



MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE SSMU RUBRIC FOR FULL STATUS CLUBS 2019-02-07

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WHEREAS, the Club Committee meets weekly to discuss the merits of interim clubs, full status clubs, constitutional changes, and general issues surrounding the activity of clubs on campus;

WHEREAS, according to the current rubric¹, interim clubs who seek to obtain full status are assessed using a rubric that considers six different criteria, including:

- Achievement of Mandate: Whether the club has fulfilled its mandate as specified by its constitution.
- Club events: Whether the events were well attended and provided a significant benefit to the students.
- Sustainability (Environment and Social): Whether the club has demonstrated a commitment to environmental and social sustainability.
- Finances: Whether the club has been financially responsible and realistic in its financial goals.
- Autonomy: Whether the club can run independently of external organisations or excessive SSMU funding.
- Membership: Amount of student signatures.

WHEREAS, clubs are given a score of either “1/Poor”, “3/Fair”, or “5/Good” based on the Club Committee’s assessment of their performance of each criteria within their interim status period;

WHEREAS, clubs must currently score 24/30 on the current SSMU rubric to be granted full club status;

WHEREAS, the Club Committee has noted that there are instances where clubs technically pass the threshold of 24 points, but it has been speculated by members of committee that they should not be a full status club due to various reasons;

WHEREAS, the Club Committee unanimously agree that this is not a thorough enough vetting process for clubs to be granted full-status;

¹ <https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/Full-Status-Club-Approval-Rubric.pdf?x26516>



WHEREAS, introducing a longer interim status requirement may decrease the level of clubs that become inactive, and incentivize the institutional sustainability of clubs who wish to be granted full status;

WHEREAS, several criteria on the interim status application² are not adequately addressed or revisited during the full status approval process, including the uniqueness of a club's activities;

WHEREAS, approximately 350 clubs currently hold SSMU status, which is a very high number in relation to comparable Canadian Universities, such as University of Toronto³, Université de Montréal⁴, and Queen's University⁵;

WHEREAS, due to current state of SSMU financial, spatial, and administrative resources, it is very difficult for SSMU to further accommodate the approval of full-status clubs, as each club requires support;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that McGill's clubs services offer support to several niche interest populations, however it is difficult for SSMU to continue to undertake the support of many of these niche interests in a full-club status capacity;

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the student population for there to be stricter requirements for clubs to gain full status, as it would result in stronger clubs and better allocation of SSMU resources;

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the student population for there to be stricter requirements for clubs to gain full status, as it would result in less clubs being declared inactive by the commission and going to the "club morgue";

WHEREAS, it is recognized that McGill's on-campus extracurricular culture enhances student life and improves the vibrancy, diversity, and fulfillingness of students' campus life;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT scores of "0/ Unsatisfactory" replace the lowest score of "1/Poor", and new criteria be implemented for each of the six "1/Poor" categories enumerated in Appendix A;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the category name "Sustainability (Environmental and Social)" be changed to "Sustainability (Environmental, Social, and Institutional)";

² <https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Interim-Status-Club-Approval-Rubric.docx>

³ <https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/cld/clubs-groups>

⁴ http://www.ahc.umontreal.ca/groupes_interet/groupes_membres.htm

⁵ <http://myams.org/clubs-directory/>



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the criteria for SSMU full status club approval in the category of “membership” require at least 65 student signatures indicating interest to receive a score of “5/good”, rather than the current 50, and 35-65 to receive a score of “3/Fair”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the criteria for SSMU full status club approval in the category of “membership” continues to judge memberships of at least 25 as “1/ Poor”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the introduction of the “0/ Unsatisfactory” score for SSMU full status club approval in the category of “membership” is assigned to clubs who do not receive at least 25 student interest signatures;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the sustainability category’s “5/Good” score be changed to include discourse about social sustainability, demonstrating equitable hiring practices for executive members;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the finances category be changed to include the mention of the presence of revenue creation, so as to encourage clubs to be financially independent and discourage the overuse of SSMU funding;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ‘club events’ category score of “5/Good” be changed to include a provision that states that the benefits that the club provides to students or the SSMU community are unique or not fulfilled by other clubs on campus;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the club events score of “1/Poor” be changed to include a provision that states that the benefit to students or the SSMU community is not unique, or is already catered to by another club;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT interim status clubs would be required to maintain interim status for a minimum of 6 months, rather than the current 3 months, before they are permitted to apply for full club status;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the score required of a club to be granted full status be changed to 26/30 from 24/30.

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APPENDIX A

Proposed Full Status Approval Rubric

	0/Unsatisfactory	1/Poor	3/Fair	5/Good
Achievement of Mandate	Club has not fulfilled any aspects of its mandate, as outlined in the constitution.	Club has fulfilled some aspects of its mandate, as outlined in the constitution.	Club has fulfilled most aspects of its mandate, as outlined in the constitution.	Club has fulfilled all aspects of its mandate, as outlined in the constitution.
Club Events	Club events were not attended and did not provide a significant benefit to students or the SSMU community	Club events were sparsely attended and did not provide a significant benefit to students or the SSMU community, or provided a benefit that another club already caters to.	Club events were relatively well attended and provided a significant benefit to students or the SSMU community.	Club events were well attended and provided a unique and significant benefit to students or the SSMU community.
Sustainability (Environmental, Social, and Institutional)	Club does not demonstrate any commitment to environmental, social, and institutional sustainability in event planning and budgeting. (High turnover, unsustainable events, inequitable practices)	Club has not demonstrated any significant commitment to environmental, social, and institutional sustainability in event planning and budgeting.	Club has demonstrated some degree of a commitment to environmental, social, and institutional sustainability in event planning and budgeting.	Club has demonstrated a strong commitment to environmental, social, and institutional sustainability through event planning, equitable membership practices, and responsible budgeting.
Finances	Club budget or audit does not demonstrate financial management or sets unrealistic targets that could negatively impact Club operations.	Club budget or audit demonstrates weak good financial management or sets unrealistic targets that could negatively impact Club operations.	Club budget or audit demonstrates good financial management or sets realistic targets that have a limited negative impact on Club operations.	Club budget or audit sets realistic financial expectations and demonstrates excellent financial management.
Autonomy	Club is fully reliant on an outside organization or group or strains SSMU's human, spatial or financial resources in order to operate.	Club is somewhat reliant on an outside organization or group or strains SSMU's resources in order to operate.	Club is not reliant on an outside organization or group or places a limited strain on SSMU's resources in order to operate.	Club is not reliant on an outside organization or group or does not strain SSMU resources in order to operate.
Membership	Club has not provided a list of at least 25 current members.	Club has provided a list of at least 25 current members.	Club has provided a list of 25-65 current members.	Club has provided a list of at least 65 current members.

**Club needs to score a 26/30 and not be in violation of SSMU's Equity Policy, Policy on Travel and Charity Based Clubs, or the SSMU Dual Status Club Rule