

LEBANESE STUDENTS' SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Date: adopted by members _____

Approved by _____ Date _____

ARTICLE I - NAME

- The name of the organization is the Lebanese Students' Society of McGill University (LSS).

ARTICLE II - DESCRIPTION

- LSS is a non-profit, non-religious, non-discriminatory, apolitical student's society.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

- To offer our members the true taste of Lebanese culture and free spirit, through various fun and interesting activities.

SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

- Represent Lebanon in multicultural events at McGill University.
- Establish correspondence between students at McGill and others in many universities around the world.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- Any McGill student is eligible to become a member of LSS.
- Any non McGill student is eligible to become a member of LSS.

ARTICLE V - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DESCRIPTION

- The Board of Directors will be referred as the BOD in this Constitution.
- To be elected to the BOD, an LSS member has to be a registered student at McGill University.
- The BOD for the next year will be elected in March of the current academic year. This BOD will be the "Associate BOD" of the current BOD until May 31st of the current academic year.
- On June 1st of the new academic year (June 1st - May 31st), the "Associate BOD" becomes the "Official BOD" of LSS.
- Two members of the BOD will be selected as administrators. They will conduct internal meetings and represent LSS in SSMU. They are the only two members eligible to sign checks.

DUTIES

- With the election of the “Associate BOD” in March of the current year, a tentative schedule for the upcoming year must be drawn up and budgeted for.
- Each member of the “Associate BOD” must be assigned an activity for the upcoming year.
- A minimum of one member of the BOD will direct that activity.
- The director(s) of the activity will allocate duties to the other members of the BOD.
- A member of the BOD may be reassigned to another activity if a majority of the BOD believes that he/she is not capable of fulfilling his/her obligations to that activity.
- The BOD decide unanimously on the activities that will be organized during the year.

IMPEACHMENT

- If a majority (2/3) of the BOD believes that any member(s) of the Board is not fulfilling his/her obligations in respect to the Society, then that person(s) must resign from the BOD immediately, having the option of becoming a regular LSS member.
- If a majority of members (51%+) agrees that the Official BOD is not fulfilling its duties, then the BOD must resign immediately, having the option of becoming regular LSS members.
- LSS members would then conduct an “Emergency General Election” to elect a new BOD who they deem worthy.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

- All members are eligible to vote for the “Associate BOD”.
- The LSS “General Election” shall take place annually during the month of March to elect the “Associate BOD”.
- Ten people will be elected to the “Associate BOD.”
- Members will be personally informed prior to the Assembly of which LSS members are running for the BOD.
- If anyone can not attend this Assembly and willingly submit his/her vote, then that vote will be legitimate.
- All votes at the General Assembly are legitimate.
- The “Associate BOD” will be elected by a majority of votes.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Any member recruited at the beginning of the current academic year pays an annual membership fee of five dollars (\$5.00).
- Any member who, before June 1st of the next year, wishes to renew his/her membership for the upcoming year, pays an annual fee of four dollars (\$4.00). (Values are subject to change.)

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

- The BOD can recruit new members to the Board who it feels are eligible to fulfill LSS obligations.
- This constitution can be revised at any time by the BOD with the consent of a majority (2/3) of the BOD members, a 51%+ majority of LSS members, and the approval of SSMU.

NOTE: This constitution was reconstructed by the 1996-1997 Board of Directors.