

Motion for the Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University to Declare a One Day Strike in Support of Climate Justice

Whereas, the 2018 report¹ published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that the effects of 1.5 degrees of warming are far more catastrophic than previously thought, and that the climate action necessary to bring about the requisite 50% emission reductions over the next eleven years will demand comprehensive and aggressive changes to our systems of production and consumption;

Whereas, the Canadian and Quebec governments have failed to meet their own targets in line with the fulfillment of these goals;

Whereas, McGill University continues to be actively complicit in climate change through its investments in fossil fuels, nuclear weapons, and arms manufacturers, as well as by actively conducting research for the fossil fuel and arms industries;

Whereas, the continuous and conscious inaction of these institutions in spite of the overwhelming and alarming evidence has proven the need to utilize collective action as a means of change;

Whereas, nearly 2000 McGill students took part in the demonstration for climate justice on March 15 2019;

Whereas, students in Quebec and worldwide have voted for a one day strike to demand climate action from their universities and governments;

Whereas, the Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University “exists to represent all McGill students in the Faculty of Arts and to promote their welfare and interests;”²

Be it resolved, that the Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University hold a one-day strike on September 27, 2019 in order to pressure the university and government to meet the demands set forth by the climate strike movement as well as participate in the global mobilization for climate justice.

¹ https://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/pdf/sr15_spm_final.pdf

² <http://ausmcgill.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Word-Doc-Constitution-.pdf>