

## **CONSTITUTION OF LIBERAL MCGILL**

Desiring to unite all of the Young Liberals at McGill University in order to promote their ideas and their implication within the Liberal Party of Canada;

Seeking to promote the interests of the Liberal Party of Canada within McGill University as well as to expose students to the Liberal philosophy and political activity;

With the goal of acting as a concrete means of facilitating communication among other constituencies and scholastic clubs;

Created to define the significant political and strategic orientations of the Young Liberals of Canada and the Liberal Party of Canada in Quebec;

The Constitution of Liberal-McGill is enacted as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1: Citation and Affiliation**

1. The club is designated the title Liberal-McGill.
2. The club is affiliated with the Young Liberals of Canada (Québec).

### **ARTICLE 2: Working Languages**

1. This constitution shall be available in both official languages of Canada and each version of this document is of equal authority.
2. The Club shall be open to both official languages of Canada.

### **ARTICLE 3: Membership**

1. Members of Liberal-McGill consist of all those McGill University (Central Campus) students between the ages of 14 and 25 years old, in accordance with the Liberal Party of Canada Young Liberal Bylaws, who have paid the membership dues of the club, as set by the executive.
2. Students desiring to participate in Liberal-McGill activities, but who are over the age of 25 may be non-voting members of Liberal-McGill.
3. Members are automatically members of the Liberal Party of Canada through these dues, and may not be a member of any other political party registered in Canada.
4. All candidates for membership must be registered with the Vice-President Organization of the Club, who is responsible for accepting and validating all candidates.
5. Membership is non-discretionary and automatic by the Vice-President Organization of the Club, subject to the stipulations of Article 3.1. Proof of age and of attendance at McGill University are required.

**B. Vice-President Operations:**

Prepares the agenda for meetings of the general assembly;

Acts as Chair of the meetings of the general assembly;

Writes up the minutes of the assemblies and signs them jointly with the president;

Fulfils the tasks assigned by the executive committee.

**C. Vice-President Communications**

Responsible for all communications with members of the club;

Responsible for relations with the media, including campus media;

Drafts a bi-annual report for the YLC Livewire, or equivalent, on the happenings of the club;

Fulfils the tasks assigned by the executive committee.

**D. Vice-President Finance:**

Is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget for the Club;

Updates the Club's financial affairs;

Coordinates the financing activities of the Club;

Maintains close contact with the treasurer of the YLC (Q);

Fulfils the tasks assigned by the executive committee.

**E. Vice-President Policy:**

Elaborates files of a policy nature;

Develops the general policy stance of the club;

Maintains close contact with the policy vice-president of the YLC (Q);

## J. The Duke

Is a non-voting appointed representative of the executive committee, who may be tasked from time to time to assist with special events.

### ARTICLE 6: General Assembly and Meetings of the General Assembly including the Annual General Meeting

1. Subject to Article 3, the General Assembly is constituted by the members of Liberal-McGill including the members of the executive.
2. The general assembly is the supreme authority of the Club.
3. Quorum for a general assembly comprises at least ten percent of the members, not including members of the executive.
4. The meetings must take place at least once per month during the scholastic year, on the first Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise directed by the executive.

### ARTICLE 7: Annual General Meeting

1. The Annual General Meeting shall take place at least 10 working days prior to the start of the Winter Term exam session, but not earlier than March 15, or as otherwise directed by the executive.
2. The president shall call this meeting at least 16 working days prior to the selected date. At that time, the president shall inform the membership of the club of the deadlines for membership and nomination, as it applies to that year.
3. Subject to article 3, all members are entitled to one vote. Votes by proxy are not valid.

### ARTICLE 8: Elections

1. Elections for the executive committee take place annually, simultaneously with the Annual General Meeting of the Club, or as otherwise directed by the executive.
2. Those seeking a position on the executive must have been members prior to January 1 of that year.
3. Candidates shall forward their choice of position (one position only) to the VP Organization no later than 5 working days prior to the annual general meeting. At that point, nominations are closed.
4. The election shall proceed as follows:
  1. The election shall be the second to last item on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting. The last item shall be general notices of the newly elected executive committee.

Operations of the club 5 days prior to the Annual General meeting. Constitutional affairs will then be added to the agenda of the meeting the annual general meeting.

2. The resolution is then presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and is voted on by all voting members. A 2/3 majority of the members and 2/3 majority of the executive committee amends the constitution;
3. In the case of exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to, a potential flaw in the rules of the constitution leading to conflicting rules, the constitution may be amended by a vote of 75% of the members of Liberal-McGill, and unanimity of the executive committee, at a general assembly meeting.
4. No other method of amendment is valid.

#### ARTICLE 12: Entry into Force

1. This constitution shall enter into force after ratification at the annual general meeting scheduled for 2002