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To Whom It May Concern:

At its Legislative Council meeting of March 11, 2015, the Arts Undergraduate Society officially endorsed the proposal for a new MA in the Public Life of Arts and Ideas. This program addresses a very real concern for our members as they are confronted with questions surrounding the function and relevance of their degrees beyond the academy. Such anxieties are reflected in national and international discourse, as well as campus programming including the McGill for Humanities roundtables and our yearly “Work Your B.A.” career series.

Rather than monetizing the outcomes of an MA degree, the proposed program seeks to bridge the gap between a traditional humanities approach and the “working world” by actively involving a critical, research-based course of study in a space beyond the university. For McGill to continue to excel as an institution, and for the humanities to adapt to a changing society, we must continue to push for such innovations in our curriculum. Thus, we wholeheartedly support the creation of this program.

Sincerely,

The Arts Undergraduate Society Executive  
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