academic amnesty for the Day of Action, including:

- University of Victoria
- University of Winnipeg
- Trent University
- University of Ottawa
- Ryerson University
- University of Toronto
- Memorial University of Newfoundland

And whereas Academic Amnesty is here defined as the forgiveness of academic duties by such means as:

- not penalising students for not attending lectures with “mandatory” attendance;
- rescheduling onsite assessment activities to an earlier or later date;
- allowing students to attend alternate sections of lectures and labs so as to be available to participate in the activities of the Day of Action;

And whereas on November 30th, 2006, the SSMU Council motioned that the SSMU representatives request academic amnesty for its members through the relevant University channels;

And whereas Senate is the highest governing body on all things academic at McGill University;

Be is resolved that Senate grant Academic Amnesty to the students of McGill University for the afternoon of February 7th, 2007.