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Reproductive Rights Position Statement	Category Bylaws
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WHEREAS UMSU's Safe Environment Policy defines a safe environment as a space which does not condone behavior, language, or action that is likely to undermine the dignity, safety, self-esteem or productivity of any of its members or employees and prohibits, among other things, discrimination or harassment based on sex, including sex-determined characteristics or circumstances, such as pregnancy, the possibility of pregnancy or circumstances related to pregnancy.

WHEREAS reproductive rights are a complex issue for many, and UMSU recognizes its members' freedom of thought and expression on the issue.

WHEREAS UMSU's Safe Environment Policy states that UMSU recognizes and believes in the right to free speech, yet acknowledges that free speech should not violate other groups or individuals rights to feel safe or be utilized to incite hatred.

WHEREAS Position #7 of the UMSU Position Statement Book states, among other things, that UMSU opposes racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and other forms of oppression that can affect how certain groups of people access post-secondary education and perpetuate inequities in society based on gender, race, socioeconomic status, (dis)ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, citizenship status and other factors.

AND WHEREAS there have been individual students and groups whose behavior, language or action on the subject of reproductive rights, has caused students to feel that they are being discriminated against on the basis of sex, including pregnancy, the possibility of pregnancy or circumstances related to pregnancy.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that UMSU amend Position Statement #7: Equitable Campus to include the following under subsection "UMSU SUPPORTS:"

"A woman's right to freedom of reproductive choice; and a woman's right to be free from coercion or attempted coercion with respect to making reproductive choices."

Be it further resolved that UMSU amend Position Statement #7: Equitable Campus to include the following under subsection "UMSU OPPOSES:"

"Any act of coercion or attempted coercion with respect to making reproductive choices."

Be it further resolved that UMSU amend Governance and Operations Manual Section XXIII, subsection 4, clause b) to add an additional sub-clause reading:

"xi) Any act of coercion or attempted coercion with respect to making reproductive choices."

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