



Students' Society of McGill University  
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

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### **Referendum Question Regarding Composition of the Judicial Board**

*Whereas*, Constitution Article 31.1 states “The Judicial Board shall consist of five (5) members of the Society who have completed at least four (4) full-time semesters in the Faculty of Law, or equivalent, appointed by the Nominating Committee, who shall serve a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed (whichever is later)”;

*Whereas*, Constitution Article 31.2 states “No member of Council, past or present, may sit as a member of the Judicial Board”;

*Whereas*, Constitution Article 31.3 states “The Judicial Board shall not sit with fewer than three (3) members”;

*Whereas*, diverse perspectives can contribute to stronger deliberations on student petitions;

*Whereas*, the workload of conducting Judicial Board hearings is substantial, and currently it would be difficult for the Judicial Board to undertake two petitions simultaneously;

*Whereas*, this matter has been reviewed by the SSMU’s legal counsel and the current Judicial Board justices;

*Resolved*, that Constitution Article 31.1 be amended to read “The Judicial Board shall consist of five (5) members of the Society who have completed at least four (4) full-time semesters in the Faculty of Law, or equivalent, and two (2) other members of the Society, appointed by the Nominating Committee, who shall serve a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed (whichever is later)”;

*Resolved*, that Constitution Article 31.2 be amended to read: “No member of Council, or of any McGill University faculty, school or departmental student association council, past or present, may sit as a member of the Judicial Board”;

*Resolved*, that Constitution Article 31.3 be amended to read “The Judicial Board shall not sit with fewer than three (3) members, of whom the majority must be members who have completed four (4) full-time semesters in the Faculty of Law, or equivalent”.

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