**Motion Regarding support of the Becoming an Active Bystander Program**

Whereas, incidents of sexual violence and domestic abuse are an ongoing phenomenon not just at McGill, but at campuses across the country;[[1]](#footnote-1)

Whereas, McGill already supports the training of specific groups of students with relation to consent and preventing sexual violence;

Whereas, incidents of sexual violence and domestic abuse are widely documented yet under-reported;[[2]](#footnote-2)

Whereas the AUS endorsed and helped organize the #ConsentMcGill awareness campaign that took place in October 2014,

Whereas the AUS strives to create a community that exceeds social standards of equitable treatment, creating a safer space for all of our members,

Whereas the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is introducing a Becoming an Active Bystander workshop which encourages student-participants to see themselves as potential active bystanders who could interrupt potentially harmful situations before, during, or after an event takes place, to be launched on March 9th

Be it resolved, that the AUS VP External and AUS Councillors circulate information about the Becoming and Active Bystander workshop to their respective committees and councils and work to recruit students for the workshops taking place March 17,18,30,31

Be it resolved, that the AUS continue to actively support and promote consent and sexual assault awareness through all major communication channels

Moved by

Lola Baraldi, VP External

Kareem Ibrahim, Arts Senator

Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie, Arts Representative to SSMU

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<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/mcgill-student-accused-of-sexual-assault-hired-by-summer-camp-1.2715843>

<http://globalnews.ca/news/985364/mcgill-campus-football-team-the-centre-of-sex-assault-controversy/>

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/2-uottawa-hockey-players-charged-with-sex-assault-1.1971410>
<http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/news/ubc-sex-assault/>

<http://news.nationalpost.com/2014/07/16/u-of-t-professor-tells-court-alleged-sexual-assault-victim-invited-him-into-her-home-was-receptive-to-his-advances/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.sexassault.ca/statistics.htmL>

http://www.wavaw.ca/mythbusting/statistics/ <https://www.rainn.org/get-information/statistics/reporting-rates> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)