# CONSTITUTION OF KOREAN STUDENTS SOCIETY

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### 1 Article I: Name

1.1 The name of this organization shall be Korean Students society, hereafter referred to as KSS.

#### 2 Article II: Mandate

- 2.1 The Club's mandate shall be to
  - Represent the general views and concerns of the KSS, Korean and Korean Canadian McGill students within the University and the Korean Community of Greater Montreal.
  - Promote awareness and a better understanding of Korean heritage, culture, politics, language and social issues among Korean, Korean Canadian students and the McGill student body.
  - Foster academic ties and social bonds between Korean and Korean Canadian students and other students at McGill University.
  - Cultivate and maintain ties with the Korean Community of Greater Montreal relevant to the nature of this organization.

## 3 Article III: Membership

- 3.1 Full members shall be open and granted to all SSMU and PGSS students whom regardless of race, religion or culture express interest in KSS and KSS' objectives.
- 3.2 Only SSMU and PGSS members are eligible to be elected as offices and hold voting privileges.
- 3.3 Associate membership shall be open to any other person. Associate members enjoy all the rights of full membership except that of being elected as an officer and of holding any voting privileges.

## 4 Article IV: Executive Committee

- 4.1 The Executive Committee of the KSS shall be composed of:
- 4.2 The EC is composed of the following five portfolios:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice President Internal
  - 3. Vice President External
  - 4. Vice President Finance
  - 5. Vice President Social Affairs
  - 6. Vice President Administration
- 4.3 As a whole, the executive committee has the power to:
- 4.3.1 Serve as a link between KSS and any other organization or community.
- 4.3.2 Organize all activities and/or events that coincide with KSS objectives.



#### 5 Article V: Portfolios

- 5.1 The President shall:
  - 5.1.1 Represent, as Chief Executive Officer, the KSS at all official functions both on and outside the McGill campus.
  - 5.1.2 Preside and conduct over all meetings.
  - 5.1.3 Oversee all KSS activities and/or events.
  - 5.1.4 Power to call meetings.
  - 5.1.5 Right to delegate a replacement in case of absenteeism.
  - 5.1.6 Ensure that the KSS objectives are observed.
- 5.2 The Vice President Internal shall:
  - 5.2.1 Work closely within the organization assisting the President in his/her work.
  - 5.2.2 Ensure internal unity and harmony.
  - 5.2.3 Ensure effective functioning of the KSS.
  - 5.2.4 Serve as Acting President in the event that the President is unable.
- 5.3 The Vice President External shall:
  - 5.3.1 Maintain contact with SSMU.
  - 5.3.2 Establish and maintain strong ties with other McGill organizations.
  - 5.3.3 Maintain ties with the Korean Community of Greater Montreal.
  - 5.3.4 Form and ensure good relations with other associations, organizations and communities that are pertinent to the KSS.
- 5.4 The Vice President Finance shall:
  - 5.3.1 Be responsible for all KSS financial assets.
  - 5.3.2 Prepare and present an annual budget, in good form, to the SSMU at the beginning of each academic year.
  - 5.3.3 Record all financial transactions of the KSS.
  - 5.3.4 Be responsible for all disbursements and collection of funds.
  - 5.3.5 Maintain accurate financial records.
- 5.5 The Vice President Social Affairs shall:
  - 5.5.1 Chair all social and recreational KSS activities and/or events.
  - 5.5.2 Responsible for the planning and smooth executive of any social or recreational activity and/or event.
  - 5.5.3 Responsible for all publicity of all KSS activities and/or events.
- 5.6 The Vice President Administration shall:
  - 5.6.1 Be responsible for all clerical duties, such as maintaining files and collective the mail.
  - 5.6.2 Record minutes of all meetings.
  - 5.6.3 Be responsible for room reservations for any KSS meeting and/or activity.
  - 5.6.4 Be responsible for recording and maintaining the member directory.

# 6 Article VI: Finances

6.1 The full and associate membership fees shall be determined annually by the Executive Committee. The fees must be a minimum of 2\$.



6.2 The fees will be collected annually at the time of registration.

## 7 Article VII: Meetings

- 7.1 There shall be at least three (3) General Meetings held during the year, in September, January, and March (mandatory).
- 7.2 All other meetings will be held on a regular basis.
- 7.3 The President shall call all meetings at any time during his/her term in office, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
- 7.4 General Meetings are open to all full and associate members.
- 7.5 Thirty percent (30%) of the total full members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.
- 7.6 Notice for all General Meetings shall be given at least three days in advance of the meeting in the Tribune and/or the McGill Daily, as well as through other effective means of correspondence and communication (phone calls, e-mails, posters, web site).

## 8 Article VIII: Electoral Procedures

- 8.1 All candidates running for an executive position must be registered as a full member.
- 8.2 Each member of the Executive Committee shall be elected once every academic year at the Annual General Meeting in March.
- 8.3 Elections shall be held by secret ballot.
- 8.4 Each candidate elected into the Executive Committee must receive a majority of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) votes from full members present at the time of voting.
- 8.5 There shall be no absentee voting.
- 8.6 The newly elected Executive Committee shall commence their duties in September, at the beginning of every academic year.

# 9 Article IX: Affiliations

- 9.1 Amendments to the KSS constitution must be approved by the two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting where a majority of members are present.
- 9.2 The SSMU Council must ratify all amendments before taking effect.

# 10 Article X: Affiliation

### 11 Article XII: Bylaws and Policies

11.1 If there is any area not covered by the KSS constitution, or if there are any inconsistencies between the two, the SSMU Constitution shall take effect and shall have precedence.