OSSM Nov 13, 2025

Eliott Rabier, MCSS VP Equity & Sustainability opened the meeting.

We have received a petition with over 50 signatures for a student strike in support of Palestinian liberation. The organizers will now present the petition, then if we have quorum (110 members of MCSS) a vote will take place. Results will pass by majority vote (50% + 1).

Please exit if you are **not** a Mac Undergrad. Mac undergrads who prefer not to vote should exit or will be counted as abstaining. There were 115 students remaining present.

Organizers Francis Rose Zeitoun, Kim-Chi Nguyen will now present the petition followed by Q&A:

PETITION REGARDING STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN LIBERATION 2025-11-20 and 21

ISSUE: The current petition addresses the **solidarity strike at McGill University in support of Palestinian liberation**. Prompted by ongoing actions that reportedly violate human rights and international laws, McGill students demand university **divestment from corporations supporting military activity in Gaza**, and an end to institutional relationships with complicit entities. We also demand that the university stop suppressing student activism on campuses.

ALIGNMENT WITH MISSION: The **MCSS Constitution** aims to unite and represent all Macdonald Campus students while promoting and defending their welfare and interests. The MCSS is committed to fostering a functional **anti-oppressive environment**. The MCSS recognizes that various groups, including women, LGBTQ+, Indigenous peoples, racial minorities, and people with disabilities, have been historically disadvantaged. It condemns harassment or discrimination against these groups and supports programs focused on improving conditions for specific disadvantaged individuals or groups. These are summarized from the **MCSS Constitution (3.2) and MCSS Equity Policy (3.3, 3.4, 3.5)**.

CONSULTATION TO BE COMPLETED: An **Open Student Society Meeting (OSSM)** can be called upon receiving at least **fifty (50) signatures** by members of the student society. This petition will be delivered to the Vice-President, Internal or Secretary/Administrator of the Students' Society, and the **meeting must be called within five (5) working days** after receipt of the petition.

CALL TO STRIKE: *For the reasons above, we call on a mass student strike for the period of one school day on November 20th-21st with the following demands:*

1. Demand that our university divest its equity holdings in all companies involved in the production and sale of weapons and military technology linked to genocide and occupation, as defined by the standards of international law, the ICJ, and established human rights organizations such as Amnesty International. These companies include, but are not limited to, Lockheed Martin, Airbus, Textron, BAE Systems, Safran, and Thales.
2. Demand the immediate end of any research partnership or financial relationship involving corporations, institutions, or individual donors perpetuating or benefitting from the sale of weapons or military technology.
3. Demand that our university immediately cease any disciplinary cases and political tribunals against students involved in popular organizing, political advocacy, and demonstrations, and provide amnesty to all students who engage in similar protests going forward.

Results: In Favor: 115 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion for students to strike on Nov 20-21, 2025, **passed**. The OSSM is now closed.

slides:https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1T5tlmp50MsfqqZHW7oyFr56fK3iBzuwrtHlC9gE2Rk8/edit?usp=sharing

official motion: https://docs.google.com/document/d/11hmCpoXh99k9h7BEMw1jkYC5T3H-caGPfL8Hkv5Q0UY/edit?usp=sharing