



Motion to Amend the Religious Studies Undergraduate Society Constitution

Whereas, on 2 October 2019, the Constitution of the Religious Studies Undergraduate Society (RSUS) was updated to reflect the membership and representation of B.Th. students, who were *de facto* members of the RSUS but not *de jure* members.

Whereas, B.Th. students are also represented by the Theological Undergraduate Students' Association (TUSA), which represents all students part of the Montreal School of Theology (MST). The MST includes the Presbyterian College (affiliated with McGill), United Theological College, and Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

Whereas, the TUSA better represents B.Th. students as it is specific to their degree program and is dedicated to them, rather than just Religious Studies generally.

Whereas, the TUSA is now in the process of becoming a Faculty Association under the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) and will be seceding from the RSUS, though friendly relations are being maintained.

Whereas, the RSUS does not currently have provisions for General Assemblies outlined in the Constitution.

Whereas, General Assemblies are conducive to democracy and constituent participation, enabling political bodies to make constitutional amendments, adopt official positions on relevant matters, and go on strike.

Whereas, the appointment of the First Year Rep position is not clearly outlined in the Constitution regarding U0/U1 status.

Be it resolved, the following changes be made to the Religious Studies Undergraduate Society's Constitution, as outlined in the attached Appendix.

Respectfully submitted,

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