**Motion to Endorse the Sexual Assault Policy**

*Whereas*, the AUS Equity Policy is committed to promoting “a functionally anti-oppressive environment” and the AUS “strives to create a community that exceeds social standards of equitable treatment, creating a safer space for all of our members”[[1]](#footnote-1);

*Whereas*, the AUS recognizes that the existing Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy[[2]](#footnote-2) does not promote a pro-survivor approach and does not fight pre-existing structures that make it difficult for People Who Have Experienced Sexual Assault (PWESAs) to feel safe or seek recourse;

*Whereas*, this Sexual Assault Policy promotes a pro-survivor approach that empowers PWESAs and focuses on pro-active measures to “[uphold] the rights of those who have experienced Sexual Assault, and [foster] cultural change around themes of consent”[[3]](#footnote-3);

*Whereas*, “McGill University recognizes that Sexual Assault is a serious offence with severe consequences that is systematically under-reported and under-addressed” and “the University acknowledges that Sexual Assault occurs disproportionately on university campuses and within university communities”[[4]](#footnote-4);

**Be it resolved**, that the AUS express its commitment to passing this policy by publishing a statement on the AUS website and circulating it through a listserv in support of passing this policy in Senate. The AUS supports the creation of the Office maintained by the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator under the Office of the Dean of Students.

**Be it resolved**, that the AUS will stay informed of future actions to be taken to support the passing of this policy.

**Moved by**

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1. http://ausmcgill.com/en/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Equity-Apr-9.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://secureweb.mcgill.ca/secretariat/files/secretariat/policy\_on\_harassment\_sexual\_harassment\_and\_discrimination\_prohibited\_by\_law\_2014.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Sexual Assault Policy of McGill University [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Sexual Assault Policy of McGill University [↑](#footnote-ref-4)