

Don't divide McGill. Vote "no" on motion 4C

Arrival instructions: YOU MUST BRING YOUR MCGILL ID CARD. YOU CANNOT VOTE WITHOUT IT. Sit towards the front. When the opportunity for raising motions arises, we need to be able to jump up to the microphones. The first people to get to the microphones will be the first people to speak and make motions.

Remember to bring your phones. We will be updating the Facebook page constantly during the meeting with essential information about voting.

The Assembly will take a while. There will be other items discussed at the meeting that have nothing to do with the reason we came here, but we have to grin and bear it. Be patient, and be respectful, regardless of how the vote goes. Bring snacks and a book to read. Study to your hearts' desires, but stay alert.

Remember too: We are not here to debate the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We are here because SSMU should not be taking a one-sided stand, in our name, on a complicated, emotional foreign conflict. This motion, if passed, will help no one; it will only divide us. If you do speak, first mention this: THAT THE SSMU GA IS AN IMPROPER VENUE FOR THIS DEBATE. As well, when lining up to speak, ensure that people on our side have alternating order of gender (SSMU GAs work on the premise of alternating male/female speakers).

Here is a table for the actions we will be taking (all votes require 50%+1 of members to pass):

Action	Motion	How to Vote*	Notes
1	Open the agenda of new business	YES	Allows us to rearrange the agenda
2	Move new business item "c" to the top of the agenda	YES	Allows us to talk about the important issue first
3	Motion for an extension of question period	NO	We want to defeat the motion as soon as possible.
4	Motion to table indefinitely "I move to postpone the motion indefinitely!"	YES	Shuts down the motion for the rest of the semester.
5	Motion to amend	Yes/no	If it is an amendment that we propose, vote yes; if not, then vote no
6	(The actual motion itself "Calling on SSMU to Stand in Solidarity with the People of the Occupied Palestinian Territories")	<u>NO</u>	This is why we're here- vote no, <i>even if our amendments pass.</i>

Order of Proceedings:

- Following the Executive reports, we will motion to amend the agenda. We will initiate **action 1**, to open the agenda, then **action 2** to move our item to the top so we can talk about it
- After (2) passes, we have a question/answer period of 30 minutes, with 5 minutes for each question. Their likely speaker will be Dina El-Baradie, an executive for SPHR. If someone motions for an extension of Question Period, vote NO (**action 3**).
- Following the end of Question Period, we move into debate:
 - **IMMEDIATELY INITIATE ACTION 4.**
 - According to Roberts Rules, this motion is of a low priority: if anyone motions to amend or take a break, or refer to committee, etc. we will vote on these before the motion to postpone indefinitely. Therefore VOTE AGAINST any motion to take a break/refer to committee or to amend the motion at this stage. We will not be introducing amendments until after this motion (if at all).
- If the motion to table indefinitely fails, we continue the debate period, but will now move OUR amendments. The point here is to try to reach out to others and propose things that many people will support. Initiate **action 5**.

- Our amendments are:

Amendment #	Action to be undertaken	Text
1	Strike the entire first operating clause	
2	Add the following clause	<i>Be it resolved that SSMU publicly condemn Hamas for the violence it perpetrated and facilitated against civilians in Gaza and Israel</i>
3	Add the following clause	<i>Be it resolved that SSMU publicly condemn the governments of Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria for denying full citizenship and human rights to Palestinian populations in those countries</i>

- Even if these amendments are passed, we would still advise voting *against* the motion in its entirety. Despite the amendments, they still do not make the motion something that SSMU should do.
- Finally, after the time for our amendments has passed, we initiate **Action 6**, “I move to call the motion to question.” When the motion is called to question (i.e. the voting period on the motion ITSELF) begins, then **VOTE NO.**

When all is said and done, remain cool as you leave the room. Keep your chin up, and your head held high.