

## Questions from GRASPé for Heather Munroe-Blum

GRASPé has decided to mobilize for Heather Munroe-Blum's Town Hall even though we do not believe that it is a democratic, legitimate means for students interests to be represented, or even consulted. For us the Town Hall is an opportunity for student mobilization that can challenge Heather and her administration on the many policies that we and many other students oppose. It is mobilization, participation, and direct action by students that will bring about change, not the dead-end pseudo-consultation of a Town Hall. It is with this approach in mind that we suggest the following questions for Heather:

### **Six Nations question:**

Will McGill repay its \$1.7 billion debt to Six Nations?

Chants: "Free Education for Six Nations!" "McGill on stolen land!"

### **Tuition questions:**

Will you stop exploiting international students by bringing down international tuition down to the legal level, as set by the Quebec government?

Do you think that the Quebec government's cap on international tuition was set for a reason, or is it useless? Are there other government laws or regulations that you think are useless and should be ignored?

Do you think rising ancillary go against the spirit of the Quebec tuition freeze?

Don't these fees mean the same thing to students as tuition and therefore have the same effect on accessibility?

You have an infamous explanation for how deregulating tuition makes education more accessible. Would you mind explaining it to the audience, because I don't think many people understanding it.

Can you give even one historical or current example of tuition deregulation being fully compensated by a corresponding increase in non-loan financial aid?

### **Other questions:**

You have expressed that our university is severely underfunded. Will you therefore support a policy redirecting the the \$31,500 you have received from McGill for the upkeep of your house and garden towards needs based bursaries?

The recent restructuring of the Board of Governors was intended to bring it closer to a corporate model of governance. Does this correspond to other shifts at McGill towards more business-like practices?

Do you think that increasing the number of students each TA is responsible for will improve the quality of undergrad education at McGill?

There are currently two governors of McGill who sit on the boards of directors of major Canadian banks (Toronto Dominion and Bank of Montreal). Considering that these banks could stand to benefit from deregulated tuition by giving more private loans to students, do you think they have a possible conflict of interest?