



UN Women Canada Campus Club (UNWC CC) Constitution

Ratified by Membership on: _____

Ratified by SSMU Council on: _____

ARTICLE I: Name and Origin

1.1 UN Women Canada Campus Club also referred to hereinafter as the Club or UNWC CC.

The mother organization that has driven the creation of the UN Women Canada Campus Club (UNWC CC) at McGill is UN Women Canada National Committee (UNWC NC), which is the United Nations Canadian national committee branch founded in 1976. UNWC CC shares UNWC NC's over-arching goal of supporting the implementation of existing commitments at the national level to advance gender equality. UNWC CC will work to support UNWC NC at the university level through the UNWC CC mandate as outlined below.

ARTICLE II: Mandate

2.1 UNWC CC's mandate is to support UNWC NC by engaging students through advocacy and fundraising at McGill. In support of this goal, UNWC CC will work in the following thematic areas:

- Raise awareness on campus about the following gender based global issues:
 - Gender equality in the developed and developing world
 - Violence against women and girls
 - Reducing the spread of HIV and AIDS among women and girls
 - Achieving gender equality in democratic governance in times of peace as well as conflict
 - Alleviation of feminized poverty
 - Attainment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG's)
- Create a forum for discussion for those interested in human rights and gender equality through organized activities such as monthly student conferences, workshops, and biweekly discussion groups.
- Collaborate with existing campus clubs where the mandate of gender equality overlaps. For example, the V-Day McGill Club advocating against gender based violence.



- 2.2.8 The club shall make attempts to regularly monitor the environmental impact of all its events and operations
- 2.2.9 Clubs must attempt to utilize the services and resources available at SSMU in order to maximize capacities for equitable decision-making and environmental stewardship. These include but are not limited to the use of the plate club, green events guide, applications for the SSMU Green fund, assistance of the SSMU environment commissioners, environment committee and green events coordinators
- 2.2.10 The club must attempt to find sustainable alternatives to the non-recyclable #6 plastic, effective waste management, providing vegan and vegetarian options, purchasing clothing which is ethically sourced and environmentally-friendly, purchasing local and sustainable alcohol, fair trade coffee and tea, and local and/or organic foods.

ARTICLE III: Membership

- 3.1 *Membership for a club under the Students' Society of McGill University is open to all SSMU and PGSS members, including those of disadvantaged backgrounds, regardless of but not limited to gender, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexuality or sexual orientation, mental or physical abilities, language, or social class.*
- 3.2 *Only Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) and Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) members are eligible to be elected as officers and to hold voting privileges.*
- 3.3 *Associated non-voting membership is open to all others.*

Article IV: Executive Committee

- 4.1 *The Executive Committee (EC) shall administer the Club and oversee its events.*
- 4.2 *The EC is composed of the following five portfolios:*
1. *President*
 2. *Vice President External*
 3. *Vice President Internal*
 4. *Treasurer*
 5. *Secretary*
 6. *National Committee Liaison*
- 4.3 *The EC shall meet as frequently as it deems fit.*
- 4.4 *At least three of the five EC members must be present at an EC meeting in order for quorum to be met and for the meeting to proceed.*



5.5 The Secretary shall:

- 5.5.1 *Take minutes at EC and general meetings, and ensure proper distribution of all minutes*
- 5.5.2 *Co-sign all minutes with the President.*
- 5.5.3 *Shall be responsible for booking and arranging meeting rooms, organizing and obtaining refreshments, and drafting agendas for general meetings.*

5.6 The National Committee Liaison shall:

- 5.6.1 *Update the National Committee on all the Club activities in a non-biased manner*
- 5.6.2 *The liaison will be appointed by the National Committee from three suggested candidates that are elected for this position by students, and have no friendship and/or relationship with any Executives or Officers.*

ARTICLE VI: Fees

- 6.1 *The Club's membership fee shall be \$2 per semester.*

ARTICLE VII: Finances

- 7.1 *The EC shall examine the financial records, and prepare an audit, complete with records of all transactions and receipts, to be submitted to the SSMU at the end of each semester before May 31st of each year.*
- 7.2 *All club bank accounts must be kept at Scotiabank as subsections of the SSMU account*
 - 7.2.1 *Each account must have a minimum of two and maximum of three signing officers*
 - 7.2.2 *In order to receive funding of any kind from the SSMU, the club must have a Scotiabank account*
- 7.3 *Aside from retained funds for operational expenses, all funds raised from fundraisers, membership fees, and philanthropic activities should be donated to UN Women Canada National Committee for its international programs.*

ARTICLE VIII: Meetings

- 8.1 *There shall be a General Meeting held in March for the purpose of electing new members to the EC.*
- 8.2 *Regular Executive and General meetings shall be held throughout the fall and winter terms.*
- 8.3 *Special Meetings shall be called at any time deemed necessary by the EC and/or Committee Chair.*



ARTICLE XIII: SSMU Constitution, By-Laws and Policies

- 13.1 In case of any inconsistencies between the Club Constitution and the SSMU Constitution and By-Laws, the SSMU Constitution By-Laws and Policies shall take effect.
- 13.2 If there are any areas not covered in this Constitution, the SSMU Constitution, By-Laws and Policies shall take effect.