**Motion for a Climate Emergency Declaration**

**Whereas,** the 2018 report (Appendix H) published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that the catastrophic effects of 1.5 degrees of warming necessitates that comprehensive and aggressive changes be made to our systems of production and consumption in order to bring about the requisite 50% emission reductions over the next ten years;

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

**Whereas,** McGill University has refused to divest from fossil fuels, nuclear weapons and arms manufacturers, and continues its’ conscious inaction in spite of the overwhelming and alarming evidence that collective action is crucial;

**Whereas,** the oceans are rising;

**Whereas,** the forests are burning;

**Whereas,** the air is polluted;

**Whereas,** climate refugees are being displaced;

**Whereas,** there will be a worldwide water shortage by 2040;

**Whereas,** this is a global emergency;

**Whereas,** Climate Justice Action McGill (CJAM) has contributed continuous and admirable effort in ensuring that the McGill administration participates in the necessary climate action and they need the support of the Arts Undergraduate Society to further mobilize our student body;

**Whereas,** over 3000 McGill students took part in the demonstration for climate justice on September 27, 2019 and the AUS went on strike in solidarity, demanding McGill’s divestment from the fossil fuel industry, but their demands were not met;

**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” in accordance with the Mandate of the AUS Constitution (Article 2.1.1);

**Whereas,** CJAM has mobilized various faculties, including the AUS at the February 12, 2020 Legislative Council, to call for strikes during the week of March 30 to April 3, 2020 to place further pressure on McGill to divest from the fossil fuel industry;

**Be it resolved,** that the Arts Undergraduate Society declares a state of Climate Emergency and sends out a public statement facilitating the necessary dialogue about climate action via email, all appropriate social media, and other forms of communication, at the discretion of the VP Communications.

**Be it further resolved,** thatthe VP Communications sends out multiple emails in the coming months about climate justice demonstrations (including CJAM’s upcoming Strike Week and any other relevant climate justice demonstrations in Montreal) and includes a “Has McGill Divested Yet?” segment in the weekly listserv to facilitate regular engagement with AUS constituency regarding climate justice.

Moved by,

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