**Motion regarding the AUS support of the Education Community Living Environment (ECOLE) Inc.**

Whereas, the Education Community Learning Environment Project, or ECOLE for short, is a central space that strives to be a model for urban sustainable living;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project aims to integrate the many projects related to environmental and social sustainability on campus and the Milton Parc community;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project aims to provide a home for interdisciplinary applied student research;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project aims to facilitate experiential learning through hands-on experience in consensus-based decision-making, event organizing, and developing and implementing fundraising and communication strategies;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project provides opportunities for students to be engaged at any level as either facilitators in managing the physical space of ECOLE, as coordinators in overseeing the various ECOLE projects, as collective members in acting as the primary consultative and decision-making body of the organization, or as Directors of the Board in ensuring that the ECOLE fulfills its legal responsibilities;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project provides alternative education programming to students in promoting skill-building and skill-sharing;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project provides a number of other resources to students including but not limited to public common space and bookable meeting space;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project has laid out long term goals for its financial and institutional sustainability;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project has recently gained status as a registered non- profit organization;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project has recently gained status as an Independent Student Group under the SSMU;

Be it resolved, that the AUS recognize ECOLE as a project with immense benefits for the Arts community and encourage its members to get involved with the project;

Be it resolved, that the AUS grant ECOLE booking privileges under the External portfolio;

Be it resolved*,* that the AUS support ECOLE by providing event promotion through the AUS listserv and Facebook page;

Be it resolved, that the AUS support ECOLE’s efforts to institutionalize themselves as a hub for sustainability research and a space for the McGill sustainability community

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