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Statement by the AMUSE Board of Representatives Regarding the “Statement of Values and Operating Procedures”

The Association of McGill University Support Employees (AMUSE) Board of Representatives condemns in the strongest possible terms the Statement of Values and Operating Procedures regarding Demonstrations, Protests, and Occupations on McGill University Campuses that was passed in Senate this winter semester.

This document conflates mere inconvenience with violent disruption and therefore tramples on the right of McGill community members to express all but the weakest forms of dissent. In doing so, the Statement of Values and Operating Procedure contravenes the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, which explicitly protects the freedom of all citizens to engage in principled, nonviolent protest.

Although this policy will affect every member of the McGill community equally, whether they be faculty, students, or staff, we are especially concerned that the policy will be used to criminalize the activities of labour union members and their supporters, whose right to participate in campus demonstrations, rallies, and lawful picketing is clearly violated by its terms.

We are also extremely disappointed in the administration’s decision to solicit opinions from the community and then to implement the permanent policy without passing it through the university’s limited democratic fora.

For these reasons, we do not accept the legitimacy of this policy and will not consent to its application. Given the magnitude of the threat to our fundamental rights, we call on all members of the McGill community to join us in condemning this policy and to work together with us to prevent its implementation.

In solidarity,

The Board of Representatives of the Association of McGill University Support Employees

