



MOTION REGARDING PROVISIONS TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDENT GROUPS

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WHEREAS, the Vice-President (VP) Student Life currently may have a monopoly on the ability to create, update, amend, and/or change “application criteria” used to evaluate the accreditation of clubs, as per Section 3, Articles 2.1.a.ii.4 and 2.2.b.ii.4 of the [Internal Regulations of Student Groups](#):

“ii. Other application criteria shall be developed by the Vice-President (Student Life) and shall take into account the following criteria in its assessment:

- (1) The uniqueness and feasibility of the proposed mandate of the Club, taking into account any mandate overlap with existing Society-Accredited Groups.
- (2) The institutional sustainability of the proposed Club, as determined by interest of Members and the potential to attract a wide member base.
- (3) The financial sustainability of the proposed Club and the ability of the Club to support its activities;
- (4) Other criteria as determined by the Vice-President (Student Life) or the Club Committee.”

WHEREAS, although the current policy indicates the principle that that the Clubs Committee should be included in the criteria-curation process, (3.2.1.a.ii.4, 3.2.2.b.ii.4) it has been made clear by ambiguities in the current policy that SSMU Executives may choose to forego this principle at will;

WHEREAS, the VP Student Life may update, amend and/or change the rubric without the knowledge or consent of the Clubs Committee;

WHEREAS, support of student groups, which is indicated in [the first point of the Preamble to the SSMU Constitution](#), would be improved by increasing transparency, accountability and collaboration;

WHEREAS, Clubs Representatives to the Legislative Council are chosen based on their expertise relating to SSMU clubs;



WHEREAS, the expertise of Club Representatives shall be forgone should the VP Student Life decide to act unilaterally, defeating the purpose of a Clubs Committee and Club Representatives;

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of SSMU should be aware of and in approval of updates, amendments, and/or changes to the process that McGill University students are required to undergo when seeking interim- or full-status club accreditation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Section 3 “Accredited Groups of the Students’ Society of McGill University” of the Internal Regulations of Student Groups be amended by amending Article 2 through a provision:

“2. ACCREDITATION OF CLUB STATUS

2.1 INTERIM STATUS ACCREDITATION

a) PROCEDURE. The organization must submit a completed Interim Status Club application form for accreditation as an Interim Status Club to the Club Committee.

i. Applications must include the submission of a Club Constitution, a member list including the names of at least ten (10) Members of the Society, and an affiliation letter in the event that the proposed club is to be affiliated with an organization that is External to the Society. In exceptional circumstances, the submission of a member list or an affiliation may be waived by the Clubs Committee with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

ii. Other application criteria shall be developed by the Vice-President (Student Life) **in consultation with the Clubs Committee, shall be enacted only when approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members of the Club Committee and by a simple majority vote of the SSMU Legislative Council**, and shall take into account the following criteria in its assessment:

(1) The uniqueness and feasibility of the proposed mandate of the Club, taking into account any mandate overlap with existing Society-Accredited Groups.

(2) The institutional sustainability of the proposed Club, as determined by interest of Members and the potential to attract a wide member base.

(3) The financial sustainability of the proposed Club and the ability of the Club to support its activities;

(4) Other criteria as determined by the Vice-President (Student Life) **of** **and** the Clubs Committee.

iii. The Clubs Committee will review the content of the application, and must be satisfied that the proposed Club will provide a significant benefit to Members of the Society. The Club Committee shall then present a



recommendation to the Legislative Council, which may grant Interim Club Status with a simple majority vote.

(1) Interim Club Status is granted for a maximum period of five (5) Academic Months from the date of approval by the Legislative Council unless otherwise extended by the Legislative Council. After this period, Interim Club Status automatically expires.

2.2 FULL STATUS ACCREDITATION

a) ELIGIBILITY. Any group seeking accreditation as a Full Status Club must currently hold, and have held for a minimum of three (3) Academic Months prior, Interim Club Status at the time of application.

b) PROCEDURE. The organization must submit a completed Full Status Club application form for accreditation as a Full Status Club to the Club Committee.

i. Applications must include the submission of an annual budget, documentation confirming that the Club has hosted at least three (3) events or activities during its Interim Status Period, and a member list including the names of at least twenty-five (25) Members of the Society. In exceptional circumstances, the submission of one or more of these requirements may be waived by the Clubs Committee with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

ii. Other application criteria shall be developed by the Vice-President (Student Life) **in consultation with the Clubs Committee, shall be enacted only when approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members of the Clubs Committee and by a simple majority vote of the SSMU Legislative Council,** and shall take into account the following criteria in its assessment:

- (1) The Club's fulfillment of its mandate during its Interim Status Period;
- (2) The long-term sustainability of the Club, as determined by interest of Members and the potential to attract a wide member base;
- (3) The financial sustainability and responsibility of the Club and the demonstrated ability of the Club to support its activities;
- (4) Other criteria as determined by the Vice-President (Student Life) **of** **and** the Clubs Committee."

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