LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION BOOK

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2017-2018 Legislative Council

Whereas, Robert’s Rules of Order provide a general framework for formal, efficient group meetings by balancing the rights of members while facilitating democratic debate and decision-making;

Whereas, standing rules are mechanisms by which Robert’s Rules can be fine-tuned for any given group, such as the SSMU Legislative Council;

Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council adopts the following Standing Rules (attached as Appendix 1) to maximize the efficiency of council meetings.

Moved By:
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Appendix 1: Standing Rules for the 2017-2018 Legislative Council

1. SCOPE
   1.1. The following rules can be suspended by a 2/3 majority vote at anytime.

2. DECORUM
   2.1. All members of the Legislative Council must carry themselves with decorum to demonstrate the respect they hold for their office.
   2.2. All members must strive for punctuality.
       2.2.1. Consistent tardiness will merit warning, and may or may not result in suspension as per the Parliamentarian and Speaker’s discretion.
   2.3. Two (2) unexcused absences, even if they are not consecutive, will result in immediate suspension.
   2.4. Excused absences will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis:
       2.4.1. An absence will be excused due to, but not limited to:
           2.4.1.1. Physical illness, mental health, family/friend emergency, and an assessment that conflicts with the time of council meetings.
           2.4.1.2. Absences must be communicated to the Speaker or Parliamentarian at least 24 hours before a scheduled Council meeting.
2.4.2. Absences will be evaluated by the Accountability Committee, which will decide whether an absence is excused or not.

2.5. All members must refrain from speaking when they do not have the floor.

2.6. When Guest Speakers are present, all laptops, excluding those of the dais, must be closed in respect to the Guest Speaker

REPORTS

2.7. All Councillors, Executives, and Committees must submit a report detailing their activities related to the SSMU/their respective constituency since the last Council meeting.

2.8. All reports must be submitted no later than midnight (11:59PM) of the Sunday immediately preceding Council, with the exceptions of the Funding Committee and Interest Group Committee.

2.9. Late reports will count as having been submitted, but consistent tardiness may result in suspension, as per the Speaker’s discretion.

2.10. Failure to submit three (3) reports will result in suspension.

3. SPEAKING

3.1. To speak, members must place their placards vertically to alert the Speaker.

3.2. When rising with an interrupting point or motion (as defined by Robert’s Rules), members must raise their placards and hold them high.

3.3. When granted speaking rights, members must stand and address the Speaker.

3.4. The following time limits for speaking will be forced by the Speaker. A simple majority can extend all time limits:

   3.4.1. A default speaking time of one (1) minute.
   3.4.2. A default speaking time for Councillor (including Executive) reports of three (3) minutes.
   3.4.3. A default speaking time for Committee reports of five (5) minutes.
   3.4.4. The default speaking times for Councillor, Executive and Committee reports will be immediately followed by a question period of five (5) minutes.

4. MAIN MOTIONS

4.1. Main motions require a minimum of three (3) movers to be presented before council, with no more than half (1/2) hailing from the SSMU Executive Committee and no more than 2/3 from each constituency. Main motions do not require a seconder.

   4.1.1. This rule shall not apply for motions that must be moved only by the Executives.

4.2. Members must submit main motions to the Parliamentarian by 12:00 AM on the Thursday preceding Council.

4.3. The recommendations of the Steering Committee will be sent to the movers within 24 hours of the above deadline. Movers will then have until Sunday at midnight (11:59PM) to submit the final version of the motion to the Parliamentarian.

   4.3.1. At this point, the motions can no longer be amended before Council.

4.4. During Council, after the movers have had the opportunity to motivate their motion, a question period of a maximum of five (5) minutes shall precede debate.

5. AMENDMENTS

5.1. All amendments must be submitted to the Parliamentarian in writing.

5.2. Friendly amendments will be acknowledged only if all movers unanimously accept them. They will be included without a vote.
5.2.1. A friendly amendment can only be made before the motion’s question period begins, as that is when the motion is considered moved and becomes property of the floor.
5.2.2. Friendly amendments may be made after the motion has been moved if no member objects.

5.3. Unfriendly amendments require a simple majority for inclusion.

6. VOTING
6.1. For all main motions and subsidiary motions of substance, an electronic vote will be considered the default voting method. At their discretion, the Speaker will waive this requirement and inform Council when they are doing so.
6.1.1. After entering voting procedure, Councillors have a right to motion for any other voting method (as per Robert’s Rules). This will follow debate and a majority vote.

7. SUSPENSION
7.1. All suspensions will be carried as according to the procedures outlined in Article 3 in the Internal Regulations of the Presidential Portfolio-04 (page 20).

Motion to Change the Status of the Students’ Society Programming Network

Whereas, the Students’ Society Programming Network (SSPN) serves as the principal advisory committee for the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) on the organization and execution of all Society events,

Whereas, the membership of the SSPN is listed as the Vice-President (Internal Affairs), three (3) Councilors, and ten (10) Members-at-Large in the Committee Terms of Reference,

Whereas, these requirements for membership are far less strict than other committees of Legislative Council,

Whereas, historically, SSPN has provided many more incentives for its members than other committees of Legislative Council,

Whereas, this has contributed to discord between members of Legislative Council who join SSPN and others who do not,

Whereas, much of the event planning knowledge needed on SSPN is present in members of the SSMU community who may not be a part of Legislative Council,

Whereas, the SSMU executive of 2016-2017 internally agreed to move SSPN away from Legislative Council membership,

Whereas, Legislative Council is provided a report from the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) during meetings,
Whereas, this report can provide updates and the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) can seek input from Legislative Council at Council Meetings in this manner,

BE IT RESOLVED that SSPN become a committee composed of the Vice-President (Internal Affairs), the Internal Logistics Coordinator, and thirteen (13) Members-at-Large,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) be mandated to present updates of SSPN at every Legislative Council Meeting and seek feedback,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a Councillor wishes to join SSPN they are permitted to do so with the knowledge that this does not fulfill their mandate of joining a committee of Legislative Council.

Moved by:
Maya Koparkar, Vice President (Internal Affairs)
Isabella Anderson, Senate Caucus Representative
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2017

Motion Regarding Nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors

Whereas, the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of twelve (12) voting Directors;

Whereas, subject to Section 6.3 of the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be composed of:
   A. Three (3) Officers of the SSMU as described in the Constitution;
   B. One (1) additional Officer as determined by Legislative Council;
   C. Four (4) Members-at-Large and;
   D. Four (4) members of Legislative Council.

Whereas, the Board of Directors is currently operating with only three (3) executives;

Whereas, Jemark Earle, the Vice-President (Student Life) is the sole Officer being considered for a nomination to the Board of Directors;

Whereas, the approval of the Vice-President (Student Life) to the Board of Directors is immediately necessary in order to have a functioning Board of Directors;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council nominate Jemark Earle, Vice-President (Student Life), to be the fourth Officer to sit on the Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved by:
Maya Koparkar, Vice-President (Internal Affairs)
Tre Mansdoerfer, Senate Caucus Representative to SSMU
Caitlin Bazylykut, Nursing Representative to SSMU
OCTOBER 12TH, 2017

Motion to Approve the Audit of Financial Statement for the 2016-2017 year

Whereas, the audit of financial statement for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was presented to Legislative Council on September 28th, 2017;

Whereas, SSMU Legislative Council has an obligation to vote on the audit of financial statement for the 2016-2017 year;

Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council adopt the audit of financial statement for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Moved by:
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President
Roderick Mackinnon, Management Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative

Motion Regarding Council Nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors

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   c) Four (4) Members-at-Large and;
   d) Four (4) members of Legislative Council.

Whereas, subject to Section 6.6 of the Constitution, the current Board of Directors’ terms expire
November 14th, 2017;

Whereas, the complete Board of Directors is to be ratified at the upcoming General Assembly taking place on October 23rd, 2017;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council nominate the following to the Board of Directors during meeting of Legislative Council on October 12th, 2017.
   a) Kevin Zhou,
   b) Vivian Campbell,
   c) Josephine Wright O’Manique,
   d) and Mana Moshkforoush
Be it Further Resolved, that the 4 (four) nominated councilors will start their terms as Directors on November 15th, 2017, subject to approval at the General Assembly.

Moved by:
Maya Koparkar, Vice-President (Internal Affairs)
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
Danny Dinh, Physical and Occupational Therapy Representative

Motion to Endorse the Popular Demonstration Against Racism and the Far-Right on November 12th

Whereas, the SSMU equity policy mandates the SSMU to:

“strives to create a community that exceeds social standards of equitable treatment and creates and upholds a safer space for all of our members, where discourse and diverse ideas can flourish within a respectful atmosphere”.

Whereas, there has been a rise in racist and heinous discourse in the Québécois public sphere in the last few years;

Whereas, xenophobic and racist groups have held public demonstrations in Montréal;

Whereas, Alt-Right, racist, and ultra-nationalist posters have been found on campus in the last few years, including most recently the Generation Identity posters;

Whereas, a “Grande Manifestation Contre la Haine et le Racisme” (Popular Demonstration Against Racism and the Far-Right) is being organized for the 12th of November and almost 60 organizations around the city have signed on to endorse this demonstration;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU endorse the Grande Manifestation Contre la Haine et le Racisme on November 12th.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Vice-President (External Affairs) be mandated to create a list of alt-right organizations that are active in the Montreal area that will be presented to council October 19th, 2017.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Vice-President (External Affairs) be mandated to follow up on possible alt-right sentiments that are portrayed by student groups active on McGill campus.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs) be mandated to inform the Society of the demonstration until November 12th, including, but not limited to, organizing workshops and a contingent for the demonstration.

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice President (External Affairs)
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative
Caitlin Bazlykut, Nursing Representative

Motion to Acknowledge Rape Culture on McGill Campus and at SSMU

Whereas, rape culture is defined by the Government of Ontario as “[a] culture in which dominant ideas, social practices, media images and societal institutions implicitly or explicitly condone sexual assault by normalizing or trivializing [...] sexual violence and by blaming survivors for their own abuse” (Government of Ontario, 2016);

Whereas, rape culture feeds into sexualized stereotypes about certain groups (Indigenous people, racialized groups, trans* and gender diverse communities) and reinforces a belief that they are somehow more likely to abuse, or are “immune” to victimization;

Whereas, rape culture makes us think it is acceptable that our policies, practices, law enforcement, and courts do not respond well to the problem;

Whereas, rape culture facilitates the high rates of sexual violence across university and college campuses;

Whereas, McGill’s Policy Against Sexual Violence does not mention or acknowledge rape culture on campus or the need to address it;

Whereas, the SSMU has committed to the Our Turn National Action Plan to End Campus Sexual Violence;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU recognize that rape culture exists on our campus and that it facilitates the high rates of sexual violence across university and college campuses.

Be it Further Resolved, that the SSMU recognize its own complicity in perpetuating rape culture in the past and in the present,

Be it Further Resolved, that the SSMU recognize that individuals with marginalized identities, such as, but not limited to, women, trans* and gender nonconforming people, queer people, people of colour and racialized people, Indigenous people, people with lower socioeconomic status, and people with disabilities, are disproportionately impacted by sexual violence.
Be it Further Resolved, that the SSMU take meaningful action to combat rape culture and make campus safer for students, staff, faculty and visitors, including consultation with members and community groups on what action it can take.

Be it Further Resolved, that the SSMU create an Our Turn Task Force, to be composed of members-at-large and to serve as a consultative body, and that the SSMU refer to this Task Force in its work to combat rape culture.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) advocate for the acknowledgement of rape culture in the Policy Against Sexual Violence, and within the development of the University’s strategy to combat sexual violence, including but not limited to the programming organized by the Office for Sexual Violence Response, Support, and Education (O-SVRS)

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative
Caitlin Bazlykut, Nursing Representative

Motion Regarding the Appointment of Two Executives to the Steering Committee

Whereas, “the Steering Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to the operation and management of business at the Legislative Council,” as per Article 11.2 of the Committee Terms of Reference;

Whereas, this committee needs full membership in order to increase transparency, representation and efficiency;

Whereas, the membership is composed of the Speaker (chair), Parliamentarian, President, 2(two) other executives chosen by the Legislative Council, and 4 (four) councillors;

Whereas, 4 (four) councillors have already been appointed, pending approval;

Be it resolved, that the Legislative Council approve the appointment of Vice-President Internal, Maya Koparkar, and Vice-President University Affairs, Isabelle Oke, to the Steering Committee, effective immediately.

Moved by:
Arisha Khan, VP Finance
Trevor Mansdorfer, Senate Caucus Representative
Danny Dinh, PT/OT Representative
Motion Regarding First Year Council Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, 6467 first year students were registered in Fall 2016, representing 26.86 percent of the SSMU undergraduate membership;

Whereas, first year students encounter unique challenges, and possess unique academic and social needs for a healthy transition to university life;

Whereas, the SSMU First Year Council is a branch of SSMU mandated to manage first year affairs by providing services, examples of which include, but are not limited to: creating social events, holding first year forums, collaborating with all first year student groups, and representing first year students at the SSMU Legislative Council;

Whereas, the First Year Fund will be allocated to empower first year students and first year representative groups of all faculties to engage in initiatives that foster leadership, encourage student engagement, and make positive changes in the representation or experiences of first year students;

Whereas, a fee levy was passed in 2014 for a First Year Fund to create and sustain support for the first year student body of McGill University;

Whereas, the First Year Council Fee is an opt-outable $0.50 fee;

Whereas, under the aforementioned terms, the First Year Fund be administered and valued by the SSMU Funding Committee, on which the First Year Representative will sit on and advocate for the needs of the first year student body;

Whereas, a majority “No” vote would result in the absence of the creation of such a fee;

Be it Resolved, that SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2017 referendum period:

“Do you agree to renew the opt-outable $0.50 SSMU First Year Council Fee, which will be paid for by all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, to start in Winter 2018, and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2020 (inclusive) when it will be brought back to council for renewal?”

Moved by:
Maya Koparkar, Vice-President (Internal Affairs)
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative to the SSMU
Yue Jiao, Athletics Representative to the SSMU
Motion Regarding Peer Support Centre Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, the Peer Support Centre (PSC) is a student run volunteer organization providing free, confidential, drop-in, one-on-one active listening, resource referral, and mental health support to all McGill students;

Whereas, the PSC runs on thousands of hours from volunteer peer supporters who must undergo continuous training throughout the year to ensure that they are well suited to support students from any and all backgrounds;

Whereas, the PSC now provides hundreds of support sessions throughout the school year, supporting students through issues such as anxiety, loneliness, stress, and many other topics;

Whereas, no service fee currently exists to support the operations of the PSC, and a $0.62 opt-outable fee would generate a sustainable source of income such that the PSC can continue providing a warm, inclusive, and safe space for McGill students to talk and receive support;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following questions for the Fall 2017 Referendum:

“Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.62 called the “Peer Support Centre Fee”, to be charged to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Fall 2017 and ending in Winter 2021 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

Moved by:
Arisha Khan, Vice President (Finance)
Danny Dinh, PT/OT Representative
Tre Mansdoerfer, Senate Caucus Representative to SSMU

Motion Regarding Renewal of the SSMU Ambassador Fee

Whereas, students have chosen to create a fund to help subsidize participants in extracurricular and academic competitions and conferences since 2010;

Whereas, the fee was subject to renewal in Winter 2017;

Whereas, participation in extracurricular and academic competitions is an asset to the members of the SSMU and to the SSMU itself;

Whereas, the fee continues to promote and permit the participation of groups on campus in such competitions and conferences;
Whereas, each year the Ambassador fund receives applications significantly higher than the amount generated by the current fee;

Whereas, the Ambassador fee expired in Winter 2017 and was not brought forth for renewal, thus resulting in less resources for the aforementioned activities for the Fall 2017 semester;

Whereas, a no vote will result in the termination of the Ambassador fund;

Be it resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the SSMU Fall Referendum Period:

“Do you agree to renew the SSMU Ambassador Fee of $2.00 per student per semester, payable and opt-outable on Minerva by all undergraduate students who are members of the Students’ Society of McGill University, for Winter 2018 until Fall 2020 (Inclusive) where it will be brought to the membership for renewal, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote will result in the termination of this fee?”

Moved By:
Arisha Khan, Vice President (Finance)
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Denzel Mutoko, Management Representative

Motion Regarding Sustainability Projects Fund Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, SSMU, MCSS, PGSS, and McGill University have made commitments to support a culture of sustainability, as exemplified by the co-creation and operation of the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) in Winter 2010, which is co-funded by students (50%) and the University (50%) and has funded 171 projects to date totaling over five million dollars;

Whereas, a review carried out by the McGill Business Consulting Group (MBCG) in Winter 2017 concluded that “the SPF is currently meeting its mandate and has created a culture that promotes sustainability throughout the McGill campus”;

Whereas, a renewed SPF would continue to be governed by a consensus-based parity working group (equal numbers of students and staff) and accept project applications from any current SSMU, MCSS, PGSS students, and McGill academic staff and administrative staff,

Whereas, further information about the SPF is available at www.mcgill.ca/sustainability/spf, including application process and criteria, funded projects, annual reports, and other relevant documentation,
Whereas, after a successful trial period of 3.5 years the SPF was renewed in 2013 for a period of 5 years at $0.50 per credit per student per semester (up to 15 credits), adjusted annually for inflation as indexed by the Bank of Canada Consumer Price Index (CPI),

Whereas, since 2016-2017 SSMU referendum questions cannot include an indexation request and must instead directly request the amount needed to cover the foreseen inflation throughout the renewal period,

Whereas, the average CPI inflation since the creation of the Fund in 2010 has been of 1.7%, bringing the SPF fee to a current amount of $0.53, a 3-cent inflation since 2013,

Whereas, $0.55 is the fee needed to cover an average inflation of 1.7% over the next five years, from 2018 to 2023,

Whereas, a “No” result for the SSMU, MCSS, and/or PGSS referendum would abolish the SPF entirely,

Whereas, SSMU is unable to commit to the renewal of the fee unless it is approved at a range that McGill University can match at a later date,

Be it Resolved, that SSMU Council approve the following question for Fall 2017 referendum period:

“Do you agree to renew the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) fee for the next five academic years (Fall 2018 through Winter 2023) at $0.55 per credit per student per semester (up to 15 credits) as matched in equal amount by McGill University?”

Moved by:
Arisha Khan, VicePresident (Finance)
Danny Dinh, PT/OT Representative
Caitlyn Baziluk, Nursing Representative

OCTOBER 19TH, 2017

Motion Regarding the Proposed Bike Centre Facility

Whereas, McGill and the SSMU have jointly developed the proposal to convert the underutilized parking garage (SS2) of the University Centre into a Bike Centre;

Whereas, based on conceptual designs, the proposed Bike Centre will house 350 secure bike parking spaces, shower & locker facilities, the relocated bike collective (The Flat Bike Collective), and consolidated/renovated space for SSMU operations and clubs;
Whereas, 83% of the undergraduate student community has indicated a strong level of support in this project based on a 2016 plebiscite;

Whereas, the downtown campus has a severe shortage of bike parking infrastructure;

Whereas, a 2015 survey indicated that the lack of bike parking and the lack of shower/change facilities posed a barrier for cyclists in commuting to campus and the proposed Bike Centre is intended to decrease these barriers and increase the number of cyclists commuting to campus;

Whereas, the proposed Bike Centre is intended to reduce McGill’s carbon emissions and is a key component of McGill’s upcoming 2017-2020 Climate & Sustainability Action Plan which seeks to move the campus towards carbon neutrality;

Whereas, the SSMU Legislative Council called for an investment to relocate The Flat Bike Collective to the University Centre basement and repurpose the space for bike storage in 2015;

Whereas, the SSMU executive partnered with the University to apply for Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) in 2017, citing the project as being consistent with the SSMU Sustainability Policy and identifying it as a priority for the SSMU;

Whereas, the capital costs for the proposed Bike Centre, estimated to be $1.9M, would be provided by the University ($800,000), the SPF ($300,000) and the SSMU ($800,000);

Whereas, the University and SPF contributions are contingent on securing the SSMU contribution;

Whereas, the SSMU would finance their share of the capital costs through liberating the funds available in the Internally Restricted Endowment Fund (IREF) Fund;

Whereas, the IREF was identified by the SSMU executive as an underutilized and restrictive fund;

Whereas, the SSMU formally requested the University to access the entirety of the IREF fund for the purposes of providing capital funds for the proposed Bike Centre;

Whereas, the IREF is a University fund and is not considered as part of the SSMU’s financial portfolio;

Whereas, the SSMU’s portion of capital funding for the proposed Bike Centre is to not exceed $800,000;

Whereas, any funds remaining in the IREF Fund upon liberating the funds for the proposed Bike Centre will remain in the fund for future use;
Whereas, the proposed Bike Centre must be coordinated with planned Deferred Maintenance work for the University Centre (the concrete slab parking slab and entry ramp for the garage) scheduled for Summer 2019 to be financially feasible;

Whereas, the proposed Bike Centre project will not proceed and committed funds from the University and SPF will be distributed elsewhere if this resolution is not passed and funding is not secured before the end of the 2017 calendar year;

Whereas, the capital costs for the proposed Bike Centre, estimated to be $1.9M, would be allocated as follows:

- Bike Parking Area..................................................................................................................$230k
- Entrance & Ramp..................................................................................................................$374k
- Shower & Lockers.................................................................................................................$372k
- SSMU Areas..........................................................................................................................$630k
- Consolidation and improvement of spaces (481k)
- The Flat Bike Collective ($149k)
  - Various Infrastructure.........................................................................................................$120k
  - Modified Scope (2017)......................................................................................................$170k
- 100 additional bike spaces
- Relocate garbage/waste infrastructure outside
- Inflation and contingency

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council recommend the General Assembly to approve via online ratification the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), securing the IREF fund for the proposed Bike Centre project (contingent on finalizing the details of the Operating and Funding Agreement). Additionally, the SSMU Legislative Council mandates the SSMU Executive to complete the Operating and Funding Agreement with the University in good faith based on the principles outlined in the attached Appendix before December 31, 2017.

Be it Further Resolved, that SSMU Council approve the following question for Fall 2017 referendum period:

“Do you agree to using $800,000 of the Internally Restricted Endowment Fund (IREF) towards the creation of a bike centre in partnership with McGill University as outlined in Appendix A.”

Moved by:
Isabella Anderson, Senate Caucus Representative
Melisa Demir, Law Representative
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
APPENDIX A – Memorandum of Agreement – McGill Bike Centre; SSMU Capital Financing

The following constitutes a Memorandum of Agreement, hereinafter referred to as the MOA between McGill University, hereinafter, referred to as the UNIVERSITY, 845 Sherbrooke St W, Montreal, QC H3A 0G4.

And,

The Students’ Society of McGill University, hereinafter, referred to as the SOCIETY, 3600 rue McTavish, Suite 1200, Montreal, QC H3A 0G3.

Collectively hereinafter referred to as the “PARTIES”,

This MOA sets the terms and understanding between the UNIVERSITY and SOCIETY to support and fund the construction of the McGill Bike Centre within the University Centre, hereinafter, referred to as the PROJECT, 3480 rue McTavish, SS.1, Montreal QC H3A 0E7.

Whereas, following years of consultation and discussion with the UNIVERSITY the SOCIETY has agreed to partner with the UNIVERSITY in the development and realization of the PROJECT which is more fully described as follows:

The PROJECT (17-010) converts the former parking garage of the University Centre (unused since the pedestrianization of McTavish in 2010) into a Bike Centre for the McGill community. Providing year-round, secure indoor bike storage along with locker & shower facilities which will encourage McGill students, staff & faculty to bike to campus. The PROJECT would decrease barriers that currently discourage community members from biking to campus and is a key action in McGill’s Climate Action Plan to increase carbon neutrality. The PROJECT has been conceptualized and financed as a partnership between the UNIVERSITY and the SOCIETY to meet the needs of the McGill community.

Whereas, the PARTIES accept and agree that the involvement and financial contribution of the SOCIETY on the terms and condition hereafter agreed to in the PROJECT is a fundamental condition to the UNIVERSITY’S involvement in the PROJECT and without which the UNIVERSITY will not proceed with the realization of the PROJECT;

Whereas, to enable the SOCIETY to make its financial contribution to the PROJECT, the UNIVERSITY, as fund-holder, has agreed to allow the SOCIETY to access and use the funds currently held in #600498 Internally Restricted Endowment Fund (IREF);

Whereas, the PROJECT is estimated to cost between $1.8-1.9 million, excluding taxes;
Whereas, the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) agrees to contribute $300,000 in funding towards the PROJECT, contingent on a funding commitment from the SOCIETY;

Whereas, the UNIVERSITY agrees to contribute $800,000 in funding towards the PROJECT, contingent on a funding commitment from the SOCIETY;

Whereas, the UNIVERSITY agrees that the maximum financial contribution of the SOCIETY to the PROJECT will be $800,000

Whereas, the UNIVERSITY agrees that it will be responsible for additional costs and expenses that are incurred for the realization of the PROJECT which exceed $1.9 million dollars, excluding taxes;

Whereas, it is intended that construction of the PROJECT will be completed in the calendar year of 2019;

WHEREFORE the UNIVERSITY and the SOCIETY agree as follows:

1. The preamble forms an integral part of this MOA.

2. WHEREAS the UNIVERSITY agrees to contribute $800,000 in funding towards the PROJECT, contingent on a funding commitment from the SOCIETY;

3. The UNIVERSITY agrees that the maximum financial contribution of the SOCIETY to the PROJECT will be $800,000 to which the SOCIETY irrevocably hereby commits.

4. The UNIVERSITY agrees that it will be responsible for additional costs and expenses that are incurred for the realization of the PROJECT which exceed $1.9 million dollars, excluding taxes.

5. The SOCIETY accepts and agrees to liberate irrevocably the IREF fund in its entirety, but not to exceed an amount of $800,000 for the cost and fees to be incurred in the development, construction and realization for the PROJECT.

6. The SOCIETY agrees that within fourteen days of the signature of this MOA the SOCIETY will advise the Deputy Provost (StudentLife and Learning) to withdraw the IREF fund in its entirety, but not to exceed an amount of $800,000, to fulfill the SOCIETY’S financial commitment to the development, construction and realization for the PROJECT.

7. The withdrawn amount from the IREF fund will be transferred to a Spendable Income Account in the UNIVERSITY’S financial system.

8. The PROJECT will be realized and managed exclusively by McGill’s Facility Management & Ancillary Services (FMAS).

9. The SOCIETY, as a stakeholder in the PROJECT will be consulted at every stage of the full design process for the PROJECT.
10. The accounting for the SOCIETY’S financial contribution as the realization of the PROJECT progresses will be performed in accordance with the UNIVERSITY’S normal accounting procedures and practices for the payment of a UNIVERSITY project.

11. Further, to facilitate the PROJECT, the SOCIETY agrees to relocate, as part of the PROJECT, its current refrigerated garbage/waste area to the exterior Parking Lot of the University Centre. The timing and details of this relocation shall be agreed to with FMAS.

12. The PARTIES agree that the operation of the McGill Bike Centre will only commence following an agreement between the PARTIES on the governance, financial and operational terms and conditions of the McGill Bike Centre.

13. Following the completion of the PROJECT, the UNIVERSITY, in accordance with its standard financial accounting and management procedures will perform a final reconciliation of the cost of the realization of the PROJECT in which any unused amount of the SOCIETY’S financial contribution which has been withdrawn from the IREF fund, will be returned to the IREF fund or deposited into an account which both PARTIES agree to.

14. The SOCIETY represents that it has the authority and capacity to enter into this MOA, and it has followed all its internal governance rules and procedures so that the terms in this MOA constitute obligations and undertakings of the SOCIETY that are, and will be enforceable in accordance with terms of this MOA.

15. This MOA shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the SOCIETY and the UNIVERSITY and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by mutual consent.

16. This MOA will terminate on December 31, 2020.

**APPENDIX B – Operating & Funding Model Principles**

The following principles were developed in collaboration between McGill University and the SSMU Executive and should serve as the basis for any formalized Operating and Business Model agreement:

**Funding Model**

- Not for profit facility
- Capital Costs (estimated at $1.9M) will be provided through the following sources:
  - University $800,000
  - SSMU $800,000
  - SPF $300,000
- Administrative & Operating costs to be covered by member/user fees (fee amounts to be determined)
  - Seed loan to be provided by University for upfront costs (loan amount and payback to be determined)
o Fees are intended to cover all (existing and projected) operating and equipment maintenance expenses.
  o Any deficits will be shared between University and SSMU
  o Member fees will be adjusted annually or as required

• Building maintenance costs to be covered by University
• Utility costs to be covered by SSMU
• The SSMU will be permitted to operate defined interior advertising space and directly retain any associated profits.

Operating Model
• There will be different types of Memberships available
  o Bike Parking only
  o Shower facilities only
  o Bike & shower
• 1/3 of memberships will be reserved for staff and students respectively, the remaining third will be flexible according to demand
• Memberships will be restricted to current members of the McGill community
• The University will manage building maintenance, membership and card administration
• The SSMU will manage day-to-day operations, operating fund, security and cleaning contract
• Operated by joint steering committee with representatives from SSMU, The Flat, McGill’s Office of Sustainability and McGill’s Campus Planning & Development Office
• Access hours of the Bike Centre will reflect the hours of the University Centre

Motion to Approve the Creation of a Stand-Alone Francophone Affairs Committee

Whereas, the Community Engagement and Francophone Affairs Committee is currently one committee, as described by the Committee Terms of Reference;

Whereas, Francophone Affairs has historically been overlooked in recent years as the result of being grouped together with Community Engagement, as the Community Engagement and Francophone Affairs Committee;

Be it resolved, that the Legislative Council approve the creation of a stand-alone Francophone Affairs Committee.

Moved by:
Muna Tojboeva, President
Connor Spencer, VP External
Councillor Denzel Mutoko, Management Representative
Councillor Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
Councillor R’ay Fodor, Arts and Science Representative
Councillor Isabella Anderson, Senate Caucus Representative
Motion Regarding the Adoption of Standing Rules at the Fall 2017 General Assembly

Whereas, “Standing Rules” shall mean the rules of procedure created and amended by the Legislative Council, in accordance with the mechanism provided by Rules of Order, which govern the procedures of the Legislative Council and General Assemblies;

Whereas, the Standing Rules for the General Assembly may be adopted by the Legislative Council at least one (1) week in advance of the General Assembly;

Whereas, the Standing Rules should facilitate an effective and accessible process;

Whereas, the 2016-2017 Legislative Council did not adopt the Standing Rules of the General Assembly;

Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council adopt the Standing Rules (Appendix 1) for the Fall 2017 General Assembly.

Moved by:
Jemarke Earle, Vice-President (Student Life)
Yué Jiao, Athletics Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative

APPENDIX 1

Standing Rules for the Fall 2017 General Assembly:

1. The most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the manual outlining the parliamentary procedure during the Fall 2017 General Assembly.
2. A default speaking time of two (2) minutes shall be enforced; speaking limits for reports shall be five (5) minutes.
3. Amendments considered ‘friendly’ to all movers of a motion will be automatically incorporated without requiring a vote.
4. Members who wish to address the assembly shall wait in line at one of the microphones to be recognized by the Speaker and be granted speaking rights.
5. After every 5 members speaking on a given question, the Speaker shall entertain subsidiary and privileged motions (e.g. motions to amend, call the question, recess or adjourn).
6. Before entering voting period on substantive motions, the speaker shall allow time for all members currently waiting to enter the room to be given voting cards.
7. Members addressing the assembly shall address the speaker, stay on subject and refrain from personal attacks. Courtesy shall be strongly enforced by the Speaker.
8. Motions to table or postpone indefinitely will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
Motion to Endorse and Distribute Science & Policy Exchange's Open Letter to the Prime Minister of Canada

Whereas, Science & Policy Exchange is a non-profit advocacy group run by graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in Montreal, whose aims are two-fold: (1) to foster the student voice in evidence-based decision making and (2) to bring together leading experts from academia, industry, and government to engage and inform students and the public on issues at the interface of science and policy;

Whereas, Science & Policy Exchange wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister of Canada in order to advocate for more funding to fundamental research;

Whereas, both Science & Policy Exchange and PGSS have reached out to SSMU for solidarity and endorsement;

Whereas, endorsing the letter would let the government know that students in Canada support the full implementation of the recommendations from the Naylor Report (Appendix 1);

Be it resolved, that the SSMU endorses Science & Policy Exchange's letter,

Be it further resolved, that the SSMU distributes Science & Policy Exchange's letter to the SSMU membership and Vice-President (University Affairs) be mandated to look into how the results of the Naylor report affect undergraduate students

Be it further resolved, that the Vice President (External Affairs) be mandated to raise awareness on Science & Policy Exchange and their work among undergraduate students

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Isabelle Oke, Vice-President (University Affairs)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
André Lemetti, Medicine Representative
R‘ay Fodor, Arts & Science Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
NOVEMBER 2ND, 2017

Motion Regarding the Immediate Contestation of Bill 62

Whereas, the SSMU is an organization and union that represents a diverse body of undergraduate students while adhering to a policy that supports equitable measures:

“All the SSMU’s endeavors shall be undertaken with full respect for human dignity and bodily sovereignty and without discrimination on the basis of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, language, sexual orientation or social class”

Whereas, the SSMU is committed to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection;

Whereas, the enforcement of Bill 62 goes against the SSMU’s commitment to human rights, non-discrimination, and social justice;

Whereas, Bill 62 is a racist and sexist piece of legislation, as it is a direct affront to women who wear face coverings for religious reasons;

Whereas, Bill 62 represents an attempt to exploit minority populations and foment xenophobia and intolerance for political gain;

Whereas, members of the SSMU are and will be negatively impacted by the enforcement of Bill 62 on campus;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU will make clear through its communications networks that any enforcement of Bill 62 is against its values and commitment to social justice;

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will make a public announcement denouncing Bill 62 on all its platforms;

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will promote on-campus and local initiatives working to combat Bill 62;

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will promote campus-related and local initiatives on their social media platforms to raise awareness about the problems regarding Bill 62 and its impact on the McGill community;

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU will help affected students to know their rights and provide resources for students being negatively impacted by the effects of Bill 62.

Be it further Resolved, through the office of the Vice-President (External) the SSMU will promote on-campus and local initiatives working to combat Bill 62;

Be it further Resolved, through the office of the Vice-President (External) the SSMU will promote campus-related and local initiatives on their social media platforms to raise awareness about the problems regarding Bill 62 and its impact on the McGill community;

Be it further Resolved, through the office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) the SSMU will help affected students to know their rights and provide resources for students being negatively impacted by the effects of Bill 62.

Be it further Resolved, the SSMU through its VP External will connect with other university student unions and campus unions to adopt a similar motion to this in protesting Bill 62.

Be it further Resolved, the ssmu through the office of the VP external report back to council on November 16th concerning the results of these initiatives and recommendations for further steps in approaching provincial government.

Motion written in collaboration with Law students and Social Work students

Law: Romita Sur, Rebecca Kaeser Reiss, Melisa Demir
Social Work: Matthew Savage, Vincent Mousseau

Moved by:
Melisa Demir, Law Representative
Matthew Savage, Social Work Representative
TreMansdoerfer, Senate Caucus Representative
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Yue Jiao, Athletics Representative
Motion in Support of Mobilizations Against Unpaid Internships on November 10th

Whereas, SSMU’s Policy Against Unpaid Internships states that “the SSMU has a responsibility to advocate against unpaid and exploitative labour practices and to demand accessible, quality experiential learning opportunities for all McGill students”;

Whereas, unpaid internships are illegal in Québec, and yet are often still seen to be advertised on McGill campus;

Whereas, November 10th is International Interns’ Day;

Whereas, CUTE, a Montréal coalition against unpaid internships, and other international organizations have declared November 10th a day of action against unpaid internships;

Be it Resolved, that SSMU support the mobilizations against unpaid internships on November 10th.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Vice-President (External Affairs) organize a contingent for the Nov. 10th Manif, and distribute information on the Day of Action to the SSMU members

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Buland Junejo, Clubs Representative

Motion to Create an Ad Hoc Committee on Provincial Representation

Whereas, the VP External was mandated by the 2016-2017 Legislative Council to bring forward the Association for the Voice of Education in Québec (AVEQ) question of affiliation to referendum in Fall of 2017;

Whereas, the 2017-2018 Legislative Council has expressed concern over lack of information and a desire for information on another provincial association, Union Étudiante du Québec (UÉQ);

Whereas, on October 19th, 2017, Legislative Council discussed the need for an Ad Hoc Provincial Representation Committee;

Be it Resolved, that an Ad Hoc Provincial Representation Committee be created.

Be it Further Resolved, that this committee be chaired by the VP External, and be composed of 4 councillors and 2 Members at Large.
**Be it Further Resolved**, that this committee report to the Legislative Council, at least every second council.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that this committee follow the terms of reference outlined below.

**Moved by:**
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Yué Jiao, Athletics Representative
Danny Dinh, POTUS Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
André Lametti, Medicine Representative
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2017

Motion Regarding Council Nomination to the Special Committee on Anti-Semitism

Whereas, the Board approved the creation of a Special Committee on Anti-Semitism in the SSMU on October 29th, 2017;

Whereas, the committee “shall confront problems of anti-Semitism, both structural and perceived from the membership, within the SSMU. It shall develop recommendations for how the SSMU may make Jewish-identifying people on campus feel more safe, especially within student government.” (Article 1.2 of the Terms of Reference of the committee)

Whereas, the terms of reference of the committee (article 1.4) state the following:

“1.4 MEMBERSHIP. The Committee on Anti-Semitism in the SSMU shall consist of:
1.4.1 one (1) Director;
1.4.2 one (1) Councillor;
1.4.3 a representative from Independent Jewish Voices McGill;
1.4.4 a representative from Hillel McGill;
1.4.5 a representative from Chabad McGill;
1.4.6 a representative from Am McGill;
1.4.7 a representative from Israel on Campus;
1.4.8 a representative from the Jewish Studies Students Association.”

Whereas, a Councillor is mandated to sit on this committee to be able to report back to Council;

Be it resolved, that the Legislative Council approve the appointment of Councillor Koch to the Special Committee on Anti-Semitism.

Be it further Resolved, that the nominated Councillor will start their term as Legislative Council representative on the Special Committee on Anti-Semitism, effective immediately.

Be it further Resolved, that Legislative Council mandate the President, in her capacity as Chair of the Board, to mandate the committee to present its findings to Council, as well as for the Board to move the committee under joint Board of Directors and Legislative Council oversight.

Moved by:

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Muna Tojiboeva, President
Danny Dinh, POTUS Representative
André Lametti, Medicine Representative

**Motion to Amend the Standing Rules of Legislative Council**

**Whereas**, many motions were submitted late at the November 2nd Legislative Council, preventing councilors from adequately debating those motions;

**Whereas**, it is essential for good governance and the democratic process that all business put forth at Legislative Council be subject to consultation and scrutiny;

**Whereas**, the Internal Regulations state that “[all] motions to adopt a particular resolution shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Speaker at least seven (7) days prior to the relevant meeting of the Legislative Council.”

**Whereas**, the Internal Regulations also state that “No resolution which has not been distributed to Councilors at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting at which it is to be debated may be placed before the Legislative Council, except where a motion to waive the deadline is passed.”

**Be it Resolved**, that the following clauses be added to the Standing Rules of Legislative Council for the 2017-2018 academic year:

4.4. Any motion submitted less than 48 hours before the next Legislative Council shall automatically be considered a notice of motion.
4.5. Any motion submitted between 7 days and 48 hours before the next Legislative Council must be announced and made available to all Councillors, through Facebook and email, failing which the motion shall automatically be considered a notice of motion.
4.6. In the case of urgent business, the requirements set out by clauses 4.4 and 4.7 may be waived by a 2/3 majority vote of Legislative Council.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the original clause 4.4 of the Standing Rules for the 2017-2018 Legislative Council be renumbered 4.7.

**Moved by:**
André Lametti, Medicine Representative
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative
Muna Tojiboeva, President

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1. *Internal Regulations of Governance, 11.1*
2. *Internal Regulations of Governance, 11.2*
3. “Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2017-2018 Legislative Council”, adopted by Legislative Council on September 14, 2017
Motion to Investigate a Committee on Governance Reform

Whereas, Legislative Council discussed the possibility of forming a committee to explore issues of governance within the SSMU, with a structure to be determined;

Be it Resolved, that the Vice-President (External Affairs) be mandated to coordinate with the First Year Council Representative, the President, the Engineering Councilor, with the Vice-President (University Affairs), and the Vice-President (Internal) in presenting options for composition and terms of reference for a committee on governance reform to Council on November 30th.

Moved by:
André Lametti, Medicine Representative
Muna Tojiboева, President
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative

Motion for the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors to Undertake the Selection of Future Board Members Anonymously

Whereas, 6.1 of the Constitution states that “in making any decisions or taking any actions on behalf of the Society, the Board of Directors shall consider, where applicable and appropriate, any recommendation in respect thereof provided by the Legislative Council”;

Whereas, 6.4 of the Constitution states “SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS. The Nominating Committee shall solicit, through an application process, and nominate four (4) Members who are not members of the Legislative Council to the Board of Directors, in accordance with Section 6.2 hereof. The Legislative Council shall nominate four (4) members of the Legislative Council, who are not Officers, to the Board of Directors, in accordance with Section 6.2 hereof.”;

Whereas, concerns have been raised over the selection of the unelected Members-at-Large;

Be It Resolved, that candidates' names be removed from their applications by the HR Manager before review by the Nominating Committee, effective immediately.

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Tre Mansdoerfer, Engineering Senator
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Matthew Savage, Social Work Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Yazan Abu Yousef, Science Representative
Muna Tojiboeva, President
Isabella Anderson, Senate Representative
NOVEMBER 30TH, 2018

Motion Regarding the Timeline of the By-Election for the Vice-President (Finance)

Whereas, the previous Vice-President (Finance) submitted her resignation effective November 16th, 2017;

Whereas, a Vice-President (Finance) is integral to the functions of the SSMU;

Whereas, the Executive Committee wishes to hold a by-election for the position in order to have a new Vice-President (Finance) for the Winter 2018 Academic semester;

Whereas, the Executive Committee has consulted with Elections SSMU regarding this timeline for a by-election;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following timeline for the by-election of the Vice-President (Finance):

Nomination Period: As early as possible for Elections SSMU
Campaign Period: January 8th-18th, 2018
Polling Period: January 15th-18th, 2018

Moved by:
Maya Koparker, Vice-President (Internal Affairs)
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative

Motion Regarding the Provision of Bridge Funding for Savoy Society

Whereas, Savoy Society was a recognized SSMU Service until Fall of 2016, when it lost its service status as per the recommendation of the Winter 2016 Service Review Committee report;

Whereas, Savoy Society became a programming department in the 2016-2017 academic year as the result of the group losing services status;

Whereas, Savoy Society performs a theatre production in Moyse Hall every year during the Winter Semester, with expenses totaling $30,250.00, including $12,000.00 for Moyse Hall Rental, $6,500.00 for Costumes & Props, and $2,500.00 for Sets Pieces (Appendix I);

Whereas, there is currently a $121,149.94 surplus in the Campus Life Fee for the Fall 2017 Semester (Appendix I);
Whereas, the Savoy Society will be unable to perform its annual show without this funding due to budgetary constraints;

Be it Resolved, that the Savoy Society will receive an amount of $20,000 from the Campus Life Fee surplus to fund its operations for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Moved by:
Jemark Earle, SSMU Vice-President Student Life
Andre Lametti, Medicine Representative
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative

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Motion Regarding the Modification of Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy

Whereas, faculties have their own internal procedures and practices that can be more familiar and engaging for their membership in comparison with SSMU processes;

Whereas, faculties often have the means to conduct their own by-elections;

Whereas, the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy are not clear in assigning responsibility between Senate Caucus and Faculties for the filling of vacant seats;1

Be it Resolved, that section 10 of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy read as:

10. FILLING OF VACANT SEATS

10.1 FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY. The Faculty shall be responsible for filling their vacant seat, unless they notify Senate Caucus of their inability to do so, or ask for Senate Caucus to fulfill this duty according to section 10.3. Should the Faculty fail to initiate a process to fill their vacant spot within 20 days of gaining knowledge of the vacancy, the filling of the vacant seat will automatically fall to the process outlined in 10.5, unless Senate Caucus is given proper notification of a need to extend the process.

10.2 FACULTY ROLE. The Faculty whose seat has been vacated shall run a ten (10) day nomination period in which it shall publicize this event to its constituents, followed by a by-election or another appointment process according to its own regulations. This process will be outlined in writing and sent to Senate Caucus before the end of the nomination period. Upon the closing of the nomination period, the Faculty Association council shall send the name and contact information of the appointed senator to the Senate Caucus no later than two (2) days after the new senator is appointed.

10.3 DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY TO SENATE CAUCUS. Should the Faculty whose seat has been vacated fail to fill it within a reasonable time, the Senate Caucus shall follow the process outlined in articles 10.5.1 through 10.5.2.

10.3.1 ONE APPLICATION. Should there only be one (1) application, the candidate shall be deemed acclaimed.

10.3.2 SEVERAL APPLICATIONS. Should there be several applications, the applicants shall be interviewed at the next meeting of the Senate Caucus, and one applicant shall be selected by a simple majority vote (over 50%) of the Senate Caucus.

10.4 NO APPLICATION. If no candidate comes forward from the faculty, the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall reallocate the seat in accordance with the procedure for the reallocation of seats during a Senate election, outlined in these Internal Regulations.

10.5 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO BE INFORMED. Whether the seat is filled by the Faculty or the Senate Caucus, the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall inform the Legislative Council and the University of the name of the new Student Senator

Moved by:
Isabelle Oke, Vice-President (University Affairs)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
The Mansfoeder, Senate Caucus Representative
Isabella Anderson, Senate Caucus Representative
Motion To Amend the Adhoc Committee on Provincial Representation
Terms of Reference

Whereas, 5 councillors have expressed interested in sitting on the Adhoc Committee on Provincial Representation,

Whereas, 3 members at large have applied to sit on the committee,

Whereas, the terms of Reference for this committee were written before interest in participation from councillors and members was gauged,

Be it Resolved, that the membership section of the Terms of Reference for the ACPR read as follows,

a) The Vice-President External (Committee Chair);
b) The Vice-President (University Affairs);
c) Five (5) Councillors; and
d) Three (3) Members at Large (Pending membership interest).

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice President (External Affairs)
Corrine Bulger, Arts Representative
TreMansdoerfer, Senate representative
Andre Lametti, Medicine Representative
Matthew Savage, Social Work Representative
JANUARY 11TH, 2018

No Approved Motions.
JANUARY 25TH, 2018

Motion Regarding Nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors

Whereas, the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of twelve (12) voting Directors;

Whereas, subject to Section 6.2 of the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be composed of;

A. Three (3) Officers of the SSMU as described in the Constitution;
B. One (1) additional Officer as determined by Legislative Council;
C. Four (4) Members - at - Large and;
D. Four (4) members of Legislative Council.

Whereas, the Board of Directors is currently operating with only three (3) Officers;

Whereas, Esteban Herpin, the newly elected SSMU Vice-President (Finance) is neither a Canadian citizen or permanent resident which makes him ineligible to serve on the Board of Directors (SSMU Constitution, Section 6.3 (iii));

Whereas, Connor Spencer, the Vice-President (External) is the sole Officer being considered for a nomination to the Board of Directors;

Whereas, the approval of the Vice-President (External) to the Board of Directors is immediately necessary in order to have a functioning Board of Directors;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council nominate Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External), to be the fourth Officer to sit on the Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved by:
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President
Anthony Koch, First Year Council Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative

Motion to Endorse the SSMU Survivor Bill of Rights

Whereas, the SSMU has committed to addressing sexual violence within its context;

Whereas, there has been a large call for the accountability of the various bodies of the SSMU

Whereas, the Gendered and Sexualized Violence Policy Project team has prepared a SSMU Survivor Bill of Rights,

Whereas, approval or endorsement of this bill would hold Legislative Council and individual councillors accountable to upholding the rights in the bill,
Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council endorse the SSMU Survivor Bill of Rights as outlined below.

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice President (External Affairs)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative
Maya Koparkar, Vice President (Internal Affairs)

Survivor Bill of Rights

In the immediate aftermath of an instance of sexual violence, survivors have the right to:

1. Protection and Care:
   - Access immediate protection and care (including but not limited to medical care, police intervention, and crisis support) in a timely manner and as they see fit;

2. Compassion and Validation:
   - Be shown compassion and validation if and when they seek these forms of immediate protection and care;

3. Provided Information on Options:
   - Have information on short- and long-term options, as well as the various resources in their community which are available to them, made easily accessible and in timely manner;

4. Non-Judgemental and Non-Directional Support
   - Be given non-judgemental and non-directional support which ultimately allows for agency in decision-making.

During the process of disclosure, survivors have the right to:

5. Sensitivity and Discretion with Disclosures
   - Utilize avenues for communication which account for their particular accessibility needs and barriers, and be given the option to not have to repeat a disclosure should they seek further recourse;

6. Control Over Their Disclosure
   - Choose which individuals they are willing to disclose to, particularly if they are not comfortable discussing experiences of sexual violence with authorities such as police, medical professionals, or individuals with whom they have a personal relationship.
   - Be selective about how much information they wish to disclose and reject further questioning about certain topics at their discretion, including information about prior sexual experiences, details of an instance of sexual violence, or specificities of their lived experience and identity;

7. Accompaniment
   - Accompaniment by a friend, family member, or any advocate as they see fit;

8. Awareness of support, accommodation and discipline options
   - Be made aware of all potential avenues for support, accommodation, and discipline which are available given the context and situation;

9. Agency
   - Exercise agency in choosing the forms of recourse which they consider appropriate, without directional counsel or judgement from administrators and support workers;
In seeking accommodations within their communities and institutions, survivors have the right:

10. Safety and Security
   - To feel safe and secure in their academic, professional, residential and community spaces;

11. Campus Accommodations
   - To transfer into a different class, workplace, or professional environment, or to request that their perpetrators be removed from those environments in order to maintain said safety and security;

12. Academic Accommodations
   - To take time off from professional or academic obligations without penalty in the event that it is necessary for them to do so;

13. Financial Accommodations and Support
   - To request professional, academic, and financial support in the event that it is necessary for them to do so;

14. Accessibility of Accommodations
   - To receive any requested accommodations in a timely manner.

In navigating avenues for recourse and discipline, survivors have the right:

15. Agency and Control Over Next Steps
   - To choose whether disciplinary and punitive solutions are desirable, and to utilize these measures in various institutional contexts simultaneously;

16. Non-Judgmental Options
   - To pursue disciplinary and punitive solutions without being subject to judgement;

17. Protection from Face-to-Face Encounters
   - To opt out of any situation in which they would need to negotiate solutions or advocate for themselves in the presence of their perpetrator;

18. Interim Measures
   - To be granted temporary accommodations for the duration of a disciplinary procedure;

19. Freedom from Gag Orders
   - To be able to openly discuss their experiences outside of these avenues for recourse and seek support that may be necessary at this time.

In seeking support, survivors have the right:

20. Accessibility, Compassion and Non-Judgmental Care
   - To easily accessible, compassionate, and non-judgmental care which validates their experiences of sexual violence;

21. Intersectional Sexual Violence Support and Resources
   - To services which account for the specific causes and qualities of sexual violence towards persons who face marginalization (including women, trans and gender nonconforming individuals, queer individuals, people of colour, disabled individuals, migrants, and lower- and working-class persons);

22. Confidentiality and Anonymity
   - To complete guaranteed confidentiality and anonymity.
Motion to Hold the Winter 2018 General Assembly after the SSMU Elections

Whereas, as per the Québec Companies Act, we are required to hold at least one General Assembly a year;

Whereas, 13.2 of the Constitution calls for “a regular General Assembly to be held once during each Fall and Winter semester”, but neither the Constitution nor the IRs specify when during these semesters the GA must be held;

Whereas, the SSMU for quite a few years has been experiencing a lack of accountability to its members and therefore a low membership participation in governance due to mistrust;

Whereas, this Legislative Council has committed to looking into reform that would better the Society, specifically when it comes to member participation and representation in the union;

Whereas, moving the Winter GA to after next year’s executive has been elected would allow for an opportunity for the Officers-elect to be accountable to priorities, informed by the elections campaigns, set by the membership for the following year;

Be it Resolved, that the Winter 2018 General Assembly be moved from February 26th, 2018 to Monday, March 26th, 2018.

Be it further Resolved, that the 2017-2018 Executive Committee with the incoming Executive be mandated to prepare a draft set of priorities and goals to present to the membership for discussion and approval at the Winter 2018 General Assembly.

Be it further Resolved, that an informal consultative forum with Executives and Councillors present still be held on February 26th as a town hall on reform the membership wishes to see.

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice President (External Affairs)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2018

Motion Regarding the ECOLE Project Fee Levy Renewal

Whereas, working to attain social and material sustainability is a key challenge of the 21st century and priority to the University, as indicated in its Vision 2020 Climate & Sustainability Action Plan¹;

Whereas, the Educational Community Living Environment Project, hereafter referred to as the ECOLE Project, has a mandate to “bring together McGill students, faculty and staff and Montreal community members in the pursuit of sustainable living by means of applied student research, alternative education, and community building”²;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project is a student-initiated and student-run initiative;

Whereas, the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) granted seed funding to the ECOLE Project in October 2013, thereafter, the Project has been funded by the “ECOLE Project Fee” levy since Fall 2015;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project has gained status as an Independent Student Group (ISG) with the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU);

Whereas, the ECOLE Project promotes community building by filling the need for a central space on campus where students, faculty and staff members can gather, connect and organize around sustainability;

Whereas, the ECOLE Project provides an open space for individuals and groups, through a study lounge available 20 hours per week, as well free space booking being used by 37 groups in the Fall 2017 semester alone;

Whereas, McGill’s upcoming Vision 2020 Climate and Sustainability Action Plan has identified promoting increasing access to extra-curricular opportunities in sustainability for undergraduate students, such as the programming and events provided by ECOLE;

Whereas, since its launch in Fall 2014, ECOLE has provided the McGill community alternative education programming and events to engage in topics related to sustainability, including 14 film screenings, 13+ organized discussions, 3 Zero Waste Challenges and 13+ formal skill sharing events;

¹ https://www.mcgill.ca/sustainability/sustainability-strategy
² https://www.ecoleproject.com/about/
Whereas, members of the ECOLE Project pursue Applied Student Research (ASR) around sustainability topics, develop tools and resources to support students pursuing ASR projects, and showcase research at annual ASR Symposia;

Whereas, since the launch of the ECOLE project in Fall 2014, 15+ ASR and hands-on community-based research projects have been completed by ECOLE members;

Whereas, a ‘yes’ vote to the following question would ensure the financial sustainability of the ECOLE Project as it fulfills its mandate of providing meeting space, educational learning opportunities, support for student research, and a greater sense of community to McGill students;

Whereas, a ‘no’ vote to the following question would entail that the ECOLE project will cease to exist after the end of the Winter 2018 semester;

Be it Resolved that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2018 Referendum period:

“Do you support the renewal of the opt-outable student levy, titled “ECOLE Project Fee,” of $2.00 per student per semester, payable by all part-time and full-time undergraduate students who are members of the Students’ Society of McGill University, effective Fall 2018 to Fall 2023 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to membership for renewal?”

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, SSMU Vice-President External
Isabella Anderson, Senate Caucus Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
Matthew Savage, Social Work Representative
Muna Tojboeva, SSMU President

Motion to De-gender the Language of SSMU

Whereas, for the purpose of this Motion, “gendered language” shall be defined as “any language which refers to a person or people and infers on them a gender, usually binary” (eg. he/she pronouns, man/woman, guys/girls, girl/boyfriend, ladies and gentlemen, etc.);

Whereas, a person’s gender and the pronouns they use are not immediately obvious;

Whereas, the experience of being addressed with incorrectly gendered language, can be dehumanizing, disrespectful, and emotionally distressing, and can render a space unwelcoming and inaccessible;
Whereas, purposely addressing someone with incorrectly gendered language is an act of discrimination and violence;

Whereas, this form of gender discrimination is experienced most commonly by transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming people, who also bear the bulk of the labour of informing and correcting the use of pronouns and other gendered language;

Whereas, the common practice of using binary gendered language when referring to the general public or anyone whose pronouns and/or gender have not been communicated is discriminatory in that it assumes these people can all be described by male and/or female gender, effectively erasing the existence of non-binary, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming people;

Whereas, to create a space where non-binary, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming people are included and acknowledged, gender-inclusive language can be used when referring to the general public or anyone whose pronouns and/or gender have not been communicated;

Whereas, the SSMU Equity Policy states “The SSMU will promote a functional anti-oppressive environment through [...] using gender-neutral language in all documents, electronic and written correspondence from SSMU addresses, and in the workplace. This shift shall be implemented systematically under the supervision of the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs).”

Be it Resolved, that the Standing Rules of Legislative Council be amended to include the following articles:

3.5. Unless a member requests otherwise, their placard should include their pronouns, in both English and French. Members may request their pronouns be added, removed, or changed at any time.
3.6. Guest Speakers and members of the gallery should be encouraged to include their pronouns when they introduce themselves.
3.7 The official Minutes should use the correct pronouns as provided from 3.5 & 3.6 above, or gender-neutral pronouns if unspecified.

Be it further Resolved, that Legislative Council recommend the following include the relevant person’s pronouns, unless requested otherwise:

a. Email signatures of SSMU staff, Officers, Directors, Councillors, and any other SSMU personnel;
b. Any bios posted on the SSMU website or other SSMU publications, including those of Councillors, Directors, and Officers;
c. Any time someone is introduced.

The Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall ensure the relevant parties are informed of this recommendation and shall coordinate efforts to implement it.
Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU, through the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) create a SSMU Guide to Gender-Inclusive Language, including but not limited to:
   a. A standardization for both French and English language
   b. The actions outlined in this Motion
   c. A section advising campus media on reporting & interviewing
   d. General guidelines for formal and informal communication.

Ideally this guide would be produced as part of a larger SSMU Guide to Inclusive Language, addressing topics such as race and disability, along with gender. In creating the SSMU Guide to Gender-Inclusive Language, the SSMU should seek input from campus groups representing transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming people.

Be it further Resolved, that, in accordance with the SSMU Equity Policy, the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) supervise the removal of, and replacement with gender-neutral terminology, any gendered language referring to the general public or a person/people whose pronouns and/or gender have not been communicated from all SSMU documents, including but not limited to:
   a. Internal Regulations of the SSMU
   b. SSMU Motions, plans, and policies
   c. Employee Contracts
   d. Confidentiality Agreements
   e. Waivers, Insurance Forms, and any other HR Documents

Be it further Resolved, that the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) prepare a report for Legislative Council, to be delivered at the next meeting of Legislative Council, including the following:
   a. A summary of the current state of SSMU documents as mentioned above.
   b. A timeline and plan for the implementation of the mandates in this Motion.

Be it further Resolved, that the Equity Policy be amended to include reference to the SSMU Guide to Gender-Inclusive Language as follows:

1.1.4. Using gender-neutral language in all documents, electronic and written correspondence from SSMU addresses, and in the workplace, in accordance with the SSMU Guide to Gender-Inclusive Language. This Guide shall be maintained by the Equity Commissioners.

This amendment shall come into effect upon completion of the SSMU Guide to Gender-Inclusive Language.

Moved by:
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative (ssmu.rep1@mcgilleus.ca)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Marjan Ghazi, Science Representative
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Isabella Anderson, Senate Caucus Representative
Maya Koparker, SSMU Vice-President (Internal Affairs)
Matthew Savage, Social Work Representative  
Namrata Khopkar, Engineering Representative  
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President  
Melisa Demir, Law Representative  
Yué Jiao, Athletics Representative

**Motion on Consultation on Systemic Racism in Montreal**

**Whereas,** “the SSMU strives to create a community that exceeds social standards of equitable treatment and creates and upholds a safer space for all of our members, where discourse and diverse ideas can flourish within a respectful atmosphere”¹;

**Whereas,** “Society commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection.”²;

**Whereas,** the Government of Quebec committed to holding consultations on the topic of systemic discrimination and racism in the summer of 2017;

**Whereas,** the Government of Quebec revised the project in order to hold a forum on “enhancing diversity and the fight against discrimination”³;

**Whereas,** the reality of inclusiveness in Montreal can have an effect on students’ ability to live and learn on campus;

**Whereas,** “problems of systemic discrimination in [Montreal] based on race and related grounds such as gender, social condition, religion, sexual orientation and disability (to name a few), including minority underrepresentation in city jobs, racial profiling, poor housing conditions, hate crimes, systemic barriers in funding for the arts, religion-based discriminatory zoning, racial disparity in unemployment and the criminalization of youths of color, and poverty across all backgrounds, require urgent action”⁴;

**Be it Resolved,** that SSMU sign the Center for Research-Action on Race Relations’ petition drive to pressure the city of Montreal to hold a consultation on systemic discrimination and racism.

**Be it further Resolved,** that SSMU send a representative at the launch of the petition drive this Sunday February 11th.

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⁴ Invitation SSMU Nelson Mandela Day, Center for research-action on race relations
Be it further Resolved, that SSMU provide a one-time discretionary contribution of up to 1,000$ to help cover the cost of the event for the launch.

Moved by:
Natalya Dreszer Environment Councillor (Proxy)
Joseph DeCunha, Science Councillor (Proxy)
Isabelle Oke, VP (University Affairs)
FEBRUARY 22ND, 2018

Motion to Amend the University Centre Building Fee

Whereas, Part 1 of the referendum Motion for the Implementation of the University Centre Building Fee passed on October 1, 2014;

Whereas, the University Centre Building will undergo significant renovations and will be closed to the public for a prolonged period of time, beginning March 17, 2018;

Whereas, the University Centre Building is home to numerous clubs, services and businesses that serve the McGill community;

Whereas, the closure of the University Centre Building will affect the ability of these groups to continue operations;

Whereas, the SSMU has secured various locations in and around campus to house University Centre clubs, services and businesses for the duration of the building closure;

Whereas, the “University Centre Building Fee (Part 1)” is a restricted fee that can only be used to pay for the rent and utilities of the University Centre Building;

Whereas, rent and utilities owed to McGill University will be abated for the period of time that the University Centre Building is under renovation;

Be it Resolved, that the purpose of this fee be amended, to allow SSMU to use the fee to pay third-parties other than McGill University for expenses related to the University Centre Building closure;

Be it further Resolved, that no other aspect of the “University Centre Building Fee (Part 1)” be amended;

Be it further Resolved, that Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2018 referendum period:

“Do you support amendment of the “University Centre Building Fee (Part 1)”, to permit SSMU to use the fee to pay third-parties other than McGill University for expenses related to the movement, use, occupation or storage of occupants and materials located in the University Centre Building?”

Moved by:
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President
Anthony Koch, FYC Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
Motion to Amend the SSMU Clubs Fee

Whereas, the University Centre Building will undergo significant renovations and will be closed to the public for a prolonged period of time, beginning March 17, 2018;

Whereas, the University Centre Building hosts hundreds of club events each year;

Whereas, the closure of the University Centre Building will affect the ability of clubs to reserve and use spaces for their activities and events;

Whereas, the referendum Motion for the Club Fund Fee passed on February 11th, 2016 and does not explicitly state that the Fee can be used to reserve spaces for Full Status Clubs to conduct their activities and hold events;

Be it Resolved, that the purpose of the Club Fund Fee\(^1\) be extended to cover the costs for reserving spaces for Full Status Clubs in good standing to host their activities and hold their events at alternative locations during the University Centre Building closure.

Be it further Resolved, that funding applications of Full Status Clubs in good standing be prioritized over all other applications during the University Centre Building closure, when the purpose of such applications is to fund all or some of the costs of reserving spaces to host their activities and hold their events at alternative locations;

Be it further Resolved, that Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2018 referendum period:

“Do you agree to alter the purpose of the Club Fund Fee to cover the costs for reserving spaces for Full Status Clubs in good standing to host their activities and hold their events at alternative locations during the University Centre Building closure?”

Moved by:
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President
André Lametti, Medicine Representative
Esteban Herpin, SSMU Finance
Jemark Earle, SSMU Student Life
Danny Dinh, PTOT Representative

Motion to Amend the Campus Life Fee

Whereas, the University Centre Building will undergo significant renovations and will be closed to the public for a prolonged period of time, beginning March 17, 2018;

Whereas, the University Centre Building houses 15 Services each year;

Whereas, the closure of the University Centre Building will affect the ability of Services to reserve and use spaces for their activities and events;

Whereas, the referendum Motion for the Campus Life Fee1 passed on February 6th, 2014 and does not explicitly state that the Fee can be used to reserve spaces for Services to conduct their activities and hold events in light of a building closure;

Be it Resolved, that the purpose of the Campus Life Fee be extended to cover the costs of reserving spaces for Services in good standing to host their activities and hold their events at alternative locations during the University Centre Building closure.

Be it further Resolved, that funding applications of Services in good standing be prioritized over all other applications during the University Centre Building closure, when the purpose of such applications is to fund all or some of the costs of reserving spaces to host their activities and hold their events at alternative locations.

Be it further Resolved, that Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2018 referendum period:

“Do you agree to alter the purpose of the Campus Life Fee to cover the costs for reserving spaces for Services in good standing to host their activities and hold their events at alternative locations during the University Centre Building closure?”

Moved by:
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President
Esteban Herpin, SSMU VP Finance
André Lametti, Medicine Representative
R’ay Fodor, Arts and Science Representative
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative

Motion Regarding the Black Students’ Network Fee for the 2018 Winter Referendum

Whereas, the Black Students’ Network (BSN) is a student-run service of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) that has been operating since the 1970s;

Whereas, the BSN’s mandate is to be available to the entire McGill and Montreal Community, but also;

To sensitize the McGill community to issues concerning Black peoples

To work towards making the McGill campus safe and accessible for black students in order to support their academic success as well as mental and physical well-being.

Whereas, the BSN is committed to educating our undergraduate community by hosting panels and events to discuss racial issues, on and off campus, in particular issues pertaining to Black people;

Whereas, the BSN holds an intersectional approach to its presence on campus by continuously standing in solidarity with marginalized groups which include, but are not limited to, historically persecuted ethnic and religious groups, Indigenous peoples, along with members of the LGBTQIA+ community;

Whereas, the existing fee for the BSN is no longer sufficient to sustain our extensive programming, the BSN operates under a SSMU fee levy of $0.40 per full-time student and $0.20 part-time students, which limits our operational growth and student reach;

Whereas, the BSN provides a variety of events to the SSMU constituency, including, but not limited to Soul Food Fridays, Children’s Day, Black History Month event programming, Mentorship Program, Coffee Hours and discussion panels;

Whereas, the BSN has become the main financial contributor to Black History Month at McGill University, which made it possible for many of the events to occur, all of which without the increase in our fee levy will not be possible to sustain in the coming years;

Be it Resolved, that the membership approve the following question for the Winter 2018 referendum period:

"Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-utable fee levy, titled “The Black Students’ Network Fee”, at $0.40 per student for full-time students and $0.20 per student for part-time students per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are Members of the Students Society of McGill University, starting fall 2018 until winter 2023, when it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"
"If yes, do you agree to increase the opt-outable fee levy, titled “The Black Students’ Network Fee”, to $1.00 per student for full-time students and $0.50 per student for part-time students per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are Members of the Students Society of McGill University in effect from Fall 2018 until Winter 2023, when it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"

Moved by:
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Maya Koparkar, Vice-President (Internal)
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External)
Matthew Savage, Social Work Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
Yué Jiao, Athletics Representative
Alice Yue, Arts Representative

Motion to Create a Governance Document Review Committee

Whereas, many inconsistencies have been identified in our internal documents, as well as a desire to update them to reflect the current vision for and structure of the SSMU;

Whereas, a Governance Reform working group presented a report to Legislative Council last semester and there was a desire to continue taking steps forward;

Whereas, consistent and clear governance documents are essential to the long-term stability of the Society;

Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council approve the creation of a Governance Document Review Committee.

Moved by:
Muna Tojiboeva, President
Connor Spencer, VP External
Tre Mansdorfer, Senate Caucus Representative
Anthony Koch, First Year Council Representative
R’ay Fodor, Arts and Science Representative
MARCH 15TH, 2018

Motion Regarding the Policy for the Implementation of a Fall Reading Break

Whereas, 61% of Canadian universities have already implemented four or more study days in the Fall semester;

Whereas, evidence suggests that a Fall Reading Break reduces stress levels in students, particularly first-year students;

Whereas, a 2015 survey of 5112 students conducted by Enrollment Services found that 71.5% of respondents were in favour of a Fall Reading Break;

Whereas, a Proposal for a Fall Reading Break at McGill University has already been developed;

Whereas, the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) has supported proposals for a Fall Reading Break in the past;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU renew its stance of support for a Fall Reading Break at McGill University;

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU support campaigns for the implementation of a Fall Reading Break at McGill University through the offices of the Vice-President (External Affairs) and Vice-President (University Affairs);

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU through the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs), lobby the University to implement a Fall Reading Break at McGill University as soon as possible;

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU, through the Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs), lobby the provincial government for legislation implementing a Fall Reading Break;

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU encourages the Senate Caucus to pursue implementation of a Fall Reading Break until said break is implemented or this policy expires;

Be it further Resolved, that this policy be valid for five years until April 1, 2023, when it will be brought back to the membership for renewal;

Be it further Resolved, that this Motion be brought to the SSMU membership for approval during the 2018 Winter Referendum period under the question: “Do you agree that the Policy on Implementation of a Fall Reading Break be adopted as a policy of the SSMU?”
Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council endorse the adoption of the Policy on Implementation of a Fall Reading Break.

Moved by:
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President
Danny Dinh, PTOT Representative
Anthony Koch, First Year Council representative

Motion Regarding the Joint Board of Directors and Legislative Council Special Committee on Anti-Semitism

Whereas, SSMU is an organization committed to empowering groups “disadvantaged due to irrelevant personal characteristics such as race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, language, sexual orientation or social class”, as stated in the preamble of the SSMU constitution;

Whereas, in the Fall of 2017 the Board of Directors created a committee to examine the presence and history of anti-Semitism at McGill University;

Whereas, this committee is comprised of a wide array of Jewish groups on campus, representing a diverse cross-section of Jewish groups, as outlined in Appendix A;

Whereas, these groups spent extensive time finding compromises on contentious issues on campus and were able to reach consensus on the majority of decisions made by the committee;

Whereas, the Special Committee is required to ensure the successful implementation of these recommendations;

Whereas, this anti-Semitism committee has met regularly since November of 2017, with the intent to contextualize anti-Semitism at McGill, to provide a working definition of anti-Semitism, and to create recommendations to address anti-Semitism at McGill;

Whereas, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition of anti-Semitism is widely accepted, and has been adopted by the Canadian Government as the Ottawa Protocols;

Whereas, the Ottawa Protocols have been adopted at other Canadian universities, such as Ryerson University, in 2016;

Whereas, each clause of the Ottawa Protocols was individually discussed and passed by the Special Committee, with every clause but two passing with consensus;

Whereas, the Special Committee approved a working definition of anti-Semitism, as seen in Appendix B;
Whereas, “anti-Semitism is antithetical to collective liberation; it hurts Jews and it also undermines, weakens, and derailed all of our movements for social justice and collective liberation”;

Whereas, addressing anti-Semitism is a vital component of the fight against all forms of oppression and discrimination and should not be neglected by broader social justice movements;

Whereas, the VP University Affairs is mandated under their portfolio to “oversee the society’s research endeavors; to operationalize the society’s commitment to equity through Policy, programming and services.”

Be it Resolved, that the Special Committee be renewed for the academic year of 2018-2019.

Be it further Resolved, that the mandate of the Special Committee is to serve as a reference to SSMU, the Board of Directors, and Legislative Council in the implementation of these recommendations, or in the case of allegations of anti-Semitism.

Be it further Resolved, that this Special Committee be comprised of the same club membership as the original mandate, as outlined in Appendix A.

Be it further Resolved, that this Special Committee meet a minimum of twice per semester, but may meet more often if necessary.

Be it further Resolved, that this Special Committee be mandated to present to the Board of Directors and Legislative Council once per semester to update on the progress of implementation.

Be it further Resolved, that SSMU adopt the working definition outlined by the Special Committee, as outlined in Appendix B.

Be it further Resolved, that the VP University Affairs be mandated under their portfolio to implement the recommendations of the Special Committee on anti-Semitism, which are as follows:

- Hire a special researcher to research campus anti-Semitism, who;
  - must have relevant experience and expertise,
  - will look at anti-Semitism both at McGill and other public universities,
  - will be used as a reference for allegations of anti-Semitism on campus in conjunction with the committee,
  - must be approved by the Special committee with a majority vote,
- Organize an open workshops through SSMU to educate McGill students on issues relevant to anti-Semitism such as
  - Sephardic, Mizrahi and Ethiopian Jewry,
  - Modern-day Holocaust denial.

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• These workshops and their leaders must be approved by a simple majority of the Special Committee and by the hired researcher.
  o Special committee and hired researcher should be used as references in the structure of these open workshops.
• Make SSMU executive committee and affiliated student groups aware of all major religious holidays of all religious denominations.
  o The McGill administration provides professors with a list of major holidays; this can be used to distributed to SSMU executives and affiliated clubs,
  o This will decrease religious barriers to student participation.

**Be it further Resolved**, that the VP University Affairs be mandated to advocate to the administration for the implementation of the following recommendations:
• Adopt the working definition of anti-Semitism as outlined by the Special Committee.
• Proactively consult all Jewish groups at McGill University in the event of an anti-Semitic incident or allegations of anti-Semitism.
• Include anti-Semitism in Race Project workshops, using the working definition of anti-Semitism as outlined by the Special Committee and in consultation with the Committee.

**Be it further Resolved**, that the May training for new SSMU Executives include a mandatory session on anti-Semitism, provided by a source approved by a simple majority of the Special Committee, and using the working definition as outlined by the Special Committee.

**Be it further Resolved**, that the special committee revisit its terms of reference regarding its composition and report to council and board by the end of the fall 2018 semester with recommendations.

**Moved by:**
Muna Tojiboeva, SSMU President
Esteban Herpin, SSMU VP Finance
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Kevin Zhou, Arts Representative
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Tre Mansdoerfer, Senate Caucus representative
Anthony Koch, First Year Council representative

**Appendix A:**
1. Special Committee composition:
2. Jewish Studies Students’ Association
3. Hillel McGill
4. Israel on Campus
5. Chabad at McGill
6. Am McGill
7. Independent Jewish Voices
8. Representative from the Board of Directors
9. Representative from Legislative Council
10. A non-voting neutral external chair as decided upon by the Special Committee by majority vote

Appendix B:

Definition of Anti-Semitism:

We reaffirm the EUMC – now Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) – working definition of antisemitism, which sets forth that:

“Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective - such as, especially but not exclusively - the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy, or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Claiming that the Jewish People have no connection to the Land of Israel.2

Examples of the ways in which antisemitism manifests itself with regard to the State of Israel taking into account the overall context could include:

- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel.
- Denying Jewish people their right to self determination, defined by the UN Charter as: “the right to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.”3

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2 “Yet, noting this connection should not undermine nor overlook the rights to land ownership of the indigenous Palestinian population (including Palestinian Muslims, Christians, and Jews alike), who continue to be denied of these rights today.”

3 “The UN Charter equally entails recognition of the Palestinian right to self determination. Failing to recognize both is unjust, and undermines our "fight against all forms of oppression" (see Whereas Clause above). Recognizing
Let it be clear: Criticism of Israel is not anti-Semitic, and saying so is wrong. But singling Israel out for selective condemnation and opprobrium – let alone denying its right to exist or seeking its destruction – is discriminatory and hateful, and not saying so is dishonest.¹

Demographic Characteristics of Jewish People:

The Special Committee would like to directly acknowledge the general failure of mainstream dialogue within and beyond the Jewish community to engage with non-Ashkenazi identities and histories. Jews are a racially and ethnically diverse community. Some Jewish ethnic groups include Eastern and Western European and Russian (Ashkenazi); Middle Eastern, North African, Central Asian, and Balkan (Mizrahi); Ethiopian and Ugandan (African); and Spanish and Portuguese (Sephardi). There are mixed-race Jews whose ancestors include many kinds of non-European peoples, and both white people and People of Color who have chosen (or whose parents, grandparents or ancestors have chosen) to become Jews through conversion. There are also significant, ethnically diverse Jewish communities all over the world. Jews live in 70% of the world’s nations. From the ancient community of Chinese Jews in Kaifeng to the B’nai, Cochini and Baghdadi Jews of India and the many Jewish enclaves of Latin America, Jews come from every part of the world, and look every kind of way.²

In the Canadian Jewish community, there are 35,050 individuals who were born in the Former Soviet Union. There are also 21,155 Jews born in Israel, 17,805 born in the United States, 15,130 in Western Europe, 13,610 in Eastern Europe (excluding the FSU), and 12,020 in North Africa and the Middle East (excluding Israel). Sephardim comprise 24.5% of the 90,780 members of the Jewish community in Montreal.³ Greater than half (56.2%) of the Sephardic population are immigrants. More than a quarter of Sephardim (28.3%) were born in Morocco.⁴ Like all other People of Color, Jews of Color are the targets of racism and white supremacy, while as Jews they are also targeted by anti-Semitism. They simultaneously experience racist marginalization, microaggressions and outright hostility (and often disbelief in their very existence) from Jews that benefit from whiteness, non-Jewish People of Color, and from Canadian society as a whole.⁵

¹ IJV McGill adds: “As a collective of non and anti-Zionist Jewish people, IJV does not believe that seeking justice in Palestine is hateful or discriminatory. As Jews, we fight for a society in which all can exist in equality and equity, and condemn a state that privileges a Ashkenazi Jews over Mizrahi and Black Jews, as well as Palestinian Muslims and Christians.”
MARCH 29TH, 2018

Motion Regarding Adoption of a Sustainability Policy

Whereas, SSMU is committed to sustainable practices and leadership on our campus, in Canada, and around the world;

Whereas, SSMU passed a Sustainability Policy on April 11, 2013 that expires on April 11, 2018;

Whereas, an amendment to the current Sustainability Policy was passed on October 23, 2017 that bans the sale and distribution of bottled water in the University Center and the distribution of plastic take-out containers that cannot be composted but that will expire alongside the current Sustainability Policy;

Whereas, the current Sustainability Policy does not sufficiently operationalize SSMU’s commitment to sustainability;

Be it Resolved, that the following policy, which provides no change in spirit to the Sustainable Policy passed in 2013 but only improved guidance, clarity, and practicality, be adopted as the Society’s Sustainability Policy as seen in Appendix I. The Sustainability Policy passed in 2013 can be seen in Appendix II.

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External Affairs)
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Michelle Nadon-Bélanger, Music Representative

Motion to Organize the Fight for Free Education and the Cancellation of Student Debt

Whereas, in March 2015 the SSMU adopted a Policy on Accessible Education;

Whereas, students in universities across Ontario (including York University and McMaster) have organized a day of action to fight for free education;

Whereas, the SSMU has in the past made commitments to work in conjunction with student movements in Québec and across Canada;

Whereas, students are perpetually frustrated and angry at the lack of accessibility of education, skyrocketing tuition fees, the declining quality of education and the broader increase in inequalities with few employment opportunities on campus and beyond;
Whereas, students in Québec have a long tradition of mass student strikes to fight against tuition increases and for free education which has kept the cost of education historically low;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU build an ongoing campaign for free education and the cancellation of student debt, under the responsibility of the Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs).

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU, through the Office of the Vice President (External Affairs) mobilize towards a one day student strike in the upcoming Fall 2018 term, that it set up mobilization committees to allow rank and file members to organize towards beclouding the movement, and that the SSMU establish monthly democratic assemblies so that students can participate in building and strengthening their student union.

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU, through the Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs) work with student unions and other movements across Québec and Canada that share these goals as decided by their own general assembly resolutions regarding accessible education.

Submitted to General Assembly for approval on March 5th, 2018.

Motion to Amend the Standing Rules of Legislative Council

Whereas, in many cases this year Councillors have asked questions to the Council in order to gauge feelings on an idea;

Whereas, often this has resulted in these questions hang in space or folks awkwardly and informally put themselves in the space as ‘for’ or ‘against’;

Whereas, the Union Etudiante du Québec (UEQ) uses a system of coloured cards to assess the feelings of representatives in the room during their congresses,

Whereas, the VP (University Affairs), and VP (External Affairs), found this particularly effective,

Be it Resolved, that clause 2.7 be added as follows to the Standing Rules of Legislative Council for the 2017-2018 academic year:

2. DECORUM
   2.1. All members of the Legislative Council must carry themselves with decorum to demonstrate the respect they hold for their office.
   2.2. All members must strive for punctuality.
       2.2.1. Consistent tardiness will merit warning, and may or may not result in suspension as per the Parliamentarian and Speaker's discretion.
   2.3. Two (2) unexcused absences, even if they are not consecutive, will result in immediate suspension.
2.4. Excused absences will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis:
   2.4.1. An absence will be excused due to, but not limited to:
      2.4.1.1. Physical illness, mental health issues, family/friend emergency, and an
               assessment that conflicts with the time of council meetings.
      2.4.1.2. If an absent councillor arranges a proxy to take their place, the said
               absence will be excused.
      2.4.1.3. Absences must be communicated to the Speaker or Parliamentarian at
               least 24 hours before a scheduled Council meeting.
   2.4.2. Absences will be evaluated by the Accountability Committee, which will decide
           whether an absence is excused or not.

2.5. All members must refrain from speaking when they do not have the floor.

2.6. When Guest Speakers are present, all laptops, excluding those of the dais, must be closed in
      respect to the Guest Speaker.

2.7. Each councillor will be provided with one green, one yellow, and one red carton which they
      can raise to efficiently and effectively show their support or disagreement with a proposal or idea.

Moved by:
Isabelle Oke, Vice President (University Affairs)
Connor Spencer, Vice President (External Affairs)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative

Motion to pay the 2017-2018 for work completed

Whereas, the SSMU has not had a Vice-President (Operations) on staff since 15 August 2017;

Whereas, the SSMU did not have a Vice-President (Finance) on staff for two months, from 16 November 2017 to 19 January 2018;

Whereas, much of the work specific to building operations, upkeep, and management under the Vice-President (Operations) portfolio was transferred to the Building Manager position, but the remainder of the work under the portfolio was split among remaining Officers;

Whereas, the building closure has created additional Operations-related work that has been taken on by the remaining Officers;

Whereas, during the vacancy in the position, the tasks of the Vice-President (Finance) portfolio were split between the remaining Officers;

Whereas, the salaries of the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (Operations) were planned and budgeted for in the 2017-2018 Operating Budget, but have not and will not be fully allocated, due to the vacancies in these positions;
Whereas, the remaining Officers have not been remunerated for the work they have taken on in the absence of the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (Operations);

Be it resolved, that the surpluses from the VP Finance (Admin) (Dept. 4015) and VP Operations (Admin) (Dept. 4016) administration departments due to vacancies in the position be reallocated to the administration departments of the remaining Officers and paid to Officers as remuneration for the work completed by Officers due to vacancies in these positions. The funding shall be reallocated to Officers in relative amounts to be agreed upon by two-thirds majority of the Officers.

Moved by:
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative (ssmu.rep1@mcgilleus.ca)
TreMansdoerfer, Engineering Senator (senator@mcgilleus.ca)
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative

Motion to Amend the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances to Improve Funding Efficiency

Whereas, the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances currently require the Vice-President (Finance) to carry out two yearly budget revisions1;

Whereas, budget revisions are not considered proper accounting practice because the purpose of a budget is measure the year over year financial performance of the society and budget revisions skew the perception of the society’s financial performance;

Whereas, the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances currently allocate funding for the Environment Committee, First Year Council, and Mental Health Committee from the relevant SSMU Fees at the beginning of the year2;

Whereas, the Equity Committee and Community Engagement Committee must apply to the relevant SSMU Fee for funding through the Funding Committee;

Whereas, the work done by the Environment, Equity, Community Engagement, and Mental Health Commissioners is consistent with the purposes3 of the Fees of the same name, but only the Equity and Mental Health Commissioners are currently paid from these Fees;

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1 Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-03: Budgeting, Section 2, page 10
2 Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-06: Fees, PART IV, Sections 11.4, 12.3, & 15.4, pages 24-7
3 Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-06: Fees, PART IV, Sections 11.1, 13.1, 14.1, & 15.1, pages 24-27
Whereas, the mandate of the Indigenous Affairs Committee\(^4\) falls within the purpose of the Equity Fee\(^5\), as stated below:

13.1 PURPOSE. The Equity Fee is meant to empower campus members to engage in initiatives that foster leadership, encourage civic engagement, and make observable and/or measurable differences in the representation or experiences of individuals who are members of historically and currently disadvantaged groups, support projects, research and policies that aim to end discrimination and promote accessibility and inclusiveness in the McGill community.

Whereas, many of the Fees allocated by the Funding Committee are chronically underutilized, while funding for work which falls within the mandates of these Fees and which is done by Committees and Commissioners comes from the general Operating Budget of the SSMU;

Whereas, the Sections of the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances which govern individual Fees\(^6\) have been independently amended and as such, contain minor inconsistencies;

Whereas, according to the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances, groups are currently barred from applying to multiple Fees in the same application\(^7\), however this process is (a) less efficient as all Fees allocated by the Funding Committee have the same timeline, (b) unnecessary as the Funding Committee can allocate funding from multiple Fees to the same application, and (c) can lead to confusion from the receipt of multiple funding requests of varying amounts for the same Initiative;

Whereas, on 19 October 2017, Legislative Council approved the creation of the stand-alone Francophone Affairs Committee\(^8\), but the Terms of Reference for this committee have not been added to the SSMU’s Committee Terms of Reference;

Be it resolved, that the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances be amended to:

a) Strike any mention of a budget revision;
b) To require instead that the Vice-President (Finance) present a report twice a year on the Society’s current performance in comparison to the Operating Budget; and
c) To allow Committees to apply for funding to the Vice-President (Finance) throughout the year in the case their funding needs differ greatly from those defined in the Operating Budget; Where changes are highlighted in purple in Appendix A;

\(^4\) Committee Terms of Reference, COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Section 7.2, page 7
\(^5\) Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-06: Fees, PART IV, page 26
\(^6\) Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-06: Fees, PART IV - FEE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS, pages 23-27
\(^7\) Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-05: Funding Committee, PART I, Section 2.8, page 17
\(^8\) Motion to Approve the Creation of a Stand-Alone Francophone Affairs Committee, https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/Motion-to-Approve-the-Creation-of-a-Stand-Alone-Francophone-Affairs-Committee-2017-10-19-APPROVED.pdf?x26516
Be it further resolved, that the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-06: Fees be amended to allow funds to be allocated from the relevant Fee directly to the Equity and Community Engagement Committees, where the changes are **highlighted in green** in Appendix A;

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Be it further resolved, that the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-06: Fees be amended to allow funds to be allocated from the relevant Fee to pay Commissioners, where the changes are **highlighted in blue** in Appendix A;

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Be it further resolved, that the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-06: Fees be amended to allow funding to be allocated from the Equity Fee directly to the Indigenous Affairs Committee and Indigenous Affairs Commissioner(s), where the changes are **highlighted in pink** in Appendix A;

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Be it further resolved, that the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-05: Funding Committee and -06: Fees, be amended for increased clarity and consistency and to better reflect current practice, where the changes are **highlighted in yellow** in Appendix A;

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Be it further resolved, that the Committee Terms of Reference be amended to reflect these changes, highlighted in Appendix B in the corresponding colours, and to reflect the creation of the Francophone Affairs Committee, changes **highlighted in orange** in Appendix B.

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Moved by:
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Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External)
Namrata Khopkar, Engineering Representative
Muna Tojiboëva, SSMU President

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**APPENDIX A**

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**Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-01: Interpretation**

**PART II: DEFINITIONS**

aaa) “Initial Operating Budget” shall refer to the budget for the Operating Fund prepared by the Vice President (Finance) in April of the previous Fiscal Year.

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**Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-02: Financial Responsibility**

**PART I: RESPONSIBILITIES**

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2. **SERVICES**

2.1 **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.** The Financial Officers of Services are the Chief Financial Officers of their respective Services and are responsible for:
a) ensuring that the budgeted amounts in the Operating Budget and Revised Operating Budget accurately reflect the expected revenue and expenses to be realized by their Service;
b) [...]
Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-05: Funding Committee
PART I: GENERAL FUNDING GUIDELINES

2. FUNDING REQUESTS

2.1 GENERAL. The following shall apply to requests for funding from the portion of Fees that are for distribution by the Funding Committee:

   a) Committees whose budgets are allocated from these Fees may address requests to the Vice-President (Finance) for funding beyond the amounts specified in the Operating Budget. The Vice-President (Finance) shall fulfill the role of the Funding Committee for these funding requests.

   b) All other requests must be addressed to the Funding Commissioner.

   c) No other Committee of the Legislative Council or Officer of the Society may allocate funding from these Fees. The Society may not enter into any contracts that allocate any portion of these Fees.

   [Strike 2.8 ONE APPLICATION PER FUND.]

Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-06: Fees
PART IV: FEE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

11. ENVIRONMENT FEE

11.3 NAME. The portion of the Environment Fee for distribution by the Funding Committee shall also be known as the “Green Fund” for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.

11.4 ALLOCATION FOR BY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. The Environment Committee must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (Operations and Sustainability), before the October Revised Operating Budget how much of the Environment Fee the Environment Committee will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year, including remuneration of the Environment Commissioner(s). The Environment Committee and Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the October Revised Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

11.5 ALLOCATION BY FUNDING COMMITTEE. The remainder of the Environment Fee shall be allocated for student-run environmental projects and be allocated by the Funding Committee for student-run initiatives which align with the above-stated purpose of the fee. The Funding Committee and Vice-President (Finance) must ensure that a minimum of ten thousand dollars...
($10,000) is reserved for distribution through the Funding Committee for student-run projects and initiatives.

11.6 ENVIRONMENT COMMISSIONER SEAT. An Environment Commissioner shall sit on the Funding Committee, as outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference, as a voting member only for the Environment Fee applications. This person sits on the Funding Committee to act as a consultant with a relevant background in sustainability.

12. FIRST YEAR FEE
12.2 NAME. The portion of the First Year Fee for distribution by the Funding Committee shall also be known as the “First Year Fund” for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.
12.3 ALLOCATION FOR FIRST YEAR COUNCIL. The First Year Council must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (Internal), before the October Revised Operating Budget, how much of the First Year Fee the First Year Council will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year. The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the October Budget Revisions Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.
12.4 ALLOCATION FOR OTHER PROJECTS. The Vice-President (Internal) must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance), before the October Revised Operating Budget, how much of the First Year Fee the Vice-President (Internal) will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year, including remuneration of the Frosh Admin coordinator and all other expenses related to first-year orientation. The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the October Budget Revisions Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.
12.5 ALLOCATION BY FUNDING COMMITTEE. The remainder of the First Year Fee shall be allocated by the Funding Committee for student-run initiatives which align with the above-stated purpose of the fee events and initiatives pertaining primarily to first-year students. The Vice-President (Finance) must ensure that a minimum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) is reserved for distribution through the Funding Committee for student-run projects and initiatives.

12.6 FIRST YEAR COUNCIL SEAT. The First Year Council shall designate a single representative to sit on the Funding Committee for the academic year. The designated representative shall sit on Funding Committee, as outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference, as a voting member only for the First Year Fee applications. This person sits on the Funding Committee to act as a consultant with a relevant background in first-year student events and initiatives.

13. EQUITY FEE
13.2 NAME. The portion of the Equity Fee for distribution by the Funding Committee shall also be known as the “Equity Fund” for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.
13.3 ALLOCATION FOR EQUITY COMMITTEE. The Equity Committee must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (University Affairs), how much of the Equity Fee the Equity Committee will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year.
including remuneration of the Equity Commissioner(s). The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

13.4 ALLOCATION FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. The Indigenous Affairs Committee must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance), Vice-President (External), and Vice-President (University Affairs), how much of the Equity Fee the Indigenous Affairs Committee will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year, including remuneration of the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner(s). The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

13.5 ALLOCATION BY FUNDING COMMITTEE. The remainder of the Equity Fee shall be allocated by Funding Committee for student-run initiatives which align with the above-stated purpose of the fee. The Vice-President (Finance) must ensure that a minimum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) is reserved for distribution through the Funding Committee for student-run projects and initiatives.

13.63 EQUITY COMMISSIONER SEAT. One Equity Commissioner will sit on the Funding Committee, as outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference, as a voting member only for the Equity Fee applications. This person sits on the Funding Committee to act as a consultant with a relevant background in equity and social justice.

14. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEE

14.2 NAME. The portion of the Community Engagement Fee for distribution by the Funding Committee shall also be known as the “Community Engagement Fund” for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.

14.3 ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Community Engagement Committee must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (External), how much of the Community Engagement Fee the Community Engagement Committee will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year, including remuneration of the Community Engagement Commissioner(s). The Vice-President (Finance) will include this in the Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

14.4 ALLOCATION BY FUNDING COMMITTEE. The remainder of the Community Engagement Fee shall be allocated by Funding Committee for student-run Initiatives which align with the above-stated purpose of the fee. The Vice-President (Finance) must ensure that a minimum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) is reserved for distribution through the Funding Committee for student-run projects and initiatives.

14.53 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSIONER SEAT. One Community Engagement Commissioner will sit on the Funding Committee, as outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference, as a voting member only for the Community Engagement Fee applications. This person sits on the Funding Committee to act as a consultant with a relevant background in local community organisations and charitable initiatives.

[Change numbering of 14.4 to 14.6]

15. MENTAL HEALTH FEE

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15.3 NAME. The portion of the Mental Health Fee for distribution by the Funding Committee shall also be known as the "Mental Health Fund" for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.

15.4 ALLOCATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE. The Mental Health Committee must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (Student Life), before the October Revised Operating Budget, how much of the Mental Health Fee the Mental Health Committee will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year, including remuneration of the Mental Health Commissioner(s). The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the Operating Budget for the next fiscal year. October Budget Revisions.

15.5 ALLOCATION FOR OTHER PROJECTS. The Vice-President (Student Life) must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance), and before the October Revised Operating Budget, how much of the Mental Health Fee the Vice-President (Student Life) will require for their own projects and initiatives throughout the year. The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the Operating Budget for the next fiscal year. October Budget Revisions.

15.6 ALLOCATION BY FUNDING COMMITTEE. The remainder of the Mental Health Fee shall be allocated by Funding Committee for student-run initiatives which align with the above-stated purpose of the fee events and initiatives pertaining primarily to first-year students. The Vice-President (Finance) must ensure that a minimum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) is reserved for distribution through the Funding Committee for student-run projects and initiatives. Neither the Mental Health Committee nor the Vice-President (Student Life) may apply to the Mental Health Fee that is meant for allocation by the Funding Committee.

15.7 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER SEAT. The One Mental Health Commissioner Committee shall designate a single representative to sit on the Funding Committee for the academic year. The designated representative shall sit on the Funding Committee, as outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference, as a voting member only for the Mental Health Fee applications. This person sits on the Funding Committee to act as a consultant with a relevant background in mental health awareness and destigmatization work.

APPENDIX B

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Committee Terms of Reference: Committees of the Legislative Council

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

   Also remove "and Francophone Affairs" from the committee name in 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3.

2.6 FUNDING. The Community Engagement Committee shall have access to a portion of the Community Engagement Fee in order to meet its objectives, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Finances.

3. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3.4 FUNDING. The Environment Committee shall have access to a portion of the Environment Fee in order to meet its objectives, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Finances.
4. EQUITY COMMITTEE

4.6 FUNDING. The Equity Committee shall have access to a portion of the Equity Fee in order to meet its objectives, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Finances.

6. COMITÉ DES AFFAIRES FRANCOPHONES / FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[Add 6.1 to 6.5 from the Motion to Approve the Creation of a Stand-Alone Francophone Affairs Committee]

[Change all the numbering following to account for the addition of a new Section 6]

7. FUNDING COMMITTEE

7.2 GENERAL. The Funding Committee shall be responsible for the disbursement of the following fees:

a) the Campus Life Fee;
b) a portion of the Environment Fee (as referred to in the Internal Regulations of Finances);
c) the Ambassador Fee;
d) the Club Fund Fee;
e) a portion of the Space Fee (as referred to in the Internal Regulations of Finances);
f) a portion of the Charity Community Engagement Fee (as referred to in the Internal Regulations of Finances);
g) a portion of the Equity Fee (as referred to in the Internal Regulations of Finances);
h) a portion of the First Year Council Fee (as referred to in the Internal Regulations of Finances); and
i) a portion of the Mental Health Fee (as referred to in the Internal Regulations of Finances).

8. INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

8.4 FUNDING. The Indigenous Affairs Committee shall have access to a portion of the Equity Fee in order to meet its objectives, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Finances.

10. MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

[Strike 9.6 to 9.8 (accidental copy of parts of 10. SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE)]

10.6 FUNDING. The Mental Health Committee shall have access to a portion of the Mental Health Fee in order to meet its objectives, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Finances.

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Motion to Amend the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances to Improve Funding for Small Events

Whereas, the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances currently prohibit the Funding Committee from allocating funding for food and beverage expenses;

Whereas, the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances list the “absolute requirements” for funding, and include that “No funding shall be approved for alcohol,” but food and non-alcoholic beverages are not mentioned under this list of absolute requirements;

Whereas, many groups run events to serve marginalised communities which use food and beverages as a celebration/appreciation of culture, as a service to members of these marginalised communities, or as a method of education and culture-sharing for those outside these marginalised communities;

Whereas, especially when these events occur on a small scale, it can be difficult for the organisers to secure alternate sources of funding;

Whereas, many of the events run by smaller groups have minimal expenses related to room or equipment rental, travel, materials, or other expenses currently eligible for funding; their expenses are primarily food and beverages, and are thus not able to apply for SSMU Funding;

Whereas, the Funding Committee has received many applications for events like those described above (whose costs are primarily associated with food), and was unable to fully support these events;

Whereas, furthermore, the members of the Funding Committee have often had to advise organisers of events like those described above (whose costs are primarily associated with food) not to submit an application for funding for these expenses;

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Funding Committee that:

(a) funding for food and non-alcoholic beverages for small events and events whose primary costs are food falls within the core mandate of SSMU Funds; and

(b) a limit of $500 for food and non-alcoholic beverages per event or Initiative is a sufficient and transparent guideline for funding these events.

Be it resolved, that Section 9 of the Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-05: Funding Committee, Part II (page 19), be amended as specified below (green highlights are additions; strikethrough are deletions), to allow funding to be allocated for food and non-alcoholic beverages, up to a $500 limit per event:

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1 Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-05: Funding Committee, Part II, Section 9 (page 19)
2 Internal Regulations of the Society’s Finances-05: Funding Committee, Part I, Section 2.2 (page 16)
FOOD AND BEVERAGES

9.1 GENERAL. In general, food and beverages are not eligible for funding. For small events and events whose primary costs are food and beverages, in this case, the Funding Committee may allocate up to $500 per event or initiative for the cost of food and non-alcoholic beverages shall be approved for funding if meant for consumption by the applicant group, participants, or constituents.

9.2 EXCEPTION. Subject to the above rule, Food or non-alcoholic beverages may also be approved for funding under any of the following circumstances:

a) The operations of the group making the application are entirely comprised of food services;

b) The food and beverages to be funded will be sold as a means of raising funds; or

c) The food and beverages to be funded will be donated by the group to a charitable organization rather than consumed. In this case, the donation of food should be the main purpose of the application.

9.3 NOTE. The aforementioned provision shall not be interpreted to mean that food and beverages offered at fundraising events are eligible for funding.

Moved by:
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative (ssmu.rep1@mcgilleus.ca)
Muna Tojboeva, SSMU President
R’ay Fodor, Arts and Science Representative

Motion to Amend the Internal Regulations to Improve Accessibility, Impartiality, and Stability of the Board of Directors

Whereas, the Board of Directors is legally the highest governing body of the SSMU;

Whereas, tasked with enforcing the rule of procedure¹, the Chair of the Board of Directors has significant influence over the tone and progression of the meeting, and should thus be an impartial party;

Whereas, currently, the Internal Regulations of Governance set the President, a voting member and thus not impartial, as the Chair of the Board of Directors²;

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¹ Internal Regulations of Governance-06: Board of Directors, PART I, Section 2.2, page 28
² Internal Regulations of Governance-06: Board of Directors, PART I, Section 2.1, page 28
Whereas, the inclusion of non-voting alumni members to advisory positions on a Board can help provide institutional knowledge that may not be available to the current Board, along with a greater sense of long-term stability and accountability;

Whereas, since the beginning of the Fall semester, the Board of Directors has held their meetings on Sunday evenings in the SSMU Offices. The SSMU Offices are accessible through the University Centre and the Brown Building, both of which are closed on Sundays during the time of the meeting;

Whereas, concerns about the accessibility and transparency of meeting behind locked doors have been raised by Members of the Society, and by Directors;

Whereas, the Constitution states that “Members who are not members of the Board of Directors shall receive notice of and be permitted to attend meetings of the Board of Directors, with the exception of confidential sessions,”¹ and further, the Internal Regulations of Governance state that “any Member shall have the right to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors as a member of the gallery, with the exception of confidential sessions.”²

Whereas, the Board of Directors continues to meet on Sunday evenings in the SSMU Offices;

Whereas, Members who are not members of the Board of Directors have not received notice of meetings, further limiting their ability to attend meetings;

Be it resolved, that the Internal Regulations of Governance-06: Board of Directors be amended as shown below, where red typeface denotes an addition, and strikethrough denotes wording to be removed.

2. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.1 CHAIR. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall be a non-voting member of the Board. They shall not have the right to vote and shall not be counted towards the quorum at meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be the Chair of the Board of Directors. If the President is not a member of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall select a Chair from among its members who is an Executive.

2.1.1 If the President is not a voting member of the Board of Directors, the President shall be the Chair of the Board of Directors.
2.1.2 If the President is a voting member of the Board of Directors, the Speaker shall be the Chair of the Board of Directors.
2.1.3 If the Speaker is unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the Chair, the Board of Directors shall select a Chair from among the Executives who are not voting members of the Board of Directors.

¹ The Constitution, Section 7.1, page 14
² Internal Regulations of Governance-06: Board of Directors, PART I, Section 3.5, page 30
2.1.4 In the absence of the Chair, the Board of Directors shall select a Chair from among its members for the time being. The member acting as Chair shall only exercise their vote in the case of a tie.

2.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR. The Chair shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors and enforce the rules of procedure. Being a member of the Board of Directors, the Chair may vote at meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be counted towards the quorum.

2.7 ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVES. Subject to ratification by the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall solicit, through an application process, and nominate two (2) alumni representatives to the Board of Directors. The alumni representatives may, at the invitation of the Board of Directors, attend meetings of the Board of Directors in an advisory role. The alumni representatives shall not have the right to vote or be counted for the purposes of establishing quorum at meetings of the Board of Directors; the alumni representatives are not Directors, but may sit on committees under the Board of Directors.

3. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 FREQUENCY CALLING OF REGULAR MEETINGS. The Board of Directors shall meet at least as often as monthly during the academic year. Meetings shall be called in accordance with the Constitution, by the President or any four (4) Directors. The President shall prepare the agenda for any regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of the meeting shall be sent out at to all Members at least five (5) days in advance, except in the case of emergency.

3.8 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. The agenda for all meetings shall be made publicly available at least 48 hours in advance. All minutes and documents of the Board of Directors shall be public documents, except for minutes and documents of confidential sessions, and shall be made available to the Members within two (2) weeks of the meeting.

3.9 ACCESSIBILITY. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in a building on or near the downtown campus, which all Members may independently access for the duration of all public sessions. Meetings should be held in a room which is physically accessible, and any necessary accommodations should be made for any Member to be able to participate in the meeting.

Moved by:
Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative (ssmu.rep1@mcgilleus.ca)
Tre Mansdoerfer, Engineering Senator (senator@mcgilleus.ca)
Corinne Bulger, Arts Representative
Connor Spencer, Vice-President (External)
Isabella Anderson, Arts Senator
Maya Koparker, Vice-President (Internal)
Muna Tojiboeva, President
APRIL 5TH, 2018

Motion Regarding Council Support for the Fiat Lux

Whereas, the Dean and Associate Dean of libraries presented the Fiat Lux project to Legislative Council on March 15th 2018;

Whereas, SSMU holds the mandate of advocating for optimal spaces, resources and access for its constituents, and therefore has a vested interest in the success of the Fiat Lux project;

Whereas, the quantity of library space on campus has a direct impact on students’ academic resources and ability to engage with their studies and fellow students at McGill;

Whereas, the HSSL no longer has the ability to respond to students’ usage needs as well as current technological advancements;

Whereas, the libraries have committed to replacing the McLennan space into a modern more user friendly library space, named the Fiat Lux Project;

Whereas, SSMU has the mandate to advocate for sustainability and equitable accessibility on campus whenever possible;\(^1\)

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Endorse the Fiat Lux Project and the Library Administration’s mission of improving student spaces on campus; Be it further Resolved, that the VP University affairs be mandated to run student consultations on the Fiat Lux Project in order to ascertain student priorities for campus libraries; Be it Further Resolved, that the VP University affairs be mandated to bring a report to council in the Winter 2019 term and will include the following:

- A Summary of the Fiat Lux project and projected timelines
- A summary of committees and bodies involved with this project, as well as SSMU representation in these spaces
- A summary of student consultations and its results
- An official memo on students’ priorities in regards to, but not limited to space allocation, Equitable Access, Sustainability, subject to the ratification of Council
- An outline of SSMU’s range of options in materially and non-materially supporting the completion of the Fiat Lux project

Moved By:
Isabelle Oke, Vice President (University Affairs)
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative

\(^1\) Equity Policy, Article 1.1.5
\(^2\) Accessibility Policy, Article 5
\(^3\) Sustainability Policy, Article 3
Motion Regarding the Service Status of Arab Student Network

WHEREAS, the Arab Students' Association is a SSMU club that concerns itself with implementing a perspective of secular and non-political representation of the broad enriched cultural of the Arab world.

WHEREAS, the Arab Students' Association has been active as a student group on campus since 1962 and has demonstrated a long-term financial and institutional sustainability;

WHEREAS, the SSMU has demonstrated commitment towards the integration and inclusivity of all students, especially those who identify as marginalized groups; recognizing that there is a growing demand for Arab cultural representation and the need for installation of related resources on campus for which the Arab Students' Association fills a gap;

WHEREAS, the application to become a service requires that groups meets three of five requirements (Resource, Education, Support, Referral, Awareness) of which the Arab Students' Association mentions all five. (See Appendix A)

WHEREAS, there is a substantial interest from the general student body towards understanding and engaging in Arab culture and language, the Arab Students' Association will provide the resources required to sedate these interests.

WHEREAS, following an application process, the Services Review Committee has recommended that the Arab Students' Association whose name will be changed to the Arab Student Network be approved as a SSMU Service by the Legislative Council;

WHEREAS, the institutional support associated with becoming a SSMU Service will enable the Arab Student Network to expand their support to a greater number of McGill students;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council grant Service status to the Arab Student Network.

Moved by:
Jemark Earle - Vice President (Student Life)
Corinne Bulger - Arts Representative
Jennifer Chan - Arts Representative
Tre Mansdoerfer - Senate Representative
Motion Regarding the SSMU Equity Policy

Whereas, Equity is a continuous process and respective policies have to be updated as to reflect the changing needs of the community;

Whereas, the current SSMU Equity Policy contains unclear directives to conduct Equity Complaints, includes a short timeline for formal complaints and lacks clarifying definitions;

Whereas, the VP University Affairs and the Equity Commissioners have worked extensively with the JBoard, Student Advocacy and Legislative Council Members to improve the Equity Policy;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU adopt the Equity Policy outlined in Appendix A;

Be it further Resolved, that the SSMU Equity Policy be revised accordingly at the Council Session of April 11, 2023

Moved By:
Isabelle Oke, Vice-President (University Affairs)
Caitlin Bazylykut, Nursing Representative
Matthew Savage, Social Work Representative
Yue Jiao, Athletics Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative

Motion to Mandate Sexual Violence Training for New Representatives

Whereas, The Legislative Council earlier this year passed a Survivor’s Bill of Rights;

Whereas, SSMU has hired a Sexual Violence Policy Coordinator and Advisors to present a report and draft Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy to SSMU by May 31st, 2018;

Whereas, the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy will include mandatory prevention training for members of the SSMU community;

Whereas, SSMU will be hiring a GSVP Implementation Coordinator this summer to develop a peer to peer gendered and sexual violence prevention and support training to be implemented during the 2018-2019 year;

Whereas, the GSVP will be presented to be passed in September by next Legislative Council;

Whereas, in the period prior to the passing of the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy SSMU should ensure that the 2018-2019 Executives, Directors, and Councillors receive training at the beginning of their terms;
Be It Resolved, that the 2018-2019 SSMU Officers, Directors, and Councillors, be mandated to receive training on Sexual Violence more broadly and the SSMU Gendered and Sexualized Violence Policy more specifically, as developed by the GSVP Implementation Coordinator.

Be it further Resolved, that the President in conjunction with the Anti-Violence Coordinators be mandated to ensure that this training is received by all of the 2018-2019 SSMU Officers, Directors, and Councillors.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Vice-President (Student Life) be mandated to include anti-Sexual Violence training, as developed by the GSVP Implementation Coordinator, in the 2018-2019 Clubs Workshops and Services Summit.

Moved by:
Connor Spencer, Vice President (External Affairs)
Alice Yue, Arts Representative
Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative
2018-2019 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2018

Motion Regarding Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council

Whereas, Robert’s Rules of Order provide a general framework for formal, efficient group meetings by balancing the rights of members while facilitating democratic debate and decision-making;

Whereas, standing rules are mechanisms by which Robert’s Rules can be fine-tuned for any given group, such as the SSMU Legislative Council;

Be it Resolved, the Legislative Council adopts the following Standing Rules (attached as Appendix A) to maximize the efficiency of council meetings.

Moved by:
Tre Mansdoerfer, President of SSMU (president@ssmu.ca)
Matthew McLaughlin, Vice-President (Internal Affairs) (internal@ssmu.ca)
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative

Appendix A: Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council

1. Scope
   1.1. The following rules may be suspended by a 3/4 majority vote at any time in accordance with 6.4 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.

2. Decorum
   2.1. All members of the Legislative Council must carry themselves with decorum to demonstrate the respect they hold for their office.
   2.2. All members must strive for punctuality.
       2.2.1. Consistent tardiness will merit warning, and may or may not result in suspension as per the Accountability Committee and/or the Speaker’s discretion in accordance with 3.4 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.
2.3. Two (2) unexcused absences, even if they are not consecutive, will result in immediate suspension in accordance with 3.4 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.

2.4. Notwithstanding the Internal Regulations of Governance, a given Councillor may only send a proxy under the following conditions:
   - The proxy must hold an elected position within the same faculty association or constituency as the Councillor.
   - The Councillor must have sent written or electronic notice to the Parliamentarian with the name, constituency, and elected position of the proxy.
   - Each Councillor may only send a proxy a maximum of two (2) times in the given academic year.

2.5. Absences will be granted on a case-by-case basis:
   - An absence will be excused due to, but not limited to:
     - Physical illness, mental health issues, family/friend emergency, and an assessment that conflicts with the time of council meetings.
     - If an absent councillor arranges a proxy to take their place, the said absence will be excused.
     - Absences must be communicated to the Parliamentarian at least 24 hours before a scheduled Council meeting.
   - Unexcused absences will be evaluated by the Accountability Committee, which will decide whether an absence is excused or not.

2.6. All members must refrain from speaking when they do not have the floor.

2.7. The following may be ruled as out of order by the Speaker at their discretion, subject to a successful Point of Order by Councillors:
   - Disrespectful or discourteous language and behaviour.
     - Councillors must address each other formally, usually in the form “Councillor [Last Name]”, and avoid referring to one another using third person pronouns to promote a cordial environment.
     - Should the Speaker notice misgendering of another Councillor, they should call this to the attention of the Council in the form: “Before we continue with debate, I would like to call attention to the pronouns specified on Councillor [Last Name’s] placard.”
     - Should any Councillor notice the misgendering of another Councillor, they should call this to the attention of the Speaker on a Point of Personal Privilege.
     - Should a Councillor be misgendered but does not feel comfortable raising a Point of Personal Privilege themselves.
during the meeting, they should contact the Speaker who will raise it during the next meeting of Legislative Council.

2.7.2. Comments that make reference to personalities or motivations.

2.7.3. Statements that contravene the Charte des droits et libertés de la personne (Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms), and/or the spirit of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

2.7.4. Disruption or hindrance of the ability of the meeting to continue in good order, including but not limited to, speaking out of turn, knocking on desks, clapping, snapping, and other behaviour deemed by the Speaker to be disruptive.

2.8. The Speaker is vested with the authority to remove any individual from the meeting for repeated or extraordinary violations of the Standing Rules or Internal Regulations of Governance.

2.9. When Guest Speakers are present, all laptops, excluding those of the dais, must be closed in respect to the Guest Speaker.

2.10. From time to time as may be required, a maximum of four (4) individuals may leave the Council room to caucus in order to collaborate on a notice of motion or amendment to a motion.

2.10.1. Caucusing will not be allowed by the Speaker if it results in quorum being lost.

2.10.2. Caucuses will automatically expire when a matter is called for a vote and all Councilors must return to their seats.

2.10.3. If the question is called while a caucus is in progress to draft an amendment to the main motion, the motion to call the question will be entertained.

3. Reports

3.1. All Executives must submit a report detailing their activities related to the SSMU since the last Monday in which the previous report was submitted.

3.2. All Councillors representing a constituency and Committees must submit a report detailing their activities related to their constituency to-date and those planned for the remainder of the semester on a rotating basis following a schedule determined by the Speaker.

3.3. All reports must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM EST of the Sunday immediately preceding Council, with the exceptions of the Funding Committee and Interest Group Committee.

3.4. Late reports will count as having been submitted, but consistent tardiness may result in suspension, as per the Speaker’s discretion in accordance with 3.4 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.

3.5. Failure to submit a report shall be equivalent to one absence for the purposes of determining suspension in accordance with 2.3 of the Standing Rules, unless excused by the Accountability Committee per 2.5 of the Standing Rules.

4. Speaking

4.1. To speak, members must raise their placards to alert the Speaker.
4.2. When another member has the floor, no other placard may be raised in order to be respectful of the member speaking.
4.3. When rising with an interrupting point or motion (as defined by Robert’s Rules), members must raise their placards and hold them high.
4.4. When granted speaking rights, members must address the Speaker, and use a microphones should one be available.
4.5. The following time limits for speaking will be enforced by the Speaker. A simple majority can extend all time limits:
   4.5.1. A default speaking time of one (1) minute.
   4.5.2. A default speaking time for Councillor reports of three (3) minutes.
   4.5.3. A default speaking time for Executive and Committee reports of five (5) minutes.
4.6. The default speaking times for Councillor, Executive and Committee reports will be immediately followed by a question period of five (5) minutes.
4.7. Unless a member requests otherwise, their placard should include their pronouns, in both English and French. Members may request their pronouns be added, removed, or changed at any time. 4.7.1. Placards will also use a neutral colour system to more easily identify commonly used pronouns as recommended by the Gender Neutral Language Policy Implementation Coordinator.
4.8. Guest Speakers and members of the gallery should be asked to introduce themselves by the Speaker with their Constituency/Faculty/Position, Name, and Gender Pronoun.
4.9. The official Minutes should use the correct pronouns as provided from 4.6 and 4.7 above, or gender-neutral pronouns if unspecified.

5. Main Motions
5.1. Main motions require a minimum of three (3) movers to be presented before Council, with no more than half (1/2) hailing from the SSMU Executive Committee and no more than 2/3 from each constituency. Main motions do not require a seconder.
   5.1.1. This rule shall not apply for motions that must be moved only by the Executives.
5.2. Members must submit main motions to the Parliamentarian by 11:59 PM EST on the Thursday preceding Council.
   5.2.1. The recommendations of the Steering Committee will be sent to the movers within 48 hours of the above deadline. Movers will then have until Monday at 11:59 PM EST to submit the final version of the motion to the Parliamentarian.
   5.2.1.1. At this point, the motions can no longer be amended before Council.
   5.2.2. During Council, after the movers have had the opportunity to motivate their motion for a maximum of two (2) minutes, a question period of a maximum of five (5) minutes shall precede debate.
5.3. The mover of a notice of motion shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes to introduce their motion and provide context.
5.3.1. There shall be no question period or debate following an introduction of a notice of motion.

5.4. Any motion submitted less than 48 hours before the next Legislative Council shall automatically be considered a notice of motion.

5.5. Any motion submitted after 11:59 PM EST on the Thursday before the next Legislative Council must be announced and made available to all Councillors electronically, failing which the motion shall automatically be considered a notice of motion.

5.6. In the case of urgent business, the requirements set out by 5.3 and 5.4 may be waived by a 2/3 majority vote of Legislative Council in accordance with 11.2 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.

6. Privileged, Subsidiary, Incidental, and Privileged Motions

6.1. The following list simplifies the order of precedence for all motions from highest to lowest in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order. Motions with a smaller number (i.e., closer to 1) have presence over those with a larger number (i.e., closer to 4):

6.1.1. Incidental Motions (when in order)
   6.1.1.1. Incidental motions are to be considered in temporal order as they have no defined order of precedence within themselves.
   6.1.1.2. Appeal the decision of the chair, consideration by paragraph or seriatim, division of a question, division of the assembly, motions relating to nominations, motions relating to methods of voting and the polls, objection to the consideration of a question, request to be excused from a duty, suspend the rules, point of parliamentary inquiry, point of information, point of order, and request for permission to withdraw or modify a motion.

6.1.2. Privileged Motions
   6.1.2.1. Vacate the Chair
   6.1.2.2. Fix time to adjourn (if another question is pending)
   6.1.2.3. Adjourn
   6.1.2.4. Recess (if another question is pending)
   6.1.2.5. Raise a question of privilege
   6.1.2.6. Call for orders of the day

6.1.3. Subsidiary Motion
   6.1.3.1. Lay on the Table
   6.1.3.2. Previous Question/Calling the Question
   6.1.3.3. Limit or extend limits of debate
   6.1.3.4. Postpone to a certain time
   6.1.3.5. Commit or refer
   6.1.3.6. Amend
   6.1.3.7. Postpone indefinitely

6.1.4. Main Motion

7. Amendments

7.1. All amendments must be submitted to the Parliamentarian in writing.
7.2. Amendments that correct language, spelling, grammar, singularity or plurality, or sentence structure without altering the intention of the motion do not require an amendment and shall be corrected by the Parliamentarian automatically.

7.3. After a motion has been motivated by its mover(s) but before the question period begins, friendly amendments may be made only if all movers unanimously accept them. They will be included without debate or a vote.

7.4. After inclusion of friendly amendments (if any), a question period shall follow.

7.5. Upon the exhaustion of the question period, the motion becomes property of the floor and debate may begin.

7.5.1. Subsequent friendly amendments may be made once the motion is property of the floor only if no other member objects.

7.5.1.1. In the case of objection by a member, the proposed amendment will follow the general amendment process.

7.6. Once an amendment has been proposed, it must be seconded before debate on the amendment may begin.

7.7. At the exhaustion of the debate period or with no further debate, a vote on the amendment will be called requiring a simple majority.

8. Voting

8.1. For all main motions and subsidiary motions of substance, an electronically recorded vote will be considered the default voting method. At their discretion, the Speaker will waive this requirement and inform Council when they are doing so.

8.2. After entering voting procedure, Councillors have a right to motion for any other voting method (as per Robert’s Rules). This will follow debate and a majority vote.

9. Suspension

9.1. All suspensions will be carried as according to the procedures outlined in Article 3 in the Internal Regulations of the Presidential Portfolio-04 (page 20).
Motion Regarding Amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference

Whereas, current Executives, Commissioners, and Coordinators provided thought throughout the summer on how to improve some of the Committees currently housed in the Committee Terms of Reference;

Whereas, there were a number of concerns about the effectiveness of SSMU Committees.

Whereas, these amendments exist to increase the effectiveness of committees, standardize the committee structure, and provide clearer expectations for committee chairs.

Whereas, a new committee such as fall reading week are seen as important priorities for SSMU this year, so a committee has been created.

Be it Resolved, that the following amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference be adopted.

Moved by:
TreMansdoerfer, President of SSMU (president@ssmu.ca)
Fairhurst Lyons, Science Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Motion Regarding Nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors

Whereas, the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of twelve (12) voting Directors;

Whereas, subject to Section 6.2 of the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be composed of:

A. Three (3) Officers of the SSMU as described in the Constitution;

B. One (1) additional Officer as determined by Legislative Council;

C. Four (4) Members-at-Large and;

D. Four (4) members of Legislative Council.

Whereas, the Board of Directors is currently operating with only three (3) executives;

Whereas, Jacob Shapiro, the Vice-President (University Affairs) is the sole Officer being considered for a nomination to the Board of Directors;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council nominate Jacob Shapiro, Vice-President (University Affairs), to be the fourth Officer to sit on the Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved by:
TreMansdoerfer, President of SSMU (president@ssmu.ca)
Fairhurst Lyons, Science Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Motion Regarding the Elections Timeline

Whereas, Elections SSMU has consulted with the Executives regarding the elections timeline for the academic year;

Whereas, election dates and expectations should be set to properly advertise executive positions and referendum periods to the membership.

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council adopt the timeline for elections as specified in Appendix A.

Moved by:
TreMansdoerfer, President
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Matthew McLaughlin, VP Internal Affairs
Garima Karia, Arts Representative
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative

Appendix A

- Clubs and Services Election 2018
  - Candidate Nomination Period: TBD - September 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM
  - Polling Period: TBD - September 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM

- First Year Council (FYC) Elections 2018
  - FYC Information Session (optional): September 10 and September 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM
  - Nomination Period: September 10 at 9:00 AM - September 20, 2018 at 5:00 PM
  - Candidates Meeting: September 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM
  - Pensketches Due: September 25, 2018 at 8:00 PM
  - Campaign Period: September 20, 2018 at 9:00 AM - September 30, 2018 at 5:00 PM
  - Polling Period: September 28, 2018 at 9:00 AM to September 30, 2018 at 5:00 PM

- Fall 2018 Referendum
  - Nomination Period for Council-Initiated Questions: September 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM - November 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM
  - Nomination Period for Student-Initiated Questions: September 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM - November 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM
  - Fee Questions Due: October 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM
  - Meeting for Committee Chairs: November 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM
  - Campaign Period: November 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM - November 12, 2018 at 5:00 PM
  - Polling Period: November 9, 2018 at 9:00 AM - November 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM

- Winter 2018 Referendum
  - Nomination Period for Council-Initiated Questions: January 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM
  - Nomination Period for Student-Initiated Questions: January 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM to March 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Meeting for Committee Chairs: March 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Campaign Period: March 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 29, 2018 at 5:00 PM
Polling Period: March 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 29, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Election Announcement: March 29, 2019 at approximately 6:00 PM

SSMU Executive Elections
Executive Nomination Period: January 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Election Announcement: March 29, 2019 at approximately 6:00 PM
Extended Executive Nomination Period: March 14, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Candidate Information Meeting: March 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Candidates' Debate: March 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Campaign Period: March 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Polling Period: March 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 29, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Election Announcement: March 29, 2019 at approximately 6:00 PM

Clubs and Services Election 2019
Candidate Nomination Period: February 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Campaign Period: March 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM – March 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Pensketches Due: March 23, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Polling Period: March 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 29, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Quebec Election Poll
September 28, 2018 at 8:00 PM - October 1, 2018 at 8:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2018

Motion for Special Emphasis to be placed on Greater Engagement with Student Governance for 2018-2019

Whereas, between 2004-2018, voter turnout in SSMU Winter Elections has never surpassed 32.8% and has been as low as 17.5%;

Whereas, last year only the position of President was contested and the year before only the positions of President and one Vice President were contested;

Whereas, SSMU’s Constitution has been amended five times between February 21st 2015 and March 16th, 2017, and, for reference, has been amended an additional seven times since it was originally adopted on May 1st, 1999;

Whereas, it is in the opinion of the movers that many students feel that SSMU is not run fairly, efficiently, accessibly, or according to principles of good governance.

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council declare 2018-2019 as a year for renewed emphasis on broadening general engagement with Student Governance among SSMU’s membership and that Council support Elections SSMU in increasing participation in elections;

Be it Further Resolved, that Legislative Council adopt the Terms of Reference outlining the establishment of an Ad-hoc Joint Board-Council Committee for Comprehensive Governance Review in Appendix A in order to create a system that inspires greater trust and confidence

Moved by:
Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Marina Cupido, Vice President External Affairs
Jun Wang, Vice President Finance
Matthew McLaughlin, Vice President Internal Affairs
Sophia Esterle, Vice President Student Life
Jacob Shapiro, Vice President University Affairs
Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative
Brooke Callaghan, Management Representative
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Zach Kleiner, Social Work Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus Representative
Andre Lametti, Senate Caucus Representative
Appendix A

Comprehensive Governance Review Committee

1.1 OVERSIGHT. The Comprehensive Governance Review Committee shall be a joint Committee of Legislative Council and the Board of Directors.

1.2 GENERAL. The Comprehensive Governance Review Committee shall review the Society’s governance bodies, systems and structures with a view to making them reflective of our Mission. The Committee will devise a system that is: (a) in accordance with Quebec law, (b) as democratic and transparent as possible, (c) simple, accessible and easy for students to understand. The Committee will look to other successful systems and adapt elements to our context. The Committee will also aim to root out inconsistencies that exist within our governance practices.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES. Comprehensive Governance Review Committee shall:

a) Research best practices at other student societies, union, and similar organizations;

b) consult a wide range of student stakeholders in order to develop a governance system that best reflects students’ needs and realities;

c) review the entirety of SSMU’s documents to sort out possible inconsistencies;

d) simplify and shorten documents when possible and create guides and other resources so as to make SSMU’s governance systems more accessible and easier to understand;

e) work in consultation with SSMU’s lawyers;

f) recommend practices and systems for review in the future; and

g) present a report to Council at least once a month and to Board at least once a semester.

1.4 MEMBERSHIP. Comprehensive Governance Review Committee shall consist of:

(a) A steering committee;

(b) Two Subcommittees.

The steering committee will be made up of four members of each subcommittee; it must include the SSMU President, as well as either the Speaker, Speaker on Call, or Parliamentarian. One of these four members will be the Committee’s chairperson. The Steering Committee will be therefore made up of eight to ten members. In the event it is an even number the Chair will not vote. If it is an odd number, the chair will vote only in the case of a tie. Each Subcommittee will consist of twelve members, and designate its own Chair from among its members:

a) two members of the Executive, selected by the Executive, one in each subcommittee;

b) two members of Legislative Council, selected by Council, one in each subcommittee;

c) two members of the Board, selected by the Board, one in each subcommittee;
d) two member of the Judicial Board, past or present, selected by the Judicial Board, one in each subcommittee;

d) two members of Senate Caucus, selected by Senate Caucus, one in each subcommittee;

c) four Executive of Services, voted on by the Executives of all Services, two in each subcommittee;

f) four Executives of Independent Student Groups, voted on by the Executives of all ISG, two in each subcommittee;

g) one member of the Executive or Council of AUS, EUS, MUS, SUS, decided by the respective councils, one in each subcommittee;

h) two members of the Executive or Council of the other faculty associations as well as schools with current representation on SSMU Legislative Council (DSS, EdUS, LSA, MSS, MUSA, POTUS, SWSA) proposed by the faculty associations and voted on by the Presidents of each association, one in each subcommittee.

Additional members can be consulted as needed and would likely include: Equity Commissioners, Indigenous Affairs Commissioner, Sustainability Commissioners, Mental Health Commissioner, and others staff and committee members as needed.

1.5 DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

1.5.1 STEERING COMMITTEE. The Steering Committee will provide general direction. It will refer topics to be studied in closer detail to the subcommittees such as, for example, role and structure of the Judicial Board. The Steering Committee will provide the subcommittees with a different question each month. The Steering Committee will also be responsible for organizing consultation sessions or surveys either at the beginning of the year or spread out, for the subcommittees to then refer to. The Steering committee will be responsible for presentations at the Board and Legislative Council, making final recommendations, and engaging the broader public.

1.5.2 SUBCOMMITTEES. The two subcommittees will work simultaneously and on the same questions. Each will submit recommendations to the Steering Committee, which the Steering Committee will then accept, reject, or amend.

1.6 MEETING.

1.6.1 STEERING COMMITTEE. Steering Committee will meet at least once a month during the Academic Year. Each month it will: (a) review recommendations of the Subcommittee, (b) report on progress to Legislative Council, (c) frame question for Subcommittee to study. Meetings should last approximately 90 minutes.

1.6.2 SUBCOMMITTEE. Subcommittee will meet twice a month and more frequently when needed. It will work on a problem submitted to it by the Steering Committee and inform itself of:
(a) legal considerations, (b) best practices, (c) McGill’s particular context, (d) accessibility and feasibility of its recommendations. When the committee has questions about legal considerations or wants to arrange stakeholder consultation, it will communicate this to the Steering Committee. Committee meetings should last no longer than 120 minutes.

1.7 DEMOCRATIC, POPULAR ENGAGEMENT

1.7.1 CONSULTATION & SUBMISSIONS. The Steering Committee will organize ample opportunity for popular engagement both in terms of in-person forums and anonymous or group online survey and submissions.

1.7.2 POPULAR SUBCOMMITTEES. Additionally, beyond referring questions to the two subcommittees to study, the Steering Committee will make questions generally available so that members can organize their own groups and submit proposals for the Steering Committee to consider as it considers recommendations from its subcommittees. The Steering Committee will make publicly known the date by which these recommendations must be submitted. The Steering Committee will consider anonymous, as well as attributed, submissions.

1.8 QUORUM.

1.8.1 STEERING COMMITTEE. Quorum for the Steering Committee is two-thirds.

1.8.2 SUBCOMMITTEES. Quorum for the Subcommittees will be fifty percent.

1.9 ABSENCES.

1.9.1 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES. An unexcused absence is any absence that is not communicated to the Chair at least 48 hours in advance. If a committee member communicates an absence with less than 48 hours’ notice, this is left to the Chair’s discretion. Any committee member that incurs three unexcused absences will be asked to leave, and that committee will continue working during the process to replace the member.

1.9.2 EXCUSED ABSENCES. An excused absence is any absence communicated to the chair with more than 48 hours’ notice and that the Chair deems as reasonable. After a committee member’s fourth excused absence, the Chair and committee member must find time to discuss the member’s absences in order to see if there is any way to address this for the future. After this conversation and if the Committee member misses another two meetings, the Chair may choose to request that the member resign the seat.

1.10 RECALL & SUSPENSION.

1.10.1 RECALL. The Committee Members’ constituency may choose to recall the member by a majority vote at any time. The constituency can then fill the seat according to the process by which it was originally filled.
1.10.2 **SUSPENSION.** The Committee can vote to suspend a member with a ⅔ majority. The Committee can set a suspension for a maximum term of three months. The Committee must state the reason for suspension. Legislative Council can overturn Committee suspension with a motion to reinstate passed by simple majority.

1.11 **REPORTING.** The Comprehensive Governance Review Committee will report to Legislative Council once a month for five to ten minutes. The Comprehensive Governance Review Committee will report to the Board of Directors at least once a semester.
Motion Regarding Amendments to the Health and Dental Review Committee

Whereas, amendments were made to the Committee Terms of Reference at the last Legislative Council;

Whereas, it was agreed upon after voting on the new terms of reference, that it would be preferred if a Medicine and Dentistry representative had a seat on the Health and Dental Review Committee.

Be it Resolved, that the membership of the Health and Dental Review Committee is as follows:

4.4 MEMBERSHIP. The Health and Dental Review Committee shall consist of:

a) The Vice-President (Finance; Co-Chair);

b) The President (Co-Chair);

c) Two (2) Directors;

d) The Medicine representative of Legislative Council;

e) The Dentistry representative of Legislative Council;

f) One (1) Councillor; and

g) Three (3) Members at Large.

Moved by:
TreMansdoerfer, President
Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Motion Regarding Council Nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors

Whereas, the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of twelve (12) voting Directors;

Whereas, subject to Section 6.3 of the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be composed of:

a) Three (3) Officers of the SSMU as described in the Constitution;

b) One (1) additional Officer as determined by Legislative Council;

c) Four (4) Members-at-Large and;

   d) Four (4) members of Legislative Council

Whereas, subject to Section 6.6 of the Constitution, the current Board of Directors’ terms expire November 14th, 2018;

Whereas, the complete Board of Directors is to be ratified at the upcoming General Assembly taking place on October 29th, 2018;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council nominate the following to the Board of Directors during meeting of Legislative Council on September 27th, 2018.

   a) Bryan Buraga

   b) Mu Rong Yang

   c) Garima Karia

   d) Andrew Figueiredo

Be it Resolved, that the 4 (four) nominated Councillors will start their terms as Directors on November 15th, 2018, subject to approval at the General Assembly.

Moved by:
TreMansdoerfer, President
Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative
Garima Karia, Arts Representative
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Brooke Callaghan, Management Representative
Motion Regarding Policy on Clubs and Services as SSMU’s Highest Priority

Whereas, it is clear that thousands of students engage with the SSMU through membership and leadership positions in SSMU Clubs and Services, as well as through other participation in and support from Services and Independent Student Groups;

Whereas, prioritizing student groups reflects SSMU’s most basic commitment to Service, Representation, and Leadership as described in the first point of the Preamble to the SSMU Constitution:

1. The Students’ Society shall serve as an umbrella organization to coordinate and support the student groups that make up civic life in the McGill community, while providing services to strengthen the education, cultural, environmental, political, and social conditions of our Members;

Whereas, a policy was passed by referendum in 2008, with a similar policy being passed in 2013;

Whereas, this policy was not renewed at its previous end date by last year’s Legislative Council.

Be it Resolved, that the primary obligation of the SSMU shall be to support affiliated student groups.

Be it Resolved, that this policy shall be reflected in SSMU office staff priorities and work plans.

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Executives work with clubs and services to further develop the policy and amend it during the current academic year.

Be it Resolved, that this policy shall expire on May 1, 2019.

Moved by:
Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Sophia Esterle, Vice President Student Life
Brooke Callaghan, Management Representative
Garima Karia, Arts Representative
Motion Regarding Policy on VP Internal Intoxication and VIP Culture at SSMU Events

Whereas, there has been an historical abuse of power in the portfolio of the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) that has normalized spending copious amounts of money on alcohol and other perquisites for those individuals planning SSMU’s drinking events;

Whereas, all members of the Students’ Society Programming Network (SSPN) must act as role models to event attendees;

Whereas, the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) is the highest authority at all events facilitated by the SSPN and, thus, must be in their optimal mental and physical state at all said events.

Be it Resolved, that SSMU funds must not be spent on alcoholic beverages exclusively for SSPN members or for any other individuals planning SSMU events;

Be it Resolved, that the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) not become intoxicated at SSMU events of which they are in charge.

Be it Resolved, that this policy shall expire on May 1, 2023;

Be it Resolved, that any accusations from a SSMU member that the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) became intoxicated to the point that they were incapable of performing their duties at a SSMU event of which they were in charge be brought to the Accountability Committee for an initial investigation. This investigation shall be composed of interviews with the accuser, with witnesses, and with the Vice-President (Internal Affairs). Any of these people shall reserve the right to submit their testimony in writing. The Accountability Committee shall endeavour to provide support for all parties involved;

Be it Resolved, that the Accountability Committee shall submit its decision and reasons by means of report to the Board of Directors for review in confidential session;

Be it Resolved, that should the case be referred to Legislative Council, a discussion and vote on possible disciplinary measures shall take place. These measures may include:

1. Formal reprimand
2. Suspension
3. An alternate penalty, at the proposal of a member of the Legislative Council
Moved by:
Matthew McLaughlin, Vice President (Internal Affairs)
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Julia Briand, Environment Representative
Jacob Shapiro, Vice President (University Affairs)
OCTOBER 11TH, 2018

Motion Regarding Adoption of a Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy

Whereas, the SSMU lacks survivor-centric avenues for recourse and accountability that can be used to respond to instances of sexual and gendered violence, as evidenced by historical and more recent failures within the Union to address these realities, particularly when individuals in positions of power are implicated in occurrences of violence;

Whereas, the SSMU has been mandated to uphold and advocate for the rights and welfare of survivors per the Survivor Bill of Rights, and must make concretemean and financial commitments to conduct this work in good faith;

Whereas, the SSMU’s commitments to equity, mental health, indigenous solidarity, and accessibility are inextricable from the realities of sexual violence, as these issues are closely tied to one another;

Whereas, the GSVP Project Team and the GSVP Implementation Coordinator worked to develop a holistic, survivor-centric Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy through extensive research and consultation over the course of this past year;

Whereas, this Project Team has successfully produced a policy for internal use at the SSMU;

Whereas, the SSMU already has a Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Guide, provided in Appendix A;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU adopt the following Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy in Appendix B.

Moved by:
Trevor Mansdoerfer, President
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Garima Karia, Arts Representative
Motion Regarding the Arab Student Network Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, the Arab Student Network (ASN) is a SSMU service that concerns itself with implementing a perspective of secular and non-political representation of the broad enriched culture of the Arab world;

Whereas, the SSMU has demonstrated commitment towards the integration and inclusivity of all students, especially those who identify as marginalized groups; recognizing that there is a growing demand for Arab cultural representation and the need for installation of related resources on campus for which the Arab Student Network fills a gap;

Whereas, the Arab Student Network broadcasts the local resources inspired by the broad culture that are of benefit to the inclusivity of all students, also providing a range of events for the enjoyment of students from any and all backgrounds;

Whereas, the Arab Student Network allocates its focus towards bridging the gap between the student body and the diverse set of local Arab professionals present in Montreal along with installing opportunities of involvement on-campus, including opportunities installed by the University in which fluency in the Arabic language was demonstrated. (campus touring, buddy program etc.)

Whereas, the Arab Student Network has assisted in providing the input of arabesque elements (art, decoration, catering etc.) to events in which other student groups or faculty bodies on campus can request;

Whereas, no service fee currently exists to support the operations of the Arab Student Network, and a $0.50 opt-utable fee would generate a sustainable source of income such that the Arab Student Network can continue to provide a warm and inclusive space for the general student body to engage in Arab culture and language;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following questions to membership for the Fall 2018 referendum:

“Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-utable fee of $0.50 titled the “Arab Student Network Fee” payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2023 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

Moved by:
Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Jun Wang, Vice-President (Finance)
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations

Whereas, the Society’s Internal Regulations have not been significantly revised;

Whereas, multiple sections in the Internal Regulations do not reflect practices in the recent years of the Society;

Whereas, basic changes are being proposed to have our Internal Regulations match our current practices.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by removing article 2.2.b:

b) Members of the Legislative Council may not transfer their voting rights to any other person or body. Voting rights are conferred on each member of the Legislative Council individually and cannot be transferred under any circumstances.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 4.2 to:

4.2 PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SPEAKER. Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a Speaker by the end of each academic year, Should the Speaker be unavailable for a meeting, the President shall act as the Speaker. Should the President act as Speaker, they are not entitled to vote.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 6.4 to:

6.4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING RULES. Standing Rules adopted by the Legislative Council may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Legislative Council.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 8.1 to:

8.1 ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business for any regular meeting of the Legislative Council shall be as follows;

a) Call to Order;

b) Land Acknowledgment;

c) Approval of Minutes;
d) Adoption of the Agenda;

e) Report of the Steering Committee;

f) Guest Speakers;

g) Question Period;

h) Announcements

i) Old Business

j) New Business;

k) Committee Reports;

l) Councilor Reports;

m) Officer Reports;

n) Confidential session; and

o) Adjournment.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 11.1 to:

11.1 **GENERAL.** All motions to adopt a particular resolution shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Speaker at 11:59 p.m. the night before the Steering Committee meets prior to the relevant meeting of the Legislative Council. In the case of regularly scheduled meetings of the Legislative Council being held on Thursday, this shall mean the Thursday prior to Council.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 7 “General Assembly” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 1.1 to:

1.1 **GENERAL.** The order of business for any regular General Assembly of the Society shall be as follows:

a) Call to Order;

b) Land Acknowledgement;

c) Approval of Minutes;

d) Approval of the Agenda;
e) Question Period;

f) Old Business;

g) New Business, which shall include, when necessary:

i) Ratification of Nominations of the Auditors; and

ii) Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements;

h) Report of the Board of Directors;

i) Report of the Executive Committee;

j) Officer Reports;

k) Adjournment.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 7 “General Assembly” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 5.2 to:

5.2 **DEADLINE.** Motions in advance must be submitted to the Speaker at least three (3) **two (2)** weeks in advance of the General Assembly.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 2 “Undergraduate University Representation” of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy be amended by modifying article 6.1 to:

6.1 The membership of the Senate Caucus shall consist of:

a) thirteen (13) Student Senators; and

b) The University Affairs Secretary General (non-voting).

c) The Academic Research Commissioner (non-voting).

**Be it Resolved, that** section 2 “Undergraduate University Representation” of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy be amended by modifying article 8.3 and 8.4 to:

8.3 **REALLOCATION OF VACANT SEATS.** Seats left vacant after the end of the nomination period will be reallocated first to programs not already allocated a seat, including the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy and Social Work, and the Faculties of Dentistry and Religious Studies, in descending order according from the program with the most students.
enrolled to the program with the least, then to Faculties already allocated seats, in the same fashion according to figures provided by the Registrar of McGill University.

8.4 **DOUBLE REPRESENTATION.** Should a vacant seat be re-allocated to the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy or Social Work, or the Faculty of Dentistry and Religious Studies, students in these programs would not be permitted to run for seats in faculties other than the re-allocated seat.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 2 “General” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 4.1 and 4.2 to:

4.1 **ELECTIONS.** Elections for the following positions shall be conducted under the auspices of Elections SSMU:

a) the Officers;

b) the executive members of the First Year Council;

c) the two (2) Councillors representing the Society’s Clubs;

d) the one (1) Councillor representing the Society’s Services;

e) the two (2) undergraduate representatives to CKUT; and

f) any of the eleven (11) undergraduate student Senators, if requested by the respective Faculty Association; and

f) any special Election provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.

4.2 **REFERENDA.** Elections SSMU shall administer the following Referenda:

a) the Fall Referendum, which shall take place during the fall academic semester;

b) the Winter Referendum, which shall take place during the winter academic semester; and

c) the Referendum Respecting the Election of Councillors to the Board of Directors, which shall take place during the month of April; and

c) any other special Referenda provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.
Be it Resolved, that section 2 “General” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 6.4 to:

6.4 DURATION. The Electoral Periods shall consist of a Nomination Period that is at least ten (10) days, an extended Nomination Period, if necessary, of at least forty-eight (48) hours twenty-four (24) of which shall be on a business day, a Campaign Period of at least ten (10) days, and a Polling Period of at least three (3) consecutive days. The Campaign Period and Polling Period may overlap. The required duration for the periods may be suspended by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council and approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Be it Resolved, that section 3 “Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 1.1 to:

1.1 EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD. Where one or fewer Members declare themselves as candidates for an elected position, nominations for the vacant position shall be extended by at least forty-eight (48) hours regardless of the scheduled Campaign Period. Appropriate public notice must be made of the extended Nomination Period.

Be it Resolved, that section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 2.1 and 2.5 to:

2.1 GENERAL. Three (3) Two (2) Councillors shall be elected to represent the undergraduate student members of Senate, from among the Elected Undergraduate Senators, in accordance with the Constitution, at a meeting attended by the Undergraduate Senators who shall be represented by the Councillors in question. This meeting shall be chaired by the Vice President (University Affairs) (either current or incoming), who shall be assisted by the Chief Electoral Officer or any other Electoral Officer.

2.5 ROTATING SEAT. Where there are not three (3) two (2) or more Elected Undergraduate Senators who wish to serve as Councillors representing the undergraduate student members of Senate, there shall be one (1) rotating seat on the Legislative Council. The Elected Undergraduate Senators shall attend meetings of the Legislative Council on a rotating basis to ensure that this rotating seat is always occupied, and that the Senate Caucus is properly represented.

Be it Resolved, that section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7 to:

5.1 GENERAL. Nine (9) Four (4) Councillors shall be elected to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution. The number of Councillors to be elected to the Board of Directors may be increased in accordance with the Constitution.
5.2 NOMINATION. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Legislative Council for ratification the names of the Councillors nominated to serve as Directors in accordance with the Internal Regulations.

5.2 ELECTION. Following ratification by the Legislative Council, the nomination of Councillors to serve as Directors shall be ratified by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

5.4 TIMING. The Referendum question shall be put to the Society in April of the year in which the Councillors are to begin their terms as Directors, as part of the Referendum Respecting the Election of Councillors to the Board of Directors. Following approval by the Legislative Council, the Referendum question may be immediately put to the Society, in accordance with the exception to the twenty-one (21) day deadline for approval of Legislative Council-initiated Referendum questions contained in these Internal Regulations.

5.5 REFERENDUM QUESTION. The President shall draft a proposed Referendum question based on the nominations ratified by the Legislative Council. The Referendum question must be voted on by the Legislative Council at the latest by the last meeting of the Legislative Council in April, the whole in accordance with these Internal Regulations. An emergency meeting of the Legislative Council may be called if necessary. The final wording of the question must be approved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Legislative Council.

5.6 REFERENDUM COMMITTEES. Members may form “Yes” or “No” committees for the Referendum question.

5.7 SUMMER AVAILABILITY. The members of the Board of Directors must be available to participate in at least three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors from May 1st to August 31st in the year in which they are elected. This participation may be by way of technical means in accordance with the Constitution. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the summer availability of the Councillors it selects as candidates for ratification at the Legislative Council.

   a) Failure on the part of a Director contemplated by this section to make themselves reasonably available for meetings of the Board of Directors from May 1st to August 31st constitutes a violation of the Internal Regulations.

   b) In accordance with the Constitution, any violation of the Internal Regulations may result in removal from office.

Be it Resolved, that section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 to:

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
6.1 GENERAL. Six (6) Four (4) Officers of the Society shall be elected to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution.

6.2 ELECTION. Every candidate for Officer shall be listed simultaneously as a candidate for Director on the election ballot. The one additional Officer elected to the Board of Directors by Legislative Council will be elected to the Board of Directors at the first Legislative Council.

6.3 EXCEPTION. Candidates for Officer shall not be listed simultaneously as a candidate for Director on the election ballot if they do not meet the qualifications set out in the Constitution. In that event, the number of Councillors elected to the Board of Directors shall be adjusted in accordance with the Constitution and the Internal Regulations.

Be it Resolved, that section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by adding articles 7, 7.1, 7.2 as:

8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

8.1 GENERAL. Four (4) Members of the Society who are not members of the Legislative Council or are Officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors.

8.2 ELECTION. The election of the Members nominated to serve as Directors shall be submitted for ratification by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

Moved by:
Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Ana Paula Sanchez, Arts Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus Representative
Motion Regarding Charity Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, the SSMU Charity Fee was formerly known as the “Community Engagement Fee”. In outdated documents, the term “Community Engagement Fee” may be used and should be consider synonymous with “Charity Fee” as outlined in the Internal Regulations of Finance amended by the Legislative Council on 04-06-2017;

Whereas, the SSMU Charity Fee should be renamed from “Community Engagement Fee”;

Whereas, the SSMU Charity Fee, which is dispensed in the form of the SSMU Charity Fund, was created in 2010 in an effort to empower campus members to engage in charitable initiatives on campus and in their personal lives as well as build community on campus;

Whereas, the Charity Fund offers monetary support to initiatives that contribute to providing opportunities to those who are deprived of opportunity because of uncontrollable factors;

Whereas, the Charity Fund initiatives are made to adhere to the SSMU Sustainability Policy;

Whereas, all the members of the Society are eligible for funding given that they have not opted out of the fee;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Council approve the following question for the Fall 2018 referendum period:

“Do you agree that the opt-outable $0.52 SSMU Charity Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed for five years, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2024 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would continue the nonexistence of the fund?”

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Jun Wang, Vice-President (Finance)
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Motion Regarding Environment Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, the SSMU Environment Fee, which is dispensed through the SSMU Green Fund, was created in 2007 to empower campus members to engage in sustainability initiatives on campus and in their personal lives as well as build a culture of environmental sustainability on campus;

Whereas, the Green Fund has made it possible for many non-environmental groups to run more environmentally-friendly events by subsidizing the increased costs often associated with the use of more sustainable products;

Whereas, the Green Fund is the only student-regulated environmental fund on campus, and therefore prioritizes students;

Whereas, the Green Fund is also used to “green” normal SSMU operations and maintenance of the University Centre (Shatner Building);

Whereas, the Green Fund has made it possible for McGill students to be involved in the sustainability movement beyond McGill through external movements and events;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Council approve the following question for the Fall 2018 referendum period:

“Do you agree that the opt-outable $1.25 SSMU Environment Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed for five years, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2024 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the nonexistence of the fund?”

Moved by:

TreMansdoerfer, President
Jun Wang, Vice-President (Finance)
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Motion Regarding Renaming of McGill Men’s Varsity Teams

Whereas, in 2016 the Provost and Vice Principal (Academic) struck a Task Force on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education which found there were “past usages of the name ‘Indians’ to refer to men’s teams, and ‘Squaws’ or ‘Super Squaws’ to refer to women’s athletics teams, as well as phrases such as ‘Indians on the warpath’ and ‘Redman scalped’ that appeared in McGill media”;

Whereas, “Such demeaning and offensive language was used into the 1970s, long after the official naming of the men’s varsity team as the ‘Redmen’. Further, stereotyped images of Indigenous persons found their way onto McGill jerseys and helmets before a 1992 decision of the McGill Athletics Board to cease usage of the offensive logo, while retaining the Redmen name largely because of the apparently benign origins of the term Redmen”;

Whereas, “A final decision about whether to keep the Redmen name was made at a March 4, 1992 meeting of the McGill Athletics Board [...] advised removing the native connotation associated with the logo, drop the logo and retain the name Redmen, since its historical roots had no association to native peoples”;

Whereas, a McGill Athletics press released on March 6th 1992 stated that the “logo, which was adopted in 1982, might possibly be construed as a stereotype. While this was never McGill’s intention, we want to be sensitive to the concern that has been expressed. We are quite prepared to make a change so as to remove any suggestion that the traditional name of the Redmen was connected with a stereotype relating to native peoples. Unless we find historical evidence which establishes that the Redmen name came from other than the colour of McGill’s uniforms. We intend to preserve the traditional name for our men’s teams”;

Whereas, the continued usage of the Redman name refuses to acknowledge the historic and contemporary pain felt by Indigenous students;

Whereas, the historical usage of “Indian” and “Squaw” at McGill has helped promote hypermasculinized and stereotypical views of Indigenous peoples;

Whereas, the misrepresented history of the name devalues the pain felt Indigenous peoples and students at McGill, and continues as a limitation towards both reconciliation, as well as the full participation and representation of Indigenous students on McGill Varsity Teams;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU engage in effective solidarity with Indigenous students and work towards immediate renaming of the Varsity Men’s Team;
Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2018 referendum period:

QUESTION 1: Do you endorse the immediate renaming of the “Redmen” name and mandate the SSMU to work towards immediate renaming of the Varsity Men’s Team?

Be it Resolved, that the ‘WHEREAS’ clauses be included on the ballot.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Ana Paula Sanchez, Arts Representative
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Rebecca Scarra, Arts Representative
Motion Regarding the Creation of an Anti-Violence Fee Levy

Whereas, the SSMU has dedicated time and resources to preventing and responding to campus sexual and violence over the past school year, namely through the publication of the Our Turn National Action Plan, the passage of a Survivor Bill of Rights, and the creation of a Project Team charged with drafting a holistic, inclusive, pro-survivor GSVP, in part due to the insufficiency of McGill’s own policies and their limited jurisdiction;

Whereas, the occurrence of gendered and sexual violence is inextricable from the realities of social inequity and oppression, and the SSMU has repeatedly pledged to take concrete steps to act on these particular issues, and has a long-standing commitment to equity, as outlined in the SSMU Constitution:

VII. The Students’ Society commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection. The Society shall be mindful of the direct and indirect effects that corporations, businesses and organizations have on their social, political, economic, and environmental surroundings.

VIII. The Students’ Society commits itself to groups, programs and activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or social class;

Whereas, the GSVP Report, published in Summer 2018, puts forth procedures for prevention, support, advocacy, and response within the final draft of the Policy itself, and highlights the necessity of continuous financial support for these initiatives;

Whereas, the report additionally recommends that the SSMU hire two casual staff members, similar to the Equity or Mental Health Commissioners, to administer and oversee the procedures of the SSMU GSVP, known as the “Anti-Violence Coordinators”, and additionally that funding be reserved for peer-to-peer gendered and sexual violence prevention training;

Whereas, the creation of an additional Anti-Violence Fund would allow for members of the SSMU to engage in initiatives that are relevant to the prevention of gendered and sexual violence, as well as support and advocacy for survivors, such as event programming, educational and artistic initiatives, resource and media development, outreach, and individualized support in accessing relevant resources;

Whereas, the creation of the Anti-Violence Coordinator positions, as well as the GSVP training program and the Anti-Violence Fund, will be supported by an opt-outable student levy;
Whereas, the Anti-Violence Fund will be administered by the SSMU Funding Committee, and all SSMU members who have not opted out of the fee will be able to apply for funding;

Whereas, a tentative budget for the fee is detailed in Appendix A;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2018 referendum period:

“Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Anti-Violence Fee of $0.45 per semester, payable by all SSMU members and accessible to those who do not opt out of the fee, starting in Winter 2019 and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2021 (inclusive), when it will be brought back to the membership for referendum, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of continuous funding for the administration of the GSVP?”

Be it Resolved, that the clauses herein, as well as Appendix A, be included on the ballot.

Moved by:

Tremansdoerfer, President
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Garima Karia, Arts Representative
Motion Regarding the Plate Club Fee Referendum Question

Whereas, the Plate Club is the Student Society of McGill University (SSMU)’s free dishware rental service, which allows users to reduce their environmental footprint by eliminating single-use serving containers at meetings and events, and promotes a culture of sustainability on campus;

Whereas, the Plate Club has been completely volunteerrun, which makes consistent operations challenging, limits our ability to expand our service provision, and places an undue burden of time and responsibility on our coordinators;

Whereas, the Plate Club manages an inventory of over 800 plates, over 750 glasses and mugs, as well as bowls, platters, serving utensils, and compost bins; and circulated over 10 000 items last semester which would have otherwise been thrown out;

Whereas, the Plate Club currently receives no funding to support its operations, and a $0.14 opt-utable fee would generate a sustainable source of income such that the Plate Club can continue providing sustainable dishware for campus events for free, improve the functioning of the service to meet reasonable standards, expand its role on campus to provideresources and education to the wider student body, and reduce the environmental footprint of the McGill community to a greater extent;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following questions for the Fall 2018 Referendum:

“Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-utable fee of $0.14 called the "Plate Club Fee", to be charged to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2020 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

Be it Resolved, that Appendix A be included on the ballot.

Moved by:

Jun Wang, Vice President (Finance)
Ana Paula Sanchez, Arts Representative
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
OCTOBER 18TH, 2018

Motion Regarding Adoption of General Assembly Standing Rules

Whereas, "Standing Rules" shall mean the rules of procedure created and amended by the Legislative Council, in accordance with the mechanism provided by Rules of Order, which govern the procedures of the Legislative Council and General Assemblies;

Whereas, the Standing Rules for the General Assembly may be adopted by the Legislative Council at least one (1) week in advance of the General Assembly as stipulated in 4.1 of the Internal Regulations of Governance;

Whereas, the Standing Rules should facilitate an effective and accessible process;

Whereas, the 2016-2017 Legislative Council did not adopt the Standing Rules of the General Assembly;

Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council approve in principle the Standing Rules included in Appendix A for the Fall 2018 General Assembly.

Moved by:

TreMansdoerfer, President
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Philippe Cossette, Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Representative
Motion Regarding Approval of Judicial Board Proposed Procedure Changes

Whereas, the Judicial Board created changes to their rules of procedure, that have yet to have been ratified by Legislative Council;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the Proposed Procedure Changes located in Appendix A.

Be it Resolved, that the language of the appended procedures be de-gendered before final approval.

Moved by:

Tre' Mansdoerfer, President
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Maxence Frenette, Engineering Representative
Motion Regarding Council Length

Whereas, SSMU Legislative Council has historically has had long meetings, with meetings in the past lasting up until 2:00 am;

Whereas, meetings of this length are unhealthy for all Councilors, while also promoting disengagement with SSMU as whole;

Whereas, SSMU Legislative Council meetings should be kept efficient and not unreasonably long;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Steering Committee and the Speaker of Council adopt the following guiding principles for Legislative Council agendas this year:

1) The expectation that Legislative Council meetings will endeavour end at 10:00 pm at the latest;
   a) Suggested adjournment shall occur if there is no confidential session and if any of the following criteria are met:
      i) If a motion is being debated and it is past 10:00 pm, the motion will be debated in entirety.
      ii) If a Councillor report is being discussed and it is past 10:00 pm, the current and remaining Councillor reports will be presented.
      iii) If a committee report is being discussed and it is past 10:00 pm, the current and remaining committee reports will be presented.
      iv) If an executive report is being given and it is past 10:00 pm, all executive reports will be discussed.
   b) If adjournment were to be suggested, but a confidential session was necessary, the confidential session would occur immediately when the adjournment would have occurred.

2) A maximum of 3 presentations at any given Legislative Council subject to the discretion of Steering Committee.

3) That a projected timeline is created during Steering Committee that shows estimated time allotted to debate on motions, comparable to what McGill Senate does.

4) Motions that are time sensitive will be prioritized in the agenda and be at the beginning of New Business. Motions that may be postponed will be towards the end of New Business at the discretion of Steering Committee.
5) Pursuant to the Internal Regulations of Governance, Legislative Council may resolve itself to call another meeting at its discretion if the need to address motions arises.

Moved by:
Tremansdoerfer, President
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Maxence Frenette, Engineering Representative
Motion Regarding Mandating the Finance Committee to Focus on Restructuring SSMU’s Fees

Whereas, the SSMU’s fee structure is relatively poor, in which numerous fees are created and consolidation has not taken place;

Whereas, the SSMU should review aspects of the society that are currently funded through fees and have them exist in the operating budget itself;

Whereas, some fees of the Society, including SSMU funds, run large surpluses;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Finance committee come to Legislative Council with a proposal to restructure SSMU fees in February. This proposal should include a means to consolidate fees into our operating budget, as well as reducing SSMU fees that consistently accumulate excessive surplus.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Finance Committee Terms of Reference be amended to include:

d) Reporting to the Board of Directors at least once per semester; and

e) **Review the Society’s fee structures on an annual basis and recommend changes as appropriate; and**

f) Review and make recommendations to Finance Committee’s terms of reference at the end of the year.

Moved by:
Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Maxence Frenette, Engineering Representative
Motion Regarding the Creation of an Anti-Violence Fee Levy

Whereas, the previous motion submitted at the October 11th Legislative Council received a judicial board petition against it on the basis that there were not enough movers as specified in our Internal Regulations;

Whereas, regardless of the validity of the petition, re-motionsing this at Legislative Council will still let the referendum question be asked for the fall referendum and implemented for the winter semester;

Whereas, the remainder of the motion is the same motion brought forth at the Legislative Council meeting from October 11th;

Whereas, the SSMU has dedicated time and resources to preventing and responding to campus sexual and violence over the past school year, namely through the publication of the Our Turn National Action Plan, the passage of a Survivor Bill of Rights, and the creation of a Project Team charged with drafting a holistic, inclusive, pro-survivor GSVP, in part due to the insufficiency of McGill’s own policies and their limited jurisdiction;

Whereas, the occurrence of gendered and sexual violence is inextricable from the realities of social inequity and oppression, and the SSMU has repeatedly pledged to take concrete steps to act on these particular issues, and has a long-standing commitment to equity, as outlined in the SSMU Constitution:

VII. The Students’ Society commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection. The Society shall be mindful of the direct and indirect effects that corporations, businesses and organizations have on their social, political, economic, and environmental surroundings.

VIII. The Students’ Society commits itself to groups, programs and activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or social class;

Whereas, the GSVP Report, published in Summer 2018, puts forth procedures for prevention, support, advocacy, and response within the final draft of the Policy itself, and highlights the necessity of continuous financial support for these initiatives;

Whereas, the report additionally recommends that the SSMU hire two casual staff members, similar to the Equity or Mental Health Commissioners, to administer and oversee the procedures of the SSMU GSVP, known as the “Anti-Violence Coordinators”, and additionally that funding be reserved for peer-to-peer gendered and sexual violence prevention training;
Whereas, the creation of an additional Anti-Violence Fund would allow for members of the SSMU to engage in initiatives that are relevant to the prevention of gendered and sexual violence, as well as support and advocacy for survivors, such as event programming, educational and artistic initiatives, resource and media development, outreach, and individualized support in accessing relevant resources;

Whereas, the creation of the Anti-Violence Coordinator positions, as well as the GSVP training program and the Anti-Violence Fund, will be supported by an opt-outable student levy;

Whereas, the Anti-Violence Fund will be administered by the SSMU Funding Committee, and all SSMU members who have not opted out of the fee will be able to apply for funding;

Whereas, a tentative budget for the fee is detailed in Appendix A;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2018 referendum period:

“Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Anti-Violence Fee of $0.45 per semester, payable by all SSMU members and accessible to those who do not opt out of the fee, starting in Winter 2019 and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2021 (inclusive), when it will be brought back to the membership for referendum, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of continuous funding for the administration of the GSVP?”

Be it Resolved, that the clauses herein, as well as Appendix A, be included on the ballot.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Jacob Shapiro, Vice-President (University Affairs)
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Maxence Frenette, Engineering Representative
Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative
Philippe Cossette, PTOT Representative
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Mu Rong Yang, Education Representative
Kenzy Abdelhamid, Medicine Representative
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Fair Lyons, Science Representative
Brooke Callaghan, Management Representative
Natalie Constantin, Services Representative
Rebecca Scarra, Arts Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus
Garima Karia, Arts Representative
Motion to Support the Rights of Canada’s Most Vulnerable Children

Whereas, The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver has launched a petition to our Federal government to support Canada’s Most Vulnerable Children;

Whereas, Children with an incarcerated parent, a parent with an addiction, or a homeless parent have significant adverse life experiences compared to their peers and lack specialized supports funded through the Government of Canada social transfers to Provinces;

Whereas, The Elizabeth Fry Society is looking for the SSMU to support the petition, by disseminating both the electronic, and paper versions through listserv, and having paper copies available for signing at the SSMU front desk (Appendix A)

Whereas, The paper and electronic petition are intended for the same purpose, however are slightly varied in weight, length, and language (Appendix B)

Whereas, There are specific rules, regulations, and guidelines as to whom, and how they may be signed (Appendix C);

Whereas, Students of McGill university will have an opportunity to advocate for vulnerable children, and drive strong social change at the Federal level;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU supports the petition, by disseminating both the electronic, and paper versions through listserv, and having paper copies available for signing at the SSMU front desk.

Moved by:
Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
NOVEMBER 1ST, 2018

Motion Regarding VP UA Mandate to Advocate for Change to S/U Grading Option

Whereas, the Section 2.2 of the Internal Regulations on Representation and Advocacy mandates the “the Vice-President (University Affairs)... [to] promot[e] student rights related to academic affairs at both the University and faculty levels and [to] advanc[e] the interests of students with respect to academic matters.”¹

Whereas, McGill offers its “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) option [a]n alternative course-specific grading scheme that lets undergraduate students take courses outside their areas of specialization without fear of decreasing their GPAs... for up to 10 percent of their total degree credits completed at McGill.”²

Whereas, many universities have alternative S/U options, with notably both Columbia and Yale both allowing students to convert an “S” grade to their letter grade, “in order to encourage students to engage more fully in the courses they elect to take” S/U.³

Whereas, the current Vice President (University Affairs) campaigned quite vocally on this point, mentioning it on his platform, in press interviews, the SSMU debate, and notably featuring it as one of two concrete actions in his "pen sketch," the 100-word text featured on the simply voting platform.

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU reaffirm the mandate the Vice President (University Affairs) received by virtue of his election to advocate for changes to McGill’s S/U option so as to allow students to uncover their grades.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Jacob Shapiro, Vice President (University Affairs)
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus Representative
Maxence Frenette, Engineering Representative
Philippe Cosnette, PTOT Representative

² https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u
³ https://www.college.columbia.edu/facultyadmin/grading
Haoyi Qiu, Science Representative
Rebecca Scarra, Arts Representative
Ana Paula Sanchez, Arts Representative
Motion Regarding the Nomination of the Auditor for the Fiscal Year of 2019

Whereas, the appointment of auditor needs to be approved by members-at-large during the General Assembly;

Whereas, the Standing Rules for the General Assembly may be adopted by the Legislative Council at least one (1) week in advance of the General Assembly as stipulated in 4.1 of the Internal Regulations of Governance;

Be it Resolved, that FL Fuller Landau LLP is chosen as the Auditor for the 2019 Fiscal Year.

Moved by:

Any four Councillors or 100 Members of the Society (list names)
- Jun Wang, Vice-President Finance
- Tre Mansdoerfer, President
- Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative
- Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
- Fair Lyons, Science Representative
- Bryan Buraga, Senate Representative
Motion Regarding Restoration of Discretionary Funding for SACOMSS

Whereas, the Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Student Society (hereby referred to as SACOMSS) is a volunteer and student-run organization that provides free services, support, advocacy, and education to individuals at McGill and the Montreal community;

Whereas, SACOMSS strives to be a survivor focused, pro-feminist, anti-racist, anti-ableist, anti-classist, queer-positive, trans-positive and an anti-oppressive organization (see Appendix A, SACOMSS' Mandate);

Whereas, SACOMSS is a part of the non-opt outable Safety Network Fee comprised of Walksafe, Drivesafe, Nightline, and SACOMSS, receiving $2.50 per undergraduate student per semester;

Whereas, SACOMSS has had discretionary funding in the recent past, as outlined in its constitution provided in Appendix B;

Whereas, the restoration of discretionary funding needs to be approved with the general membership for financial transparency as per the recommendation of a 2016 financial audit;

Whereas, discretionary funding is funding given to McGill and Montreal community organizations and individuals who align with SACOMSS' mandate per the discretion of the financial coordinator and policy and planning members as outlined in its constitution provided in Appendix B;

Whereas, examples of discretionary funding may include but are not limited to: subsidizing the short-term costs of survivors that result from their assault, providing funding to organizations that are aligned with SACOMSS' mandate who do work that SACOMSS is unable to directly undertake, or endorsing a mandate-aligned community event;

Whereas, SACOMSS has historically used discretionary funding to sponsor professional enrichment for organizations with mandates congruent to its own, thus contributing to resources for survivors and marginalized persons within the McGill and Montreal community;

Whereas, the addition of discretionary funding would not affect the current fee amount or fee distribution and would improve access to SSMU services for the community and student body, and would help keep SSMU accountable for supporting survivors;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2018 referendum period:

Do you agree to allocate up to ten per cent (10%) of the Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students' Society (SACOMSS)'s yearly budget to be used for discretionary funding for the organization's external affairs, beginning in the 2019 Winter semester?
Be it Resolved, that the Legislative Council endorse this referendum question.

Moved by:

Ana Paula Sanchez, Arts Representative
Rebecca Scarra, Arts Representative
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Sophia Esterle, Vice-President Student Life

Appendix A

The Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students’ Society (SACOMSS) is a volunteer-run organization committed to supporting survivors of sexual assault and their allies through direct support, advocacy, and outreach.

SACOMSS strives to be a pro-survivor, pro-feminist, anti-racist, anti-ableist, anti-classist, queer-positive, trans-positive and anti-oppressive organization. We provide an accessible, non-judgmental, and safer space for members of many different communities and identifications. All our services are open to the public and are provided free of charge.

The DIAL hotline service can be reached by phone at 514-398-8500. The hotline and drop-in service hours are updated weekly on our homepage and the SACOMSS Facebook page.

From: http://www.sacomsss.org/wp/about-us/(SACOMSS’ Mandate)

Appendix B

This section outlines the procedure for processing Discretionary Fund requests as defined in Section 9.

1. Requests. All applicants will submit a form available for download on the SACOMSS website, and will email the completed application to the Finance Coordinator(s), finance@sacomsss.org.
2. Reviewing Applications.
   2.1. The Finance Coordinator(s) will act as the liaison between SACOMSS, the applicant(s), and SSMU, unless otherwise delegated. In the case where no Finance Coordinator has been elected for that year, the External Coordinator(s) will assume that role.
   2.2. The Finance Coordinator(s) will review the application to ensure all necessary information is present. If information is missing, the Finance Coordinator(s) will request the information from the applicant(s) before the General Meeting.
   Incomplete applications will not be brought to the General Meeting.
2.3. The Finance Coordinator(s) will bring the application to the next General Meeting. If the Finance Coordinator(s) are unable to attend the next General Meeting, they will forward the application to the General Meeting Coordinators.

2.4. The General Meeting will discuss the request and its relevance to the SACOMSS mandate and make a decision using Consensus. If the General Meeting would like more information regarding the application, the Finance Coordinators will contact the applicant and provide an update at the following General Meeting. The following guidelines will be used to approve or reject funding:
   i. Priority will be given to those projects and applications which adhere to the SACOMSS mandate, particularly if they relate to issues of sexual assault or violence.
   ii. Priority will be given to projects with limited access to other sources of funding.
   iii. The amount granted to each application may differ than the original request, based on available funds.

2.5. **Conflicts of Interest.** Active Members present at the General Meeting who have a personal or professional investment in an application or applicant must declare their Conflict of Interest. The General Meeting may ask the member to remove themselves from the decision making process by leaving the during the discussion and during the voting process.

3. **Notification of Decision.** All applicants will be notified of approval or rejection by email within one week of the decision. In the case of delays due to Quorum not being met at the General Meeting or a request for more information, the applicants must be notified within one week of the reason for the delay. Approved applicants will be notified of:
   i. the amount of funding approved
   ii. the method of payment
   iii. the expectation of the inclusion of SACOMSS promotional material or logo in the project or fulfillment of other conditions
   iv. request for a brief follow-up report about the progress or completion of the project or event

4. **Method of Payment.** The method of payment will be decided on between the applicant and Finance Coordinators, choosing the most appropriate of the following options:
   i. If the applicant is a group or organization with a bank account, the request will be paid as a “donation” through SSMU
   ii. If the applicant is an individual, the Finance Coordinators will create an invoice for the individual, and go through the cheque requisition process through SSMU.
   iii. If appropriate, the applicant may be reimbursed for costs through SSMU. The reimbursed amount may be the total or partial amount of the funding granted.

From: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zgJ5uDmj7pM2RykWRYki7FC4eQekNFnpuWHLuNfsLo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zgJ5uDmj7pM2RykWRYki7FC4eQekNFnpuWHLuNfsLo/edit?usp=sharing) (SACOMSS' Constitution)
Motion Regarding Nomination of Directors for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Whereas, the appointment of Directors needs to be approved by members-at-large during the General Assembly;

Whereas, the Legislative Council approved the nominations of Garima Karia, Bryan Buraga, Mu Rong Yang, and Andrew Figueiredo as Councillor nominations at the September 27th, 2018 Legislative Council meeting;

Whereas, the Nominating Committee approved Jessica Rau, Kyle Rubenok, Jonah Levitt and Lucille Xiang as Members at Large for the Board of Directors;

Whereas, Jacob Shapiro, Matthew McLaughlin, and Jun Wang are the eligible SSMU Executives who can serve on the Board of Directors

Be it Resolved, that the following members be appointed to the Board of Directors:

1. Garima Karia,
2. Bryan Buraga,
3. Mu Rong Yang,
4. Andrew Figueiredo,
5. Matthew McLaughlin,
6. Jacob Shapiro,
7. Jun Wang,
8. Jessica Rau,
9. Kyle Rubenok,
10. Jonah Levitt,
11. Lucille Xiang

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Sophia Esterle, Vice-President Student Life
Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Fair Lyons, Science Representative
Motion Regarding Internal Regulation Updates

Whereas, the motion regarding changes to the Internal Regulations passed in Legislative Council on October 11th was put back to the council by the Board of Directors;

Whereas, clarifications around the Board of Directors elections needed to match language used in the constitution;

Whereas, the approved motion can be linked here;

Whereas, the 2016-2017 Legislative Council did not adopt the Standing Rules of the General Assembly;

Be it Resolved, that section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be as follows with the removal of all articles from 5 to 7.

5.

5.1. GENERAL. Four (4) Councillors shall be nominated to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution.

5.2. RATIFICATION. Following nomination by the Legislative Council, the nominated Councilors to serve as directors shall be ratified by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1. GENERAL. Four (4) Officers of the Society shall be elected to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution.

6.2. RATIFICATION. Officers nominated to serve as Directors shall be submitted for ratification by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

7.1. GENERAL. Four (4) Members of the Society who are not members of the Legislative Council or are Officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors.

7.2. RATIFICATION. Members nominated to serve as Directors shall be submitted for ratification by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

7.3. REPLACEMENT. Members at large can be selected by Nominating committee and ratified by the Board of Directors to fill vacant seats of the Board of Directors.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by removing article 2.2.b:

b) Members of the Legislative Council may not transfer their voting rights to any other person or body. Voting rights are conferred on each member of the Legislative Council individually and cannot be transferred under any circumstances.
Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 4.2 to:

4.2 PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SPEAKER. Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a Speaker by the end of each academic year, Should the Speaker be unavailable for a meeting, the President shall act as the Speaker. Should the President act as Speaker, they are not entitled to vote.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 6.4 to:

6.4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING RULES. Standing Rules adopted by the Legislative Council may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Legislative Council.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 8.1 to:

ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business for any regular meeting of the Legislative Council shall be as follows;

a) Call to Order;

b) Land Acknowledgment;

c) Approval of Minutes;

d) Adoption of the Agenda;

e) Report of the Steering Committee;

f) Guest Speakers;

g) Question Period;

h) Announcements

i) Old Business

j) New Business;

k) Committee Reports;

l) Councilor Reports;

m) Officer Reports;

n) Confidential session; and

o) Adjournment.

Be it Resolved, that section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 11.1 to:

11.1 GENERAL. All motions to adopt a particular resolution shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Speaker at 11:59 p.m. the night before the Steering Committee meets prior to the relevant meeting of the Legislative Council. In the case of regularly scheduled meetings of the Legislative Council being held on Thursday, this shall mean the Thursday prior to Council.
Be it Resolved, that section 7 “General Assembly” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 1.1 to:

1.1 GENERAL. The order of business for any regular General Assembly of the Society shall be as follows:
   a) Call to Order
   b) Land Acknowledgment;
   c) Approval of Minutes;
   d) Approval of the Agenda;
   e) Question Period;
   f) Old Business
   g) New Business, which shall include, when necessary:
      i. Ratification of Nominations of the Auditors; and
      ii. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements;
   h) Report of the Board of Directors;
   i) Report of the Executive Committee;
   j) Officer Reports;
   k) Adjournment

Be it Resolved, that section 7 “General Assembly” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 5.2 to:

5.2 DEADLINE. Motions in advance must be submitted to the Speaker at least three (3) two (2) weeks in advance of the General Assembly.

Be it Resolved, that section 2 “Undergraduate University Representation” of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy be amended by modifying article 6.1 to:

6.1 The membership of the Senate Caucus shall consist of:
   a) thirteen (13) Student Senators; and
   b) The University Affairs Secretary General (non-voting).
   c) The Academic Research Commissioner (non-voting)

Be it Resolved, that section 2 “Undergraduate University Representation” of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy be amended by modifying article 8.3 and 8.4 to:

8.3 REALLOCATION OF VACANT SEATS. Seats left vacant after the end of the nomination period will be reallocated first to programs not already allocated a seat, including the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy and Social Work, and the Faculty of Dentistry and Religious Studies, in descending order according to the program with the most students enrolled to the program with the least, then to Faculties already allocated seats, in the same fashion according to figures provided by the Registrar of McGill University.
8.4 DOUBLE REPRESENTATION. Should a vacant seat be re-allocated to the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy or SocialWork, or the Faculties of Dentistry and Religious Studies, students in these programs would not be permitted to run for seats in faculties other than the re-allocated seat.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 2 “General” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 4.1 and 4.2 to:

4.1 ELECTIONS. Elections for the following positions shall be conducted under the auspices of Elections SSMU:
   a) the Officers;
   b) the executive members of the First Year Council;
   c) the two (2) Councillors representing the Society’s Clubs;
   d) the one (1) Councillor representing the Society’s Services;
   e) the two (2) undergraduate representatives to CKUT; and
   f) any of the eleven (11) undergraduate student Senators, if requested by the respective Faculty Association; and
   f) any special Election provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.

4.2 REFERENDA. Elections SSMU shall administer the following Referenda:
   a) the Fall Referendum, which shall take place during the fall academic semester;
   b) the Winter Referendum, which shall take place during the winter academic semester; and
   c) the Referendum Respecting the Election of Councillors to the Board of Directors, which shall take place during the month of April; and
   c) any other special Referenda provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 2 “General” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 6.4 to:

6.4 DURATION. The Electoral Periods shall consist of a Nomination Period that is at least ten (10) days, an extended Nomination Period, if necessary, of at least forty-eight (48) hours twenty-four (24) of which shall be on a business day, a Campaign Period of at least ten (10) days, and a Polling Period of at least three (3) consecutive days. The Campaign Period and Polling Period may overlap. The required duration for the periods may be suspended by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council and approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 3 “Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 1.1 to:
1.1 EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD. Where one or fewer Members declare themselves as candidates for an elected position, nominations for the vacant position shall be extended by at least forty-eight (48) hours regardless of the scheduled Campaign Period. Appropriate public notice must be made of the extended Nomination Period.

**Be it Resolved, that** section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 2.1 and 2.5 to:

2.1 GENERAL. Three (3) Two (2) Councillors shall be elected to represent the undergraduate student members of Senate, from among the Elected Undergraduate Senators, in accordance with the Constitution, at a meeting attended by the Undergraduate Senators who shall be represented by the Councillors in question. This meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President (University Affairs) (either current or incoming), who shall be assisted by the Chief Electoral Officer or any other Electoral Officer.

2.5 ROTATING SEAT. Where there are not three (3) Two (2) or more Elected Undergraduate Senators who wish to serve as Councillors representing the undergraduate student members of Senate, there shall be one (1) rotating seat on the Legislative Council. The Elected Undergraduate Senators shall attend meetings of the Legislative Council on a rotating basis to ensure that this rotating seat is always occupied, and that the Senate Caucus is properly

**Moved by:**

Tre Mansdoerfer, President
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Philippe Cossette, PTOT Representative
Motion Regarding French Translation of SSMU Documents

Whereas, the Constitution of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) and its Internal Regulations must be available in both French and English pursuant to section 1.1 of the SSMU Constitution;

Whereas, the Constitution of the First Year Council (FYC) must be available in both French and English pursuant to Article III of the FYC Constitution;

Whereas, the French language versions of the SSMU Constitution, the FYC Constitution, and the SSMU Internal Regulations are currently not available to the public;

Be it Resolved, that the SSMU immediately initiate the translation and the publication of the French language versions of the SSMU Constitution, the SSMU Internal Regulations, the FYC Constitution, and all other SSMU documents that they see fit.

Moved by:

Robert Hu, First Year Council Representative
Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative
Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Maxence Frenette, Engineering Representative
Motion Regarding Changes Made to Referendum Questions

Whereas, SSMU Legislative Council approved questions for referendum to be sent to the Office for Student Life and Learning (OSLL) for review;

Whereas, the OSLL made recommendations to the questions that are seen in Appendix A of this motion in red;

Whereas, these changes revolved around clarification of language and clarification in durations. For the Environment fee and Charity fee, the time period had to be reduced since they originally exceeded five years;

Whereas, the question on renaming the athletic teams did not change due to it not being a question on funding;

Be it Resolved, that Legislative Council adopts the following modified questions for referendum outlined in Appendix A below.

Moved by:

TreMansdoerfer, President
Gareth Price, Engineering Representative
Philippe Cossette, PTOT Representative

Appendix A

1) Arab Students Network

Old: “Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.50 titled the “Arab Student Network Fee” payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2023 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

New: “Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.50 per student per semester titled the “Arab Student Network Fee” payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2023 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

2) Charity Fee

Old: QUESTION 1: “Do you agree that the opt-outable $0.52 SSMU Charity Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, by renewed for five years, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2024 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would continue the non-existence of the fund?”
QUESTION 2: “Do you agree that the fee to be adjusted to inflation, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index)?”

New: “Do you agree that the opt-outable $0.52 per semester SSMU Charity Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members, and which contributes to the SSMU Community Engagement fund accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2023 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of the fee?”

“Do you agree that the fee to be adjusted to inflation, as indexed by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index)?”

3) Environment Fee:

Old: QUESTION 1: Do you agree that the opt-outable $1.25 SSMU Environment Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed for five years, to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2024 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of the fund?

QUESTION 2: Do you agree, that the fee, in its entirety, be adjusted annually for inflation, as index by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index)

New: “Do you agree that the opt-outable $1.25 per semester SSMU Environment Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and contributes to the SSMU Green Fund accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed to start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2023 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of the fee?”

Do you agree, that the fee, in its entirety, be adjusted annually for inflation, as index by the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index)

4) Anti-Violence Fee

Old: “Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Anti-Violence Fee of $0.45 per semester, payable by all SSMU members and accessible to those who do not opt out of the fee, starting in Winter 2019 and to be charged for a duration of 3 years until Winter 2021 (inclusive), when it will be brought back to the membership for referendum, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of continuous funding for the administration of the GSVP?”

New: “Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Anti-Violence Fee of $0.45 per semester, which is paid for by all SSMU members and contributes to the Anti-Violence Fund accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, start in Winter 2019, and to be charged until Winter 2021 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the non-existence of the fee?”

5) Plate Club Fee:
Old: “Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.14 called the "Plate Club Fee", to be charged to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2020 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?"

New: “Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of $0.14 per semester called the "Plate Club Fee", payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2020 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”
Motion Regarding Policy on Council Transparency

Whereas, not all Legislative Council meetings are currently live-streamed or live-tweeted;

Whereas, students have expressed concerns about this lack of transparency and would like to follow the proceedings of Council;

Whereas, the time, length, and location of Legislative Council meetings are not always accessible to all students, especially during busy times of the school year;

Be it Resolved, that this policy be adopted, expiring on May 1st, 2023.

1. Steering Committee shall endeavour to work with on-campus partners, including but not limited to; TVM: Student Television at McGill, the McGill Daily, Le Déit, the McGill Tribune, and the Bull and Bear to ensure that meetings of Legislative Council are livestreamed whenever possible.

2. The SSMU shall take steps to disseminate access to the livestream via social media and listserv.

3. The SSMU will post on social media and in the listserv the location and time of the next Legislative Council.

Moved by:

Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative
Ana Paula Sanchez, Arts Representative
Garima Karia, Arts Representative
Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus Representative
Victoria Flaherty, Clubs Representative
Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative