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# 2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS



# MOTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE STANDING RULES FOR 2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Submitted for: September 14, 2017

**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:

Muna Tojiboeva, *President of SSMU* ([president@ssmu.ca](mailto:president@ssmu.ca))

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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  $\frac{2}{3}$  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

Submitted for: September 14, 2017

**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,



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**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 Councilor 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



# MOTION REGARDING NOMINATIONS TO THE SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for: September 28, 2017

**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*



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# MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE 2016-2017 YEAR

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

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**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;
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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 NOVEMBER 12TH

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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”<sup>1</sup>.*

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SSMU-Policy-and-Plan-Book-2017-03-23.pdf#page=\[27\]](https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SSMU-Policy-and-Plan-Book-2017-03-23.pdf#page=[27])



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**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 Bazylykut, *Nursing Representative*



# MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RAPE CULTURE ON MCGILL CAMPUS AND AT SSMU

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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



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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-SVRSE).

Moved by:

Connor Spencer, *Vice-President (External Affairs)*

Vivian Campbell, *Engineering Representative*

Caitlin Bazylykut, *Nursing Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO EXECUTIVES TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Danny Dinh, *PT/OT Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING FIRST YEAR COUNCIL FEE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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?”*



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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

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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

Submitted for: October 12, 2017

**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](http://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,



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**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, *Vice President (Finance)*

Danny Dinh, *PT/OT Representative*

Caitlyn Bazylykut, *Nursing Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED BIKE CENTRE FACILITY

Submitted for: October 19, 2017

**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;

**WWHEREAS**, 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, SS1, 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 (Student Life 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:

### **1. Funding Model**

- a. Not for profit facility
- b. Capital Costs (estimated at \$1.9M) will be provided through the following sources:
  - i. University \$800,000
  - ii. SSMU \$800,000
  - iii. SPF \$300,000
- c. Administrative & Operating costs to be covered by member/user fees (fee amounts to be determined)
  - i. Seed loan to be provided by University for upfront costs (loan amount and payback to be determined)
  - ii. Fees are intended to cover all (existing and projected) operating and equipment maintenance expenses.
  - iii. Any deficits will be shared between University and SSMU
  - iv. Member fees will be adjusted annually or as required
- d. Building maintenance costs to be covered by University
- e. Utility costs to be covered by SSMU
- f. The SSMU will be permitted to operate defined interior advertising space and directly retain any associated profits.

### **2. Operating Model**

- a. There will be different types of Memberships available
  - i. Bike Parking only
  - ii. Shower facilities only
  - iii. Bike & shower
- b. 1/3 of memberships will be reserved for staff and students respectively, the remaining third will be flexible according to demand
- c. Memberships will be restricted to current members of the McGill community
- d. The University will manage building maintenance, membership and card administration
- e. The SSMU will manage day-to-day operations, operating fund, security and cleaning contract



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- f. Operated by joint steering committee with representatives from SSMU, The Flat, McGill's Office of Sustainability and McGill's Campus Planning & Development Office
- g. Access hours of the Bike Centre will reflect the hours of the University Centre



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# MOTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A STAND-ALONE FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Submitted for: October 19, 2017

**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 Tojiboeva, *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

Submitted for: October 19, 2017

**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:

Jemark 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.



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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.



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# MOTION TO ENDORSE AND DISTRIBUTE SCIENCE & POLICY EXCHANGE'S OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

Submitted for: October 19, 2017

**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](#) 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*



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André Lemetti, *Medicine Representative*

R'ay Fodor, *Arts & Science Representative*

Kevin Zhou, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE IMMEDIATE CONTESTATION OF BILL 62

Submitted for: November 2, 2017

**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”<sup>2</sup>;*

**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;

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<sup>2</sup><http://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/SSMU-Consistution-2017-03-16.pdf?x26516>



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**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*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *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

Submitted for: November 2, 2017

**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

Submitted for: November 2, 2017

**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*



# MOTION REGARDING COUNCIL NOMINATION TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Submitted for: November 16, 2017

**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)<sup>3</sup>

**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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Motion-to-Strike-a-Special-Committee-on-Anti-Semitism-APPROVED-2017-10-29.pdf?x26516>

<sup>4</sup> Ibid



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**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:

Muna Tojiboeva, *President*

Danny Dinh, *POTUS Representative*

André Lametti, *Medicine Representative*



# MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING RULES OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Submitted for: November 16, 2017

**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.”<sup>5</sup>;

**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.”<sup>6</sup>;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following clauses be added to the Standing Rules of Legislative Council for the 2017-2018 academic year<sup>7</sup>:

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 Councilors, 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  $\frac{2}{3}$  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*

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<sup>5</sup> Internal Regulations of Governance, 11.1

<sup>6</sup> Internal Regulations of Governance, 11.2

<sup>7</sup> “Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2017-2018 Legislative Council”, adopted by Legislative Council on September 14, 2017



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# MOTION TO INVESTIGATE A COMMITTEE ON A GOVERNANCE REFORM

Submitted for: November 16, 2017

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by:

André Lametti, *Medicine Representative*

Muna Tojiboeva, *President*

Kevin Zhou, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO UNDERTAKE THE SELECTION OF FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS ANONYMOUSLY

Submitted for: November 16, 2017

**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-atLarge;  
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*



# MOTION REGARDING THE TIMELINE OF THE BY-ELECTION FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE)

Submitted for: November 30, 2017

**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 Koparkar, *Vice-President (Internal Affairs)*

Vivian Campbell, *Engineering Representative*

Kevin Zhou, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE PROVISION OF BRIDGE FUNDING FOR SAVOY SOCIETY

Submitted for: November 30, 2017

**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 Moyses Hall every year during the Winter Semester, with expenses totaling \$30,250.00, including \$12,000.00 for Moyses 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*





# MOTION REGARDING THE MODIFICATION OF INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY

Submitted for: November 30, 2017

**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<sup>8</sup>;

**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.

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<sup>8</sup><https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Internal-Regulations-of-Representation-and-Advocacy-2017-03-23.pdf#page=11>



### 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*

Tre Mansfoeder, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Isabella Anderson, *Senate Caucus Representative*



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# MOTION TO AMEND THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted for: November 30, 2017

**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*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *Senate representative*

Andre Lametti, *Medicine Representative*

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January 11, 2018

No Approved Motions



# MOTION REGARDING NOMINATIONS TO THE SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for: January 25, 2018

**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

Submitted for: January 25, 2018

**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

Submitted for: January 25, 2018

**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 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*



# MOTION REGARDING THE ECOLE PROJECT FEE LEVY RENEWAL

Submitted for: February 8, 2018

**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 Plan<sup>9</sup>;

**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”<sup>10</sup>;

**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;

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.mcgill.ca/sustainability/sustainability-strategy>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ecoleproject.com/about/>



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**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;

**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 Symposiums;

**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 Tojiboeva, *SSMU President*



# MOTION TO DE-GENDER THE LANGUAGE OF SSMU

Submitted for: February 8, 2018

**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



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- 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](mailto:ssmu.rep1@mcgilleus.ca))

Jennifer Chan, *Arts Representative*

Marjan Ghazi, *Science Representative*

Corinne Bulger, *Arts Representative*

Isabella Anderson, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Maya Koparkar, *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

Submitted for: February 8, 2018

**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”<sup>11</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, “Society commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection.”<sup>12</sup>;

**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”<sup>13</sup>;

**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”<sup>14</sup>;

**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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<sup>11</sup> <https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SSMU-Policy-and-Plan-Book-2017-03-23.pdf?x26516#page=27>

<sup>12</sup> <https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SSMU-Policy-and-Plan-Book-2017-03-23.pdf?x26516#page=27>

<sup>13</sup> <https://globalnews.ca/news/3811908/quebec-cancels-systemic-discrimination-consultations/>

<sup>14</sup> Invitation SSMU Nelson Mandela Day, Center for research-action on race relations



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**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)*



# MOTION TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY CENTRE BUILDING FEE

Submitted for: February 22, 2018

**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:



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*“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

Submitted for: February 22, 2018

**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<sup>15</sup> 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*

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<sup>15</sup>

<https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/d.-Council-Motion-Creation-of-a-Club-Fund-Fee-2016-02-11.pdf?x26516>



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André Lametti, *Medicine Representative*

Esteban Herpin, *SSMU Finance*

Jemark Earle, *SSMU Student Life*

Danny Dinh, *PTOT Representative*



# MOTION TO AMEND THE CAMPUS LIFE FEE

Submitted for: February 22, 2018

**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 Fee<sup>16</sup> 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*

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<sup>16</sup>

<https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Notice-of-Motion-Renewal-SSMU-Campus-Life-Fund-2014-02-061.pdf?x26516>



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Corinne Bulger, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE BLACK STUDENTS' NETWORK FEE FOR THE 2018 WINTER REFERENDUM

Submitted for: February 22, 2018

**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;



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**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-outable fee levy, titled "The Black Students' Network Fee", at \$0.40 per student for full-time students and \$0.20 per student for parttime 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 parttime 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*

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# MOTION TO CREATE A GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Submitted for: February 22, 2018

**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** 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 Mansdoerfer, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Anthony Koch, *First Year Council Representative*

R'ay Fodor, *Arts and Science Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE POLICY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FALL READING BREAK

Submitted for: March 15, 2018

**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;



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**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

Submitted for: March 15, 2018

**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 derails all of our movements for social justice and collective liberation”<sup>17</sup>;

**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,

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<sup>17</sup> *Understanding Antisemitism: An Offering to our Movement*. Jews for Racial & Economic Justice. November 2017.



- 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.
- These workshops and their leaders must be approved by a simple majority of the Special Committee and by the hired researcher.
  - 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.
  - The McGill administration provides professors with a list of major holidays; this can be used to distributed to SSMU executives and affiliated clubs,
  - 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*

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## 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.<sup>18</sup>

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.”<sup>19</sup>

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.<sup>20</sup>

### **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.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> “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.”

<sup>19</sup> “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 the rights of all aligns with the struggle for collective liberation or finding a just, durable solution in Israel/Palestine.”

<sup>20</sup> 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.”

<sup>21</sup> Understanding Antisemitism: An Offering to our Movement. Jews for Racial & Economic Justice. November 2017



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.<sup>22</sup> Greater than half (56.2%) of the Sephardic population are immigrants. More than a quarter of Sephardim (28.3%) were born in Morocco.<sup>23</sup> 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.<sup>24</sup>

## MOTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF A SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Submitted for: March 29, 2018

**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.

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<sup>22</sup> 2011 National Household Survey Analysis The Jewish Community of Montreal." Federationcja.org. [https://www.federationcja.org/en/jewish\\_montreal/demographics/](https://www.federationcja.org/en/jewish_montreal/demographics/)

<sup>23</sup> Shahar, Charles. "The Jewish Population of Canada – 2011 National Household Survey [2015 Reports Added]." Jewish Data Bank. <http://www.jewishdatabank.org/Studies/details.cfm?StudyID=743>.

<sup>24</sup> *Understanding Antisemitism: An Offering to our Movement*. Jews for Racial & Economic Justice. November 2017



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Jennifer Chan, *Arts Representative*

Michelle Nadon-Bélanger, *Music Representative*



# MOTION TO ORGANIZE THE FIGHT FOR FREE EDUCATION AND THE CANCELLATION OF STUDENT DEBT

Submitted for: March 29, 2018

**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

Submitted for: March 29, 2018

**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.



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- 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

Submitted for: March 29, 2018

**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:

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Tre Mansdoerfer, *Engineering Senator* ([senator@mcgilleus.ca](mailto: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

Submitted for: March 29, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances currently require the Vice-President (Finance) to carry out two yearly budget revisions<sup>25</sup>;

**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 year<sup>26</sup>;

**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 purposes<sup>27</sup> of the Fees of the same name, but only the Equity and Mental Health Commissioners are currently paid from these Fees;

**WHEREAS**, the mandate of the Indigenous Affairs Committee<sup>28</sup> falls within the purpose of the Equity Fee<sup>29</sup>, 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

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<sup>25</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-03: Budgeting, Section 2, page 10

<sup>26</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-06: Fees, PART IV, Sections 11.4, 12.3, & 15.4, pages 24-7

<sup>27</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-06: Fees, PART IV, Sections 11.1, 13.1, 14.1, & 15.1, pages 24-27

<sup>28</sup> Committee Terms of Reference, COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Section 7.2, page 7

<sup>29</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-06: Fees, PART IV, page 26



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<sup>30</sup> 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<sup>31</sup>, 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<sup>32</sup>, 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;

**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;

**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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<sup>30</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-06: Fees, PART IV - FEE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS, pages 23-27

<sup>31</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-05: Funding Committee, PART I, Section 2.8, page 17

<sup>32</sup> 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 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;

**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;

**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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## Appendix A

*NOTE: Not all Sections are cited here, only Sections which have been added, removed, or amended, plus any existent Sections which mirror those newly added, or those especially relevant for context.*

## Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-01: Interpretation

### PART II: DEFINITIONS

Aa. "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.

~~["Strike dd) "Operating Budget"]~~

~~["Strike ee) "Revised Operating Budget"]~~

## Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-02: Financial Responsibility

### PART I: RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 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 Budgets accurately reflect the expected revenue and expenses to be realized by their Service;
- b. [...]

PART II: FINANCIAL AUTHORITY

3. OPERATING BUDGET

3.1 GENERAL.

The Vice-President (Finance) has the authority to alter all budgets when preparing the Initial Operating Budget and Revised Operating Budgets.

3.3 APPROVAL.

The Operating Budget must be approved, by April 30th, in the following order, by:

- a. the Executive Committee;
- b. the Legislative Council; and
- c. the Board of Directors.

PART III: SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

[...]

Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-03: Budgeting

PART IV: BUDGETING

61. INITIAL OPERATING BUDGET

1.1 GENERAL.

The Vice-President (Finance) shall work with Officers, Services, and staff to compile the figures for all Department Budgets into a single budget document for the next Fiscal Year, called the Initial Operating Budget.

72. REVISED OPERATING BUDGETS OPERATING BUDGET REPORTS

2.1 GENERAL.

The Vice-President (Finance) is responsible for informing the student body on the society's financial performance relative to the Operating Budget approved for the fiscal year revising the Operating Budget twice each year, once in October and once in February.

2.2 TIMELINE. In early September and mid-January of each year, the Vice-President (Finance) shall work with the Officers, Services, and staff to review the figures for all Department Budgets. The Vice-President (Finance) shall compile all Department Budgets into a Revised Operating Budget for both the October and February budget revisions.



## 2.32 PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

It is the responsibility of the Vice-President (Finance) to submit a Revised Operating Budget for approval by the Legislative Council to present a comprehensive report on the society's financial performance to the Legislative Council and Board of Governors by October 31st and February 28th of each Fiscal Year.

### 2.3 TRANSPARENCY

It is the responsibility of the Vice-President (Finance) to make these reports public to all members through the Society's website.

[Strike 2.4 APPROVAL BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER.]

[Strike 2.5 APPROVAL BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY.]

[Strike 2.6 EXTENSION OF DEADLINES.]

### 83. EVENTS BUDGETS

[...]

### 9. ACCOUNTABILITY

9.1 GENERAL. The Vice-President (Finance) shall ensure that Departments do not exceed their permitted subsidy as stipulated in the Initial Operating Budget and inform the departments that do exceed to reduce expenses until they are no longer in excess of their budget.

## 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.

b. 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 Environment Committee 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), and 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) and 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 **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. **Neither the First Year Council nor the Vice-President (Internal) may apply to the First Year Fee that is meant for allocation by the Funding Committee.**

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

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), and 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

*NOTE: Not all Sections are cited here, only Sections which have been added, removed, or amended, plus any existent Sections which mirror those newly added*

## 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<sup>33</sup>

[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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<sup>33</sup> Passed at Legislative Council, 19 October 2017,

<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>



# MOTION TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY'S FINANCES TO IMPROVE FUNDING FOR SMALL EVENTS

Submitted for: March 29, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances currently prohibit the Funding Committee from allocating funding for food and beverage expenses<sup>34</sup> ;

**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<sup>35</sup> ;

**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

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<sup>34</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-05: Funding Committee, Part II, Section 9 (page 19)

<sup>35</sup> Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances-05: Funding Committee, Part I, Section 2.2 (page 16)



- 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:

## Food and Beverages

9.1 GENERAL. In general, food and beverages are **only** not eligible for funding. **No 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** or 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.~~

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# MOTION TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY, IMPARTIALITY, AND STABILITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for: March 29, 2018

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

**WHEREAS**, tasked with enforcing the rule of procedure<sup>36</sup>, 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 Directors<sup>37</sup>;

**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,”<sup>38</sup> and further, the Internal Regulations of Governance state that “any Member

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<sup>36</sup> Internal Regulations of Governance-06: Board of Directors, PART I, Section 2.2, page 28

<sup>37</sup> Internal Regulations of Governance-06: Board of Directors, PART I, Section 2.1, page 28

<sup>38</sup> The Constitution, Section 7.1, page 14



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."<sup>39</sup>

**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.**

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.~~

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<sup>39</sup> Internal Regulations of Governance-06: Board of Directors, PART I, Section 3.5, page 30



**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.

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# MOTION REGARDING COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE FIAT LUX

Submitted for: April 5, 2018

**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<sup>404142</sup>;

**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

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<sup>40</sup> [Equity Policy, Article 1.1.5](#)

<sup>41</sup> [Accessibility Policy, Article 5](#)

<sup>42</sup> [Sustainability Policy, Article 3](#)



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- 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

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# MOTION REGARDING THE SERVICE STATUS OF ARAB STUDENT NETWORK

Submitted for: April 5, 2018

**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.

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# MOTION REGARDING THE SSMU EQUITY POLICY

Submitted for: April 5, 2018

**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

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# MOTION TO MANDATE SEXUAL VIOLENCE TRAINING FOR NEW REPRESENTATIVES

Submitted for: April 5, 2018

**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:

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# 2018-2019 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS



# MOTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE STANDING RULES FOR THE 2018-2019 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Submitted for: September 13, 2018

**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:

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## 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:
  - 2.4.1. The proxy must hold an elected position within the same faculty association or constituency as the Councillor.
  - 2.4.2. The Councillor must have sent written or electronic notice to the Parliamentarian with the name, constituency, and elected position of the proxy.
  - 2.4.3. 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:
  - 2.5.1. An absence will be excused due to, but not limited to:
    - 2.5.1.1. Physical illness, mental health issues, family/friend emergency, and an assessment that conflicts with the time of council meetings.
    - 2.5.1.2. If an absent councillor arranges a proxy to take their place, the said absence will be excused.
    - 2.5.1.3. Absences must be communicated to the Parliamentarian at least 24 hours before a scheduled Council meeting.
  - 2.5.2. 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:
  - 2.7.1. Disrespectful or discourteous language and behaviour.
    - 2.7.1.1. 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.
    - 2.7.1.2. 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."
    - 2.7.1.3. 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.



- 2.7.1.4. 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 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 Councillors 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 microphone 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  $\frac{2}{3}$  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 precedence 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.



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## 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).



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# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted for: September 13, 2018

**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:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President of SSMU (president@ssmu.ca)*

Fairhurst Lyons, *Science Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus*



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# MOTION REGARDING NOMINATIONS TO THE SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for: September 13, 2018

**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:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President of SSMU* ([president@ssmu.ca](mailto:president@ssmu.ca))

Fairhurst Lyons, *Science Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus*



# MOTION REGARDING THE ELECTIONS TIMELINE

Submitted for: September 13, 2018

**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:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *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



# MOTION FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED ON GREATER ENGAGEMENT WITH STUDENT GOVERNANCE FOR 2018-2019

Submitted for: September 27, 2018

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 and March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and, for reference, has been amended an additional seven times since it was originally adopted on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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*



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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;
- e. two members of Senate Caucus, selected by Senate Caucus, one in each subcommittee;
- f. four Executive of Services, voted on by the Executives of all Services, two in each subcommittee;
- g. four Executives of Independent Student Groups, voted on by the Executives of all ISG, two in each subcommittee;
- h. one member of the Executive or Council of AUS, EUS, MUS, SUS, decided by the respective councils, one in each subcommittee;
- i. 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.

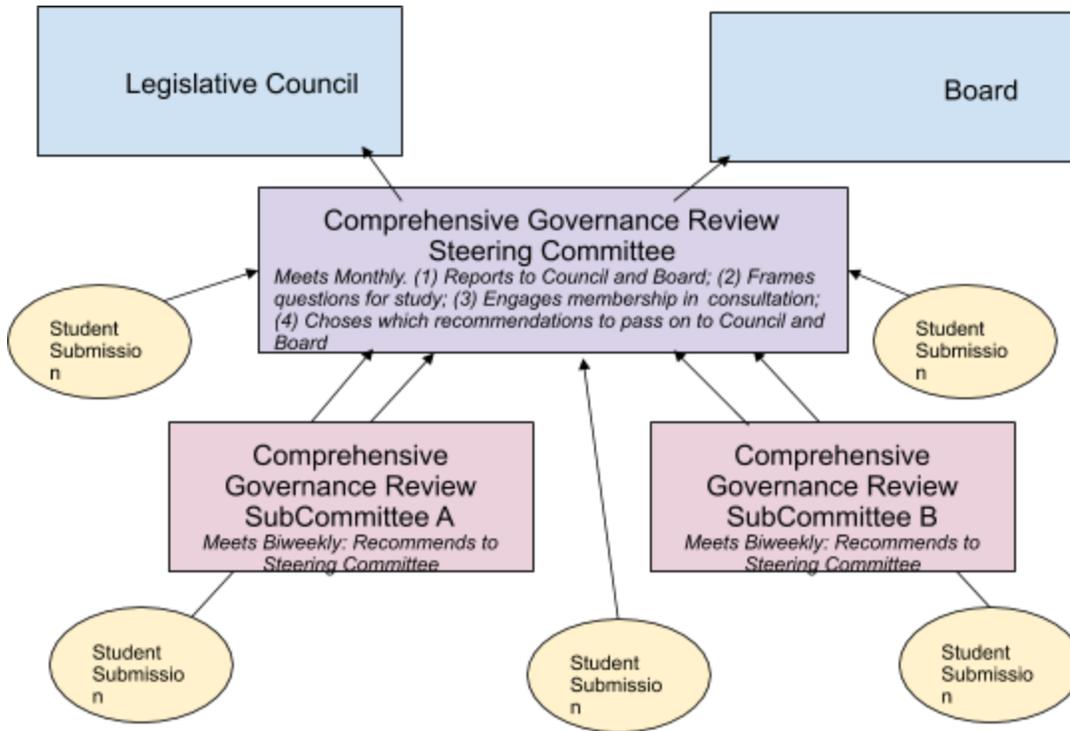
The Committee Members' constituency may choose to recall the member by a majority vote at any time. The constituency can then fill the seat according to the process by which it was originally filled.

#### 1.10.2 SUSPENSION.

The Committee can vote to suspend a member with a  $\frac{4}{5}$  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

Submitted for: September 27, 2018

**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:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*

Haoyi Qiu, *Science Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO THE SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for: September 27, 2018

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the complete Board of Directors is to be ratified at the upcoming General Assembly taking place on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSMU Legislative Council nominate the following to the Board of Directors during meeting of Legislative Council on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, subject to approval at the General Assembly.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *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

Submitted for: September 27, 2018

**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:

*I. 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 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

Submitted for: September 27, 2018

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that 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:



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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)*



# MOTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF A GENDERED AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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 concrete material 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:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE ARAB STUDENT NETWORK FEE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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-outable 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:



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*“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?”*

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

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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~~ Faculty 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 ~~Faculties~~ **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

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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 considered 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:

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# MOTION REGARDING ENVIRONMENT FEE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

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Haoyi Qiu, *Science Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus*

Gareth Price, *Engineering Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING RENAMING OF MCGILL MEN'S VARSITY TEAMS

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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;



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**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

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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;



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**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*

Andrew Figueiredo, *Arts Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE PLATE CLUB FEE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Submitted for: October 11, 2018

**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 volunteer run, 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-outable 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 provide resources 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-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?”*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Appendix A be included on the ballot.

Moved by:

Jun Wang, *Vice President (Finance)*

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# MOTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING RULES

Submitted for: October 18, 2018

**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:

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Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus*

Philippe Cossette, *Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Representative*



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# MOTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF JUDICIAL BOARD PROPOSED PROCEDURE CHANGES

Submitted for: October 18, 2018

**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

Submitted for: October 18, 2018

**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 Councilor 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.



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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:

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# MOTION REGARDING MANDATING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO FOCUS ON RESTRUCTURING SSMU'S FEES

Submitted for: October 18, 2018

**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

Submitted for: October 18, 2018

**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-motioning 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:

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**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*

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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

Submitted for: October 18, 2018

**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*



# MOTION REGARDING VP UA MANDATE TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE TO S/U GRADING OPTION

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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.”<sup>43</sup>

**WHEREAS**, McGill offers its “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) option [a]s an 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.”<sup>44</sup>

**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.<sup>45</sup>

**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*

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<sup>43</sup>

<https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Internal-Regulations-of-Representation-and-Advocacy-2017-03-23.pdf?x26516>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.mcgill.ca/students/courses/plan/s-u>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.college.columbia.edu/facultyadmin/grading>



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# MOTION REGARDING THE NOMINATION OF THE AUDITOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2019

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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;



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**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) 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.sacomss.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@sacomss.org](mailto:finance@sacomss.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 room 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



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- 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/1zgJ5uDmj7pM2RykWRyKi7FC4eQekNFnpuWHLuNfs1o/edit?usp=sharing> (SACOMSS' Constitution)



# MOTION REGARDING NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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:



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# MOTION REGARDING INTERNAL REGULATION UPDATES

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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 ~~Faculties~~ **Faculty** 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 ~~Faculties~~ **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

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Gareth Price, *Engineering Representative*

Philippe Cossette, *PTOT Representative*



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# MOTION REGARDING FRENCH TRANSLATION OF SSMU DOCUMENTS

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *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

Submitted for: November 1, 2018

**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 Délit, 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*

November 15, 2019

No Approved Motions.



# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted for: November 29, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Accountability Committee has undertaken its mandated task of conducting a performance evaluation of Councillors and Officers for the Fall 2018 semester;

**WHEREAS**, the Accountability Committee believes its current mandate outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference is unproductive and unconstructive in providing meaningful feedback to Councillors and Officers;

**WHEREAS**, the Accountability Committee's objective should be to hold Councillors and Officers accountable, not to publicly degrade Councillors and Officers who may not feel comfortable participating during Legislative Council;

**WHEREAS**, the Accountability Committee has proposed the following amendments to its Terms of Reference to better position it to hold Councillors and Officers accountable in a fairer and more equitable manner;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopt the revised Accountability Committee Terms of Reference in Appendix A.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Jacob Shapiro, *Vice-President (University Affairs)*

Andrew Figueiredo, *Arts Representative*

Zach Kleiner, *Social Work Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATION OF GOVERNING BODIES

Submitted for: November 29, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the members of Legislative Council represents the McGill community at large;

**WHEREAS**, Legislative Council should have the ability to hold the executives accountable in a timely manner when necessary;

**WHEREAS**, the changes in the Internal Regulations in this motion enable the Legislative Council to hold the executives accountable in needed situations;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by adding article 15.6 and 15.6.1:

## 15.6 Legislative Accountability of Executives.

In an instance where an executive’s actions in their role as an executive negatively impact the Society, the Legislative Council can act in the interim by means of an electronic motion that intermittently suspends the action(s) of an executive. An electronic motion of this nature must specify the details of the suspension and receive approval from one-half) of the Legislative Council in accordance with the foregoing sections before being intermily adopted.

### 15.6.1 Debate.

Interim motions passed electronically for this purpose shall return to the Legislative Council following the passage of the electronic motion where a formal question period, debate, and vote on the motion will occur during a session of Legislative Council

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Sophia Esterle, *Vice-President Student Life*



# MOTION REGARDING SSMU'S POSITION ON GUN CONTROL IN CANADA

Submitted for: November 29, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) Constitution outlines in the preamble that the SSMU serves to “strengthen the educational, cultural, environmental, political and social conditions of our members,” to which advocacy and support for stringent gun control regulations by the Government of Canada is a necessary aspect;

**WHEREAS**, there have been a number of deadly mass shootings in schools and universities in Canada, including, but not limited, those at Ecole Polytechnique in 1989, Concordia University in 1992, and Dawson College in 2006;

**WHEREAS**, a McGill University study demonstrated “large racial inequalities in firearm homicide” with black men being most likely to die by gun violence;

**WHEREAS**, Canada has levels of gun homicide higher than all but three of the countries in the European Union;

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, 7,700 people were victims of a crime that involved a firearm in a Statistics Canada report and youth account for one in five persons accused of firearm-related violent crime;

**WHEREAS**, not all semi-automatic weapons are restricted in Canada;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Montreal unanimously passed motions in favour of a nationwide ban on handguns and assault weapons;

**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of the “March For Our Lives” campaign in the U.S. shows the general desire of students to take action on gun control;

**WHEREAS**, the involvement of student associations in the anti-gun violence campaign of “Pas Ici/Not Here” would provide increased weight and impact;



**WHEREAS**, there is currently a window of opportunity in Canada to advance the cause of gun control through the forthcoming introduction of Bill C-71 (Appendix A) to the Canadian Senate;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSMU endorse Bill C-71, which calls for implementation of a ban on civilian ownership of handguns and military assault weapons in Canada;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSMU communicate this position to the Member of Parliament for Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Sœurs and to the Minister of Public Safety of Canada;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSMU, with other participating associations, make specific and concerted efforts to push for better gun control. Such actions must include, but will not be limited to, signing the petition started by Pas Ici/ Not here (Appendix B); making a public statement of position on the SSMU Facebook page; and sending an email to key Canadian Senators, calling on them to support Bill C-71 (template in Appendix C).

Moved by:

Sophia Esterle, *Vice-President Student Life*

Matthew McLaughlin, *Vice-President Internal Affairs*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Rowan Fletcher, *Athletics Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Arts & Science Senator*

## Appendix A

### PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Whereas:

- Handguns account for 58% of shooting homicides;
- Military assault weapons such as the AR-15 used in the Parkland Florida massacre are sold to civilians in Canada;
- There are now nearly 1 million legally owned handguns in Canada;
- Many legal handguns end up in the hands of violent criminals as a result of illegal sales, theft and diversion;
- More crime guns that are traced come from Canadian sources;
- Handguns and military weapons are not used for hunting, by farmers or indigenous people for legitimate purposes and United States style arming for “self- protection” is rising;
- The Supreme Court of Canada has said there is no “right” to own guns, like the United States Second Amendment, in Canada;
- Easy access to handguns and other restricted and prohibited weapons fuels gang violence, domestic violence, suicide and undermines community safety;



- Canada has the fourth highest rate of gun deaths among OECD countries and is one of few developed countries to have loosened its gun laws in past decades;
- Countries like the United Kingdom, Australia and Japan have shown that strict gun control laws lead to dramatically lower gun homicide, crime and death rates;
- The majority of Canadians support stronger gun laws; and
- Reducing easy access to handguns and military assault weapons will increase safety in both urban and rural Canada. We, the undersigned, Canadian citizens, call upon the Government of Canada to implement a ban on the civilian ownership of handguns and military assault weapons.

## Appendix B

*Note: template may be modified as necessary.*

Dear Senators,

The Students' Society of McGill University, a union of over 23,000 undergraduates are sharing our stance on gun control and Bill C-71.

On the basis of our shared values of peace, order and good government, and given the recent increases in gun-related homicides and other gun crimes, we emphasize our strong and unwavering support for stricter gun control, as well as my wish to see Bill C-71 strengthened and passed. To that end, we support the following amendments:

1. Reinstate the former authorizations to transport restricted weapons that specify the specific locations to/from which the transport of a gun is permitted (such as the specific gun club of which the owner of a handgun is a member);
2. Include in the reinstated sales controls the obligation to report private sales as well, and ensure that the sales data is kept indefinitely;
3. Enable easy and timely access by police to gun sales data, as was the case from 1977 to 2012;
4. Further tighten the eligibility criteria and screening process to obtain, renew or keep possession and acquisition licenses.

Ban on handguns and assault weapons:

In addition, as long as it is not a diversionary tactic and the government sincerely intends to listen to experts and the Canadian public in order to take action before the next election, we welcome the consultation on the prohibition of handguns and assault weapons.



Although gun owners are generally no more violent than other citizens, it only takes one illintentioned individual with a military-style weapon to cause enormous suffering and loss of human lives. It is critical to remember that most of the perpetrators of the worst mass shootings in recent Canadian history (Polytechnique, Concordia, Dawson City, Quebec City Mosque, Moncton, Fredericton, PQ election night, etc.) were legal gun owners.

That is why we, as a body of representatives, are calling on all senators, who are required by their roles to be concerned about public safety, and to remind the Liberal government of the need to rely on solid scientific research as well as the experience of other countries such as Australia, Japan and the United Kingdom, in addition to respecting public opinion. Indeed, the majority of Canadians support a ban on assault weapons (8 out of 10) and a ban on handguns (7 out of 10). I therefore hope you can communicate to the Trudeau government your support for the following measures:

1. Banning the private ownership of handguns and assault weapons;
2. Limiting magazines to 5 cartridges;
3. Banning "pinned magazines" that can be converted to full capacity (ex: magazines originally designed for 30 rounds but where a rivet prevents more than 5 to be inserted).

## Appendix B

### Bill C-71 Summary and Full Text

#### SUMMARY

Part 1 of this Act amends the Firearms Act to, among other things,

- a. remove the reference to the five-year period, set out in subsection 5(2) of that Act, that applies to the mandatory consideration of certain eligibility criteria for holding a licence;
- b. require, when a non-restricted firearm is transferred, that the transferee's firearms licence be verified by the Registrar of Firearms and that businesses keep certain information related to the transfer; and
- c. remove certain automatic authorizations to transport prohibited and restricted firearms. Part 1 also amends the Criminal Code to repeal the authority of the Governor in Council to prescribe by regulation that a prohibited or restricted firearm be a non-restricted firearm or that a prohibited firearm be a restricted firearm and, in consequence, the Part
  - a. repeals certain provisions of regulations made under the Criminal Code; and
  - b. amends the Firearms Act to grandfather certain individuals and firearms, including firearms previously prescribed as restricted or non-restricted firearms in those provisions.

Furthermore, Part 1 amends section 115 of the Criminal Code to clarify that firearms and other things seized and detained by, or surrendered to, a peace officer at the time a prohibition order referred to in that section is made are forfeited to the Crown.



Part 2, among other things,

- a. amends the Ending the Long-gun Registry Act, by repealing the amendments made by the Economic Action Plan 2015 Act, No. 1, to retroactively restore the application of the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act to the records related to the registration of non-restricted firearms until the day on which this enactment receives royal assent;
- b. provides that the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act continue to apply to proceedings that were initiated under those Acts before that day until the proceedings are finally disposed of, settled or abandoned; and
- c. directs the Commissioner of Firearms to provide the minister of the Government of Quebec responsible for public security with a copy of such records, at that minister's request.



# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL REGULATION OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA (2)

Submitted for: November 29, 2018

**WHEREAS**, April 12, 2018 minutes by the Governance Document Review Committee stated multiple concerns about deficiencies in the Internal Regulations governing electoral processes, attached as Appendix A;

**WHEREAS**, campaign spending limits were lowered in the past due to excessive postering by candidates and was done before online campaigning became mainstream;

**WHEREAS**, increasing campaign spending limits will allow both candidates and campaign committees to reach more Members during their campaigns;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 2 “General” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended as follows:

5.1 Reports to the Legislative Council.

At the request of the Legislative Council, the Chief Electoral Officer shall report to the Legislative Council on any matters pertaining to Elections, Referenda, and their conduct. **The Chief Electoral Officer shall also report to the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors in confidential session after each electoral period to disclose all demerits accrued by all candidates and campaign committees during that electoral period.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 3 “Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended as follows:

1.4 Statement of Understanding.

All Members wishing to stand for nomination shall submit alongside their nomination a statement of understanding, which states that they have read and understood the Constitution, the Internal Regulations, and the electoral guidelines; **that should they be elected, violation of the Constitution or the Internal Regulations is grounds for Censure or their removal from office;** that they understand that



they will be subject to sanctions imposed by Elections SSMU; and that they intend to remain a Member of the Society throughout their term in office.

#### 4.1 Formation of a Campaign Committee.

Each candidate may form a campaign committee by submitting their name and phone number and a list of the committee members with their student identification number, faculty, and year of study. All members of a campaign committee are required to be Members.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 5 “Campaigning” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended as follows:

#### 1.3 Campaigning.

Campaigning and related activities may only be carried out by Members. All campaigning for an Election must be carried out by the candidate and their authorized campaign committee. All campaigning for a Referendum must be carried out by members of the Referendum committee.

#### 7.1 Maximum Campaign Expenses.

Each candidate or Referendum committee shall be permitted to spend the following maximum amount, in Canadian dollars, on campaigning:

- a. candidates for Election as an Officer shall be permitted to spend a maximum of ~~one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150)~~ **three hundred dollars (\$300)**;
- b. Referendum committees shall be permitted to spend a maximum of ~~two hundred dollars (\$200)~~ **four hundred dollars (\$400)**; and
- c. candidates seeking a position as an executive of the First Year Council, ~~as an Elected Undergraduate Senator~~, or as a Councillor representing the Clubs, as a Councillor representing the Services, ~~or an elected Undergraduate Representative to CKUT~~ shall be permitted to spend a maximum of ~~fifty dollars (\$50)~~ **one hundred dollars (\$100)**.

#### 7.3 **Reimbursement.**

All candidates who receive at least ten percent (10%) of the total vote and all Referendum committees, shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Society of the amount they have spent on campaign materials, less the amount of any financial sanctions imposed by the Chief Electoral Officer. Candidates who receive less than ten percent (10%) of the total vote may also be entitled to reimbursement so long as the candidate did actively, and earnestly, solicit votes throughout the Campaign Period as determined by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Imogen Hobbs, *Arts and Science Representative*

Haoyi Qiu, *Science Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR A BOARD-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON DIVESTMENT

Submitted for: December 2, 2018

**Voting on this electronic motion was open from the time of distribution to Legislative Council on December 1st, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. until December 2nd, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

**WHEREAS**, the McGill University Senate passed a motion on September 12, 2018:

*“to inform the Board of Governors, through the Principal, that it favours, in principle, a move to divest the endowment from all companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels; and from all mutual funds that invest in such companies”;*

**WHEREAS**, this motion was amended during the September Senate meeting from the following initial version:

*“The Senate, through the Principal, advises the Board of Governors to divest the endowment from all companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels; and from all mutual funds that invest in such companies”;*

**WHEREAS**, Article 6.3.9 of the University Statutes states:

*“In case of [Senate’s] disagreement with the Board of Governors [...] the question at issue shall be submitted to a Conference Committee. This committee shall consist of not more than eleven members, consisting of the Principal and equal representation from the Board of Governors on the one hand and the Senate on the other, with power to submit its findings and recommendations to the Board of Governors whose decision shall be final”;*

**WHEREAS**, after a report from the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) advising against divestment of the university’s endowment from all companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels; and from all mutual funds that invest in such companies (hereinafter, “divest”), the Board of Governors (hereinafter “Board”) voted not to divest in Winter 2016;



**WHEREAS**, it has been deemed that Senate's motion is not in "disagreement" with the Board's Winter 2016 vote and consequently, the Board chose neither to vote on the matter of divestment nor call a conference committee during its meeting on October 4, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the matter of divestment has be re-referred to CAMSR;

**WHEREAS**, a motion to create a conference committee on divestment was brought to the Senate Steering Committee on November 6, but was deemed out of order and was not accepted for submission to Senate;

**WHEREAS**, instead, Senate voted to temporarily add two Senators to CAMSR to better represent the interests of Senate;

**WHEREAS**, a conference committee would have a clear mandate: to advise the Board on whether and how to divest, as opposed to CAMSR, who plans to study "the current context and recent developments regarding climate change and socially responsible investments", effectively diluting the issue;

**WHEREAS**, a conference committee would likely have completed deliberations by the Winter term, as opposed to CAMSR, which plans to release a report to the Board during the next academic year;

**WHEREAS**, a conference committee would be chaired by Principal Suzanne Fortier, as opposed to CAMSR, which is chaired by Ms. Cynthia Price-Verreault, a former executive of Petro-Canada, now a subsidiary of Suncor, McGill's largest fossil fuel investment;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) stands in support of a Joint Board-Senate Conference Committee on divestment from fossil fuels, and announce this stance through a press release;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSMU mandate the President, Vice-President (University Affairs), and the Student Senate Caucus to call for the immediate creation of a conference committee on the matter of divestment (if necessary through the suspension of Article 6.3.9 of the University Statutes), and to have the committee complete their deliberations by April 30, 2019.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*



# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (1)

Submitted for: January 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, changes in the Committee Terms of Reference are necessary for the Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break are necessary to be most effective in achieving its mandate;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following amendments to the Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee Terms of Reference be adopted:

## 1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall:

- a. review and evaluate past actions undertaken by the SSMU to bring about a Fall Reading Break;
- b. investigate and find solutions to the scheduling conflicts arising from the introduction of a Fall Reading Break;
- c. conduct consultations with the student body to determine what students are looking for in a Fall Reading Break and what they are willing to compromise for it;
- d. propose a Fall Reading Break structure that would best benefit students;
- e. submit a report to the Legislative Council by March 14, 2019 detailing the actions taken in the course of business of this committee, complete with a list of recommendations in order to bring about the implementation of a Fall Reading Break;
- f. present this report to the SSMU membership as a referendum question in the 2019 Winter Referendum period for acceptance or rejection

## 1.4 MEMBERSHIP.

The Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President [Advisory, voting];
- b. the Vice-President (University Affairs) [Advisory, voting];
- c. Representatives:
  - i. Senate Caucus Representative (1)
  - ii. Arts (1)
  - iii. Arts & Science (1)
  - iv. Dentistry (1)
  - v. Education (1)



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- vi. Engineering (1)
- vii. First Year Council (1)
- viii. Inter-Residence Council (1)
- ix. Law (1)
- x. Management (1)
- xi. Medicine (1)
- xii. Music (1)
- xiii. Nursing (1)
- xiv. PT/OT (1)
- xv. Science (1)
- xvi. Social Work (1)
- d. Members-at-Large.

**1.7 REPORTING.**

The Committee shall submit its final report to the Legislative Council by the March 14, 2019 meeting.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Andrew Figueiredo, *Arts Representative*

Imogen Hobbs, *Arts and Science Representative*

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# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (2)

Submitted for: January 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, changes in the Committee Terms of Reference for the Comprehensive Governance Review Committee would serve to showcase the work the Committee has accomplished in this academic year,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following amendments to the Comprehensive Governance Review Committee Terms of Reference be adopted:

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 Legislative Council by its final meeting of the 2018-2019 academic year with a preliminary report of all its recommendations agreed upon by the Committee by that point in time.** The Comprehensive Governance Review Committee will report to the Board of Directors at least once a semester.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

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# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE ELECTIONS EXTENDED NOMINATION TIMELINE

Submitted for: January 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, in September SSMU Council established the elections timeline for the year;

**WHEREAS**, councillors wanted the extended nomination timeline to be longer, but were not able to do so based off of the Internal Regulations at the time; and

**WHEREAS**, these Internal Regulations were modified, allowing a longer extended nomination period.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the extended executive nomination period is modified from originally ending on March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM to March 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM.

Moved by:

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Gareth Price, *Engineering Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*



# MOTION REGARDING POLICY TIME LENGTH CONSISTENCY

Submitted for: January 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, SSMU has policies and plan that help guide the society;

**WHEREAS**, policies have a maximum time frame of five years for enactment;

**WHEREAS**, many current policies end mid-semester, on arbitrary dates; and

**WHEREAS**, SSMU should strive to have consistency in governance documents.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following policies expiry dates are now as follows, formatted as (~~old~~; new):

Mental Health Policy and Plan: (~~March 26, 2020~~; January 1, 2020)

Policy on Accessible Education: (~~March 20, 2020~~; January 1, 2020)

Policy on Consent Education and Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence-Related Policy Advocacy:  
(~~April 9, 2020~~; January 1, 2020)

Policy on Campus Free from Harmful Military Technology: (~~April 9, 2020~~; January 1, 2020)

Climate Change Policy: (~~October 15, 2020~~; May 1, 2020)

Indigenous Solidarity Policy: (~~March 31, 2021~~; January 1, 2021)

Policy on Support for Family Care: (~~March 31, 2021~~; January 1, 2021)

Human Resources Policy: (~~April 7, 2021~~; January 1, 2021)

Accessibility Policy: (~~April 7, 2021~~; January 1, 2021)

Smoking on Campus Policy: (~~April 7, 2021~~; January 1, 2021)



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Global Access to Medicines Policy: (~~December 1, 2021~~; May 1, 2021)

Policy against Unpaid Internships: (~~March 9, 2022~~; January 1, 2022)

Policy on Implementation of a Fall Reading Break: (~~March 21, 2023~~; January 1, 2023)

Sustainability Policy: (~~April 5, 2023~~; January 1, 2023)

Equity Policy: (~~April 5, 2023~~; January 1, 2023)

Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy: (~~October 11, 2023~~; May 1, 2023).

Moved by:

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Gareth Price, *Engineering Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*



# MOTION REGARDING SSMU'S POSITION ON SOLIDARITY WITH THE UNIS'TOT'EN CAMP AND WET'SUWET'EN

Submitted for: January 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Indigenous Student Alliance and the Indigenous Affairs commissioner held an event on January 14, 2019, to stand with the Unis'tot'en Camp while they continue to fight to protect their land and waters on Wet'suwet'en territory in what is now called northern British Columbia;

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU Constitution states that the SSMU “commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection”;

**WHEREAS**, the non-consent of the hereditary leaders of the unceded Wet'suwet'en territory to build the Coastal GasLink Liquefied Natural Gas pipeline and subsequent enforcement of an injunction by the RCMP is a violation of Articles 10, 18, 26, and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and is an enforcement of settler-colonial law;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSMU stand in solidarity with the Unis'tot'en Camp;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSMU sign onto the pledge in support of Unis'tot'en;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSMU communicate this position to the Member of Parliament for Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Sœurs, the Minister of Justice of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness of Canada, and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations of Canada.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Imogen Hobbs, *Arts and Science Representative*

Rebecca Scarra, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION TO DONATE TO KITABI ON BEHALF OF THE FORMER MCGILL STUDENTS' MOROCCAN ASSOCIATION

Submitted for: January 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the McGill Moroccan Students' Association (MMSA) was approved for interim status on October 30 2013 and operated until December 2014 (Appendix A),

**WHEREAS**, , the MMSA was founded with a mandate “to raise funds, through the organization of various events, in order to financially assist disadvantaged students in Morocco” and expressly noted this purpose when promoting its events (Appendix B),

**WHEREAS**, three former executives, including the two signing authorities, have inquired about the funds raised in order to donate the money to Kitabi (Appendix C)

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU has identified and confirmed that an amount of \$4,814.82 has been transferred from the MMSS account to the Clubs Fund due to inactivity and in accordance with section 4.1 (b) Internal Regulations for Student Groups,

**WHEREAS**, noting that the Internal Regulations for Finances specifies that requests to the Funding Committee must be made by Members of the Society (2.2 (a)) but also acknowledges Legislative Council's role in the allocations process (12.3) and in hearing appeals (4.3), the SSMU Executive Committee has voted on January 23 in favour of a motion to ask Legislative Council to exercise its prerogative and approve the donation of \$4,814.82 to Kitabi,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSMU donates \$4,814.82 to Kitabi,

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Gareth Price, *Engineering Representative*

Jacob Shapiro, *Vice President University Affairs*



# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY ON SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CARE

Submitted for: February 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Family Care Policy as it stands is not applicable and has inconsistencies with other policies, changed in the SSMU operating space, and reduction of staff

**WHEREAS**, there is no University leave policy for Undergraduates (with exception to the Faculty of Medicine) for Parental or Dependent Leave

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council approve the following changes in Appendix A to the are implemented on the Family Care policy:

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Sophia Esterele, *VP Student Life*

Jacob Shapiro, *VP University Affairs*

## Appendix A

### Background

The SSMU has a history of and constitutional mandate to take leadership on issues of equity and social justice. This dedication has been demonstrated in the creation of an Equity Policy for the SSMU. **This Equity Policy addresses the anti-oppressive stance the SSMU has towards issues of discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, sexuality, sexual orientation, ability, language, size, or social class. The SSMU recognizes that this Equity Policy, in its current form, does not explicitly recognize the discrimination and exclusion faced by Students with Dependents, Pregnant, or Breastfeeding students and aims to actively address this issue through this policy.** Additionally, the SSMU recognizes that the visibility of Students with Dependents is very low, potentially driving the assumption that these issues are irrelevant to McGill's undergraduate student population.

### Scope



This policy shall apply to all:

1. Staff, volunteers and elected representatives of the SSMU.
2. Activities and events hosted and promoted by the SSMU.
3. Written or graphic material, which is published, distributed, or endorsed by the SSMU.

## Definitions

*Childcare*: Refers to services that ensure the supervision of children.

*Dependent*: Refers to a person who is financially, emotionally, legally and/or physically dependent on another individual.

*Family Care*: Refers to all matters pertaining to Childcare, Elder Care and Dependents.

*Student with Dependent*: Refers to any student with a Dependent, as well as Student Parents collectively. This includes, but is not limited to, caring for an elderly family member, a sick family member, and financially supporting others remotely.

*Student Parent*: Refers to a student who is pregnant or who has one or more children.

*Stakeholder*: Refers to any person or group that has an interest in the outcome of a decision or event related to Family Care within the University or that has expertise in said area.

## 1. Consultation

The SSMU recognizes the importance of developing relationships with Stakeholders that are grounded in open communication and respect. Furthermore, the SSMU acknowledges that meaningful advocacy can only be done in consultation with these communities. The SSMU, through the Office of the Vice-President (Student Life), shall achieve this by:

- 1.1. Ensuring that prior to each academic year, in August, the contact information of all relevant stakeholders is compiled into a central document, namely University units and other student groups, related to Family Care within the McGill University community. This document shall serve to facilitate consultation and institutionalize support and shall be updated on an annual basis and shared with relevant Stakeholders, which must also be made publically on the SSMU's websites.
- 1.2. Consulting all relevant Stakeholders in Family Care at the University, including, but not limited to the Social Equity and Diversity Education Office, the Joint Board Senate Committee on Equity Subcommittees on Women, Family Care and Disabilities, the Post-Graduate Students' Society, and any interested students with Dependents. For matters involving Family Care at the University which are not covered within this policy, the Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall consult the aforementioned Stakeholders.

## 2. Support for Student Parents

The Executive shall ensure that support for Student Parents shall remain a priority for the SSMU. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that:



- 2.1. The Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs)\* shall advocate for increased support for current and future efforts to research regarding the barriers faced by and needs of Students with Dependents, in addition to the expansion of childcare services in Quebec.
- 2.2. VP Student Life in conjunction with the Building Manager shall endeavor to increase the accessibility of the William Shatner University Centre (following renovations) and the 3501 Peel street for undergraduate Student Parents and their children through the implementation of one or more child-friendly spaces for Student Parents and their children,
  - 2.2.1. Including a private space for Breastfeeding or liaising with campus groups and/or administration for other spaces on campus with the VP University Affairs
- 2.3. The Office of the Vice-President (Student Life) shall endeavor to establish consistent childcare service to Student Parents in need, pending available financial Resources.
  - 2.3.1. Creation of available caregiver list (one of the largest recurring challenges with this project is communications. Because there is no list of caregivers and parents any place, communications must be done in a very piecemeal way (emailing both daycares, emailing my listserv, emailing through the student associations, emailing through ISS). This should be addressed in the coming year thanks to the inclusive registration project, which allows people who identify as caregivers to receive our communications once they register for classes).”<sup>4</sup>
  - 2.3.2. Inclusion of childcare possibilities for events in club workshop and club handbook and every clubs & services listserv
  - 2.3.3. Addition of required childcare provision upon request as a requirement for clubs
- 2.4. The SSMU Executive Committee shall ensure that all SSMU-run events held in the William Shatner University Centre or other SSMU spaces have childcare available, if requested at least 24 hours in advance.
- 2.5. Service provision and advocacy efforts undertaken by the SSMU must take into account the unique needs of Student Parents who are single, Indigenous, queer, trans, disabled, racialized, of lower socioeconomic status, and international student parents, due to additional barriers faced by these groups both institutionally and societally. The Office of the Vice-President (Student Life) shall collaborate with these self-identified student parents to ensure consultation shall be provided in addressing these needs.
- 2.6. The Offices of the Vice-President (University Affairs) and President shall work with the University to ensure that pertinent demographic information regarding Students with Dependents is maintained and assessed on a regular basis to determine where



**additional support is needed and how the University can ensure the retention of Students with Dependents.**

- 2.6.1. This can be done by launching a survey which polls the Undergraduate student body on its needs regarding Family Care beginning in 2019
- 2.7. The Offices of the Vice-President (University Affairs), and President lobby the University to create a physical Family Resource Office for Undergraduate students.
- 2.8. The Funding Committee will consider whether funding-seeking Student Groups will be making childcare services available at their events, upon request.
  - 2.8.1. The Funding Committee may make recommendations to create funds to do so if it is not possible including but not limited to; budget changes, surplus fee reallocation

### **3. Support for Students with Dependents**

The SSMU Executive shall ensure that support for Students with Dependents shall also remain a priority for the SSMU. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 3.1. The Offices of the Vice-President (University Affairs) and President shall lobby the University to institutionalize better support for Students with Dependents
  - 3.1.1. **A University-wide leave of Absence policy for all Students with Dependents**
  - 3.1.2. **It must also advocate for a more accessible medical note policy for staff and Students with Dependents.**
  - 3.1.3. **An Accommodation Policy for Students who are Pregnant or Breastfeeding who require lab work to fulfill degree requirements.**
- 3.2. **The Offices of the Vice-President (University Affairs) and Vice-President (Student Life) will continue to work towards removing the barriers for undergraduate Students with Dependents from participating fully in and accessing SSMU activities and services, including, but not limited to, SSMU Legislative Council and its committees, Clubs, Services and jobs at the SSMU.**
  - 3.2.1. **Inclusion of available rights for Student Parents and Students with dependents in the Know Your Rights Campaign**
- 3.3. The Office of the Vice-President (Student Life) shall collaborate with local organizations, such as Head and Hands and The Yellow Door, to support student caregiving projects, as well as McGill-specific organizations such as Midnight Kitchen or QPIRG-McGill, who could provide support in projects directed towards children and elderly persons.

### **4. Reporting**

**The Office of the Vice-President (University Affairs) and the SSMU representative to pertinent Joint Board Senate Committee on Equity Subcommittees on Women, Family Care and Disabilities shall report to Legislative Council each semester on the status of the mandates in**



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this policy. This report shall be made available to all interested relevant Stakeholders and publicly on the SSMU website.

- 4.1. Should the Vice President (University Affairs) fail to report, the Speaker should remind counselors of this when they complete the accountability survey.
- 4.2. Failure to report will also result in a complaint made to the accountability committee.



# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA 2018-11-15 (1)

Submitted for: February 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Society's Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda have not been significantly revised over the past year;

**WHEREAS**, multiple sections in the Internal Regulations do not reflect practices in the recent years of the Society;

**WHEREAS**, multiple situations in past election and referendum periods have indicated inconsistencies and issues with the existing Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda;

**WHEREAS**, previous Chief Electoral Officers have provided input on appropriate revisions based off of experience in the role;

**WHEREAS**, basic changes are being proposed to have our Internal Regulations match our current practices, and to resolve existing issues;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 2 "General" of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 5.3:

## 5.3 TRANSMISSION OF MOTIONS TO ELECTIONS SSMU.

The Speaker, shall transmit all motions pertaining to Elections and Referenda to Elections SSMU no less than ~~ten (10) days~~ **seven (7)** days prior to the opening of polls. Any motion of the Legislative Council pertaining to Elections or Referenda that is not transmitted to Elections SSMU ten (10) or more days prior to the opening of polls shall be deemed spent and of no force or effect unless this requirement is waived by the Chief Electoral Officer.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 2 "General" of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 6.2:



## 6.2 REFERENDUM PERIODS.

Referenda are regularly held during the periods from the fifteenth (15th) of February to the thirty-first (31st) of March and from the fifteenth (15th) of October to the **fifteenth (15th)** ~~thirtieth (30th)~~ of November.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 3 “Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 1.8:

### 1.8 VACANCIES.

If a non-Officer position is vacant after the extended Nomination Period or as a result of withdrawals, the Electoral Period shall carry on. To fill the position, the Legislative Council may call a by-election, fill the vacancy by appointment, or delegate the responsibilities to a sitting representative. **The Legislative Council may waive electoral period requirements and define exceptional electoral periods by way of a resolution passed by three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority, when the replacement of an Officer is deemed urgent and essential for the proper operation of the SSMU.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 3 “Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 4.3:

### 4.3 CANDIDATE SUBJECT TO SANCTION.

All committee members are responsible for adhering to these Internal Regulations, **the SSMU Constitution, and all SSMU Governance Documents**. The candidate may be subject to sanctions due to violations of the Internal Regulations **or any of the above-mentioned Documents** by any of their committee members.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 4 “Referenda” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 1.2, 1.3, 1.6 and 1.9:

### 1.2 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-INITIATED REFERENDUM QUESTIONS.

The Legislative Council may initiate a Referendum question by way of a resolution. Any motion to place a question before the Society by the Legislative Council must be presented as a written motion signed by ~~at least four (4)~~ **the number of Councillors stipulated in the Standing Rules, or where none exist, at least three (3)** Councillors and distributed to all Councillors ~~no later than 72 hours~~ prior to the meeting of the Legislative Council. If passed, it will be put to Members during the following Referendum period. The wording of a Referendum question must be approved by the Legislative Council fourteen (14) days prior to the opening of polls.

### 1.3 STUDENT-INITIATED REFERENDUM QUESTIONS.

Any Member may initiate a Referendum question by presenting a question to the Chief Electoral Officer who shall indicate to the Member ~~within twenty-four (24) hours~~ **as soon as possible** whether



the proposed question respects the requirements of the Internal Regulations. The Member must then collect on a petition, clearly stating the Referendum question at the top of each page, the signatures of one hundred (100) Members with not more than thirty percent (30%) from any one faculty or school. All signatures must be collected in the academic year in which the Referendum is to be held. A signature shall only be valid if it is accompanied by a corresponding name, student identification number, faculty, and program year. A Member may sign multiple petitions for Referendum questions. The Member shall submit the complete petition of signatures to the Chief Electoral Officer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the beginning of the Polling Period. Student-initiated Referenda may not alter the composition of the Society's staff or the Society's base fee. The Chief Electoral Officer shall either approve or reject each Referendum petition within three (3) days of its receipt. All student-initiated Referendum questions shall be transmitted to the Society's Speaker and President to be circulated to the Legislative Council within twenty-four (24) hours after the petition is approved.

1.6 APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM QUESTIONS. All Referendum questions must be approved by the Chief Electoral Officer. The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that Referendum questions are clear, concise, and do not violate the Governance Documents. The Chief Electoral Officer may reject any Referendum question they deem in violation of the Constitution or Internal Regulations.

Student-Initiated Referenda that seek to alter the SSMU Constitution will require approval by the Board of Directors, which shall be rendered at the Board's earliest convenience and upon consultation of relevant Governance Documents, as well as appropriate provisions of Canadian Law where necessary. Where the Board of Directors deems a legal issue may exist with the referendum question, it can vote to present the question to outside counsel for legal consultation. If the question is approved outside of the appropriate electoral timeline, it may be considered pre-approved for the following semester. Moreover, any significant changes to the question from its original form may require the collection of a new set of signatures, at the discretion of the CEO. Any dispute or uncertainty arising from the Chief Electoral Officer's interpretation of a Referendum question shall be referred to the Judicial Board for an opinion.

1.9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. The Constitution may only be amended by Referendum, except for instances otherwise provided by law. All amendments to the Constitution shall be adopted in both official languages. Furthermore, the existing wording as well as the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be provided at every Polling Station and shall be readily accessible on the online ballot. Any Referendum question proposing an amendment to the Constitution must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 5 "Campaigning" of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by adding the following article, 1.11:

1.11 RESPECTING GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS.



Candidates and Referendum committees shall act in accordance with all SSMU Governance Documents. Any activity deemed by the CEO to violate provisions of SSMU Governance Documents may be subject to sanction.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 5 “Campaigning” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying articles 1.9, 5.3 and 7.6:

#### 1.9 CAMPAIGNING AREAS.

Campaigning is not permitted **within the vicinity of an Elections SSMU Polling Station, or within University residences**, libraries, and designated study areas at the University. Candidates may organize events in University residences as well as put up posters, so long as all candidates are given fair and equal access to such campaigning opportunities. **The use of privileged access to residences, due to working within the residences or official student bodies therein, is strictly prohibited.**

5.3 ELECTRONIC MAIL. Candidates and campaign committee members may not send unsolicited electronic mail or messages on any social media platform for the purpose of campaigning. **This refers to any electronic mail or messages that the receiver did not opt in or sign up to receive. However, they may not send unsolicited messages to listservs of which they were automatically included, such as Student Association listservs.**

7.6 PUBLICATION OF EXPENSES. Elections SSMU shall **make every effort to** review all receipts and shall prepare and make available a summary of all expense reports to the Members within four (4) days of the announcement of Elections results. **If candidates fail to submit expense reports on time, their campaigns may be subject to sanction, at the CEO’s discretion.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 5 “Campaigning” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by adding article 5.5:

#### 5.5 ONLINE ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Chief Electoral Officer will decide, prior to the start of every campaign period, whether to allow the use of online advertising platforms (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter advertising). The CEO’s decision regarding online ads will be included in the online campaigning regulations discussed in 5.1. Candidates and Campaign Committee members will not be permitted to use advertising platforms that are not explicitly approved by the CEO. They shall also be responsible for keeping official receipts of their transactions on any such platform for the CEO to scrutinize. Exceeding the campaign spending limit, or otherwise violating the CEO’s regulations regarding online advertising platforms, is strictly prohibited, and will be subject to sanction at the discretion of the CEO.

Be it Resolved, that Section 6 “Polling, Scrutineering, Voting and Counting” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 1.3:



### 1.3 LOANING.

The online voting system may be loaned by Elections SSMU subject to a fee and contract established by Elections SSMU. Elections SSMU reserves the right, at the discretion of the CEO, to refuse loaning the online voting system to any organization that lacks an adequate supervisory body for elections and referenda. A decision by the CEO to refuse loaning the Elections SSMU online voting system may be appealed to the Legislative Council, which can overturn the CEO's decision by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 6 “Polling, Scrutineering, Voting and Counting” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by adding article 1.4:

### 1.4 ONLINE BALLOT CANCELLATION.

Where a ballot is found to be faulty, or in violation of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda, the CEO may decide to cancel the ballot and immediately communicate said cancellation to SSMU Members. In such a case, the CEO shall endeavor to upload a corrected ballot as soon as possible and announce the new ballot to Members. If the CEO decides not to cancel a faulty ballot, their decision may be appealed by SSMU Members to the Board of Directors or the Judicial Board, which shall review the ballot with input from both the CEO and the complainant(s) before issuing a ruling regarding whether to accept the CEO's decision, or to cancel the ballot and issue a new one.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Sophia Esterle, *VP Student Life*



# MOTION REGARDING EXEMPTION FOR BASiC FROM THE STANDING RULES PROXY LIMIT

Submitted for: February 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, section 2.4.3 of the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council stipulate that, “Each Councillor may only send a proxy a maximum of two (2) times in the given academic year”;

**WHEREAS**, Imogen Hobbs, Legislative Councillor representing the Interfaculty of Arts and Science, has an academic conflict for all meetings of the Legislative Council for the Winter 2019 academic term;

**WHEREAS**, the Councillor has been proactive in ensuring that a proxy from the Bachelor of Arts and Science Integrative Council (BASiC) will always be able to attend meetings of the Legislative Council in her place;

**WHEREAS**, it is the unanimous recommendation of the Accountability Committee from its meeting on January 20, 2019 that Imogen Hobbs be granted an exemption from section 2.4.3 of the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council due to this academic conflict and that the BASiC be permitted to send a proxy more than twice;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council of the Society accept the recommendation of the Accountability Committee and exempt Imogen Hobbs from section 2.4.3 of the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council by nature of her academic conflict and permit the BASiC to send more than two proxies for the Winter 2019 academic term as set out in Appendix A

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Jun Wang, *VP Finance*

Imogen Hobbs, *Arts and Science Representative*



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## Appendix A

### Proxy Attendance Schedule

February 7th, 2019 – McConnell Engineering 603: Duncan Wang (VP Academic)

February 21st, 2019 – McConnell Engineering 603: Gaurav Karna (VP External)

February 28th, 2019 – McConnell Engineering 603: Alex Millar (VP Communications)

March 14th, 2019 – McConnell Engineering 603: R'ay Fodor (VP First Year Affairs)

March 28th, 2019 – McConnell Engineering 603: Julia Kafato (President)



# MOTION REGARDING EXEMPTIONS FOR SUS FROM THE STANDING RULES PROXY LIMIT

Submitted for: February 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Moses Milchberg, Legislative Councillor representing the Faculty of Science, has resigned from his position with SUS at the beginning of the Winter 2019 semester;

**WHEREAS**, Moses Milchberg, Legislative Councillor representing the Faculty of Science, has not formally resigned from his position with SSMU;

**WHEREAS**, the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) Executive Committee made the decision to not replace this vacant position with a new member, as hosting a by-election will be too extraneous and appointing a member by interviews does not adhere to democratic principles;

**WHEREAS**, the SUS Executive Committee will be sending proxies in place for the remaining Legislative Council meetings of Winter 2019 semester;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council of the Society exempt Moses Milchberg from section 2.4.3 of the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council and permit the SUS to send more than two proxies for the Winter 2019 academic term as set out in Appendix A.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Haoyi Qiu, *Science Representative*

Fairhurst Lyons, *Science Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

## Appendix A

### Proxy Attendance Schedule

February 7th, 2019 – Ianna Folkes, VP Communications

February 21st, 2019 - Ianna Folkes, VP Communications

February 28th, 2019 - Dylan Wong, VP Finance

March 14th, 2019 - Reem Mandil, President

March 28th, 2019 - Anna Buchanan, VP External



# MOTION REGARDING POLICY ON EFFECTIVE COMMITTEES

Submitted for: February 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, SSMU committees are regularly created, modified, and disbanded at an annual basis due to change in leadership;

**WHEREAS**, guiding principles for SSMU committees and their structure do not currently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, with guiding principles, SSMU committees in the future can hopefully be created to be more sustainable.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this policy takes effect May 1, 2019 and expires January 1, 2023;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this policy located in Appendix A, be included as a preface in the Committee Terms of Reference.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, President

Garima Karia, Arts Representative

Gareth Price, Engineering Representative

Maxence Frenette, Engineering Representative

## Appendix A

### **Policy on Effective Committees**

In creating effective and efficient committees under SSMU, the following preface outlines the base composition of all committees under SSMU and the structure therein. All SSMU committees will have the following components for their composition:

1. A SSMU Executive on the committee (except in situations where an executive present goes against the premise of the committee)
2. A SSMU student staff in a leadership role on the committee
3. At least 1 SSMU councilor (if a committee under Legislative council) or at least 1 SSMU director (if a committee under the Board of Directors)



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SSMU committees have the following expectations during the academic year:

1. A SSMU committee will report at least once during the year to its respective body
2. A SSMU committee will make recommendations (if any) to its Terms of Reference at the end of the each Academic Year
3. A SSMU committee will submit an exit report highlighting the years' work for documentation purposes

In keeping with these principles, we hope to build strong committees for the Society that build year after year.



# MOTION REGARDING REINSTATEMENT OF JULIAN JAYME (MUSIC REPRESENTATIVE)

Submitted for: February 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Accountability Committee formally suspended Councillor Julian Jayme (Music) on its meeting of January 20, 2019 for accumulating more than two (2) unexcused absences;

**WHEREAS**, the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council stipulate that, “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”;

**WHEREAS**, Councillor Jayme (Music) and the Executive Committee of the Music Undergraduate Students' Association (MUSA) were informed of his suspension by email on January 20, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Councillor Jayme (Music) has applied for reinstatement of his seat in accordance with section 3.7 of the Internal Regulations of Governance;

**WHEREAS**, the Steering Committee recommends reinstatement of Councillor Jayme's seat as Music Representative to Legislative Council with no further disciplinary measures;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council accept the recommendation of the Steering Committee and reinstate Councillor Jayme's seat as Music Representative to Legislative Council with no further disciplinary measures.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Philippe Cossette, *PTOT Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING VICE-PRESIDENT OPERATIONS POSITION

Submitted for: February 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Vice-President (Operations) position still exists in the Society's Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the position was not up for election last year arising from a decision by the Society's Executive Committee;

**WHEREAS**, when the position did exist for a full year, there were numerous issues with the competencies of the portfolio which has aspects of SRC (now defunct) and Gerts that reasonably should not have been under the portfolio;

**WHEREAS**, the position currently does not make sense to run for this upcoming year but the position may become necessary starting in the 2020-2021 academic year;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council acknowledge that the Vice-President (Operations) position will be not elected for the 2019-2020 academic year, with the expectation that the position will be revisited for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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# MOTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY 2019-02-07

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Article 16.2 of the Constitution of the Students' Society of McGill University (“the Society”) has a provision relating to Conflicts of Interest;

**WHEREAS**, the Society’s previous Conflict of Interest Policy expired March 29, 2017;

**WHEREAS**, a Conflict of Interest Policy would help to operationalize the provisions relating to Conflicts of Interest from the Society's Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the present Conflict of Interest Policy has been reviewed by the Society’s General Manager and Human Resources Manager;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council of the Society adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy included in Appendix A;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the policy shall expire on May 1, 2023;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the policy as amended by the Society’s legal counsel upon approval by the Board of Directors be returned to Legislative Council for approval.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Philippe Cossette, *PT/OT Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING RULES

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**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 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;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council approve in principle the Standing Rules included in Appendix A for the Winter 2019 General Assembly.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

## Appendix A

### Standing Rules for the Winter 2019 General Assembly

1. The most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the manual outlining the parliamentary procedure during the Winter 2019 General Assembly, subject to the regulations prescribed for within the Constitution and Internal Regulations of the Society.
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.



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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, or be exempted from this requirement by the Speaker.
5. After every 5 members speaking on a given question, or at the Speaker's discretion, 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 with the right to rule statements out of order at their sole discretion.
8. Motions to table or postpone indefinitely will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority



# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTIONS TIMELINE

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Legislative Council approved the Motion Regarding the Elections Timeline on September 13, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the Winter 2019 Referendum Nomination Period ends on March 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM;

**WHEREAS**, important Referendum questions for Legislative Council's approval will be discussed at the March 14th meeting;

**WHEREAS**, the current Elections Timeline does not allow Legislative Council to approve said important Referendum questions in time for the deadline;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Winter 2019 Referendum Nomination Period be amended as follows:

- Nomination Period for Council-Initiated Questions: January 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM - March 14, 2019 at ~~6:00 PM~~ **10:00 PM**
- Nomination Period for Student-Initiated Questions: January 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM to March 14, 2019 at ~~6:00 PM~~ **10:00 PM**

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING AN INTERIM PROVISION TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council approved the Motion Regarding the Elections Timeline on September 13, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the Winter 2019 Referendum Nomination Period ends on March 14, 2019 and the Polling Period begins on March 26, 2019: a twelve (12) day time period;

**WHEREAS**, the Section 4, Article 1.2 of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda state that “The wording of a Referendum question must be approved by the Legislative Council fourteen (14) days prior to the opening of polls”;

**WHEREAS**, the Section 4, Article 1.4 of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda is too cumbersome;

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 “Interim Provisions” of the Internal Regulations of Governance allows the Legislative Council to adopt an immediate change “where the notice requirement is prohibitive or where the measure is temporary”;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 4 “Referenda” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by amending Article 1.2 through an Interim Provision:

## 1.2 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-INITIATED REFERENDUM QUESTIONS.

The Legislative Council may initiate a Referendum question by way of a resolution. Any motion to place a question before the Society by the Legislative Council must be presented as a written motion signed by the number of Councillors stipulated in the Standing Rules, or where none exist, at least three (3) Councillors and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting of the Legislative Council. If passed, it will be put to Members during the following Referendum period. The wording of a Referendum question must be approved by the Legislative Council fourteen (14) ten (10) days prior to the opening of polls.



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Interim Provision be in place only for the Winter 2019 Referendum period and expire March 14, 2019.

Moved by:

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# MOTION REGARDING LETTER FOR DPSLL ADVISORY/SELECTION COMMITTEE

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the selection of the Deputy Provost of Student Life and Learning (DPSLL) is currently underway;

**WHEREAS**, the DPSLL role has units which includes Dean of Students, Athletics, Teaching and Learning Services, Student Hospitality Services, Enrollment Services, and Student Services;

**WHEREAS**, the DPSLL Selection Committee should be cognizant of what students value in the Deputy Provost role.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Students' Society of McGill University Legislative Council endorse the letter detailed in Appendix A to be sent to the chair of the DPSLL selection committee.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Jacob Shapiro, *VP University Affairs*



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# MOTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND FEE

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Library Improvement Fund was started in 1996 in conjunction with McGill;

**WHEREAS**, the Library Improvement Fund fee is matched dollar for dollar by McGill donation;

**WHEREAS**, the Library Improvement Fund fee provides 24 hour library access during final exam season, student staffing positions, gender neutral washrooms in Schulich, portable phone and laptop charging stations, and furniture in the libraries;

**WHEREAS**, a no vote will result in the termination of the Library Improvement Fund Fee;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following question is sent to the Office of Student Life and Learning for approval: “Do you agree that the opt-outable \$8.50 for full time students and \$4.25 for part time students per semester SSMU Library Improvement Fund Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and contributes to the SSMU Library Improvement Fund, accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed to start in Fall 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 fee?”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING STATEMENT ON MCGILL FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT

Submitted for: February 21, 2019

**WHEREAS**, McGill food services' major contract is up for renewal at this moment;

**WHEREAS**, this contract will be in effect for the next five years;

**WHEREAS**, this contract influences the majority of food options that are on campus;

**WHEREAS**, we as students should have our collective voices given to the selection committee on the new contract;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) Legislative Council endorse the statement in Appendix A and send the statement directly to the committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all SSMU Councilors share the statement within their respective bodies.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Jacob Shapiro, *VP University Affairs*

Victoria Flaherty, *Clubs Representative*

Brooke Callaghan, *Management Representative*

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*

Appendix A

## Letter Regarding Upcoming Food Contract

Dear Members of the Call for Tenders Review Committee for the Upcoming Food Contract,



Five years ago, McGill switched food service providers from Aramark Canada to the Compass Group's Bon Appetit Management Company. While those names don't mean much to most students, Tim Hortons and Première Moisson do. For most of us, the switch meant replacing an affordable option with a pricey one. And, we communicated this: we told the Deputy Provost; we told the Principal. We explained that students are “hungry for food accessibility,” and a year later, in late 2015, we had the data to prove it: almost 80% of over 1300 students surveyed by SSMU felt or strongly felt that food options on campus were not affordable. Yet, the cry largely fell on deaf ears because the University was already locked into the five year contract.

Five years later, we have a chance to avoid repeating this mistake. Indeed, as students, we have made clear that we want a more affordable option. This time around, though, in the context of McGill's decision to cutback its Eating Disorder Program last year and thanks to increased awareness and education, including programs like National Eating Awareness Week held on campus for the first time just this year, we understand and value the importance of “raising awareness around eating disorders in relation to stigma and McGill life” and ensuring that a wider range of student needs are considered when making these decisions. As argued earlier this month, given the “well-documented correlation between nutrition and stress levels, fatigue, mood, and alertness,” McGill has a responsibility to ensure that food options on campus generally, but in the library particularly, are affordable.

To be sure, affordable options are possible: George Brown offers its students a number of Tim Hortons, Pizza Pizza, and Bento Sushi locations across its campuses; the Dalhousie Student Union Building houses a range of options, including a Tim Hortons; Thompson River University in British Columbia, Queens, and Western each have a Tim Hortons, among a wide selection of other affordable options. Though, affordability and health need not be in competition: Henderson Cafe, a family owned business, has managed to last over twenty years on campus at the University of Regina due to its consistently affordable prices, and Simon Fraser's Makenzie Cafe manages to offer a large chili for under \$5 and a breakfast sandwich for \$4 while also offering free trade options.

We had hoped that wide student participation would have been solicited so as to ensure the best outcome for students and the community in general. Because of the importance of this decision, we feel it best to not wait any longer: we present you with this letter so to ensure that we have the time and the opportunity to work together on this. In pursuing a new food contract, it is essential that the following two principles be applied:

1. **Affordability:** The selection committee should recognize that University students have limited budgets.
2. **Variety:** The selection committee should prioritize ensuring that students have a range of options that can accommodate varying preferences, diets, and dietary restrictions. Particular attention and care should be devoted to working with experts on the subjects of disordered eating and eating disorders so as to ensure that our campus is better equipped to offer choices



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that meet the needs of the high proportion of students experiencing disordered eating while also creating a climate that breeds greater awareness of the range of eating disorders.

While Midnight Kitchen does important work to provide accessible food to as many people as possible, there is a lot more work left to do on campus to ensure affordable access to food. Involving and listening to students in the process of negotiating a new contract is an important first step. Whereas students were left feeling disappointed and not heard in 2014, we hope that a more collaborative approach could lay a foundation from which we could then pursue other objectives, such as, for example: building out a resource of affordable food options on campus and around Montreal, like Concordia; developing a tool that lets students search for individual menu items at a given price, like Monash; or, reducing the required minimum meal plan cost, like NYU.

In conclusion, just as students had voiced in 2014, we want to see more affordable options on campus. We want to ensure that students are involved in this process, and we hope that this can serve as foundation for further trust and collaboration so that we can more capably address problems within our community, like financial accessibility and general student health.

Signed,

The Students' Society of McGill University



# MOTION IN SUPPORT OF REVISIONS TO MCGILL'S POLICY AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND STUDENT ADVOCACY

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Policy Against Sexual Violence is currently being revised by a working group chaired by Associate Provost Angela Campbell;

**WHEREAS**, the most recent draft of the Policy states, “No member of the Teaching Staff may enter or initiate into a sexual or romantic relationship with a student over whom the member of Teaching Staff has academic authority, influence, or collaboration.”;

**WHEREAS**, language of “academic authority, influence or collaboration” does not clearly delineate which relationships are prohibited and which are not;

**WHEREAS**, professors are in a position of trust and authority over the academic lives of their students which extends beyond a direct relationship which creates an inherently unequal power dynamic;

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU's intention to support a prohibition is not to regulate relationships but to address abuses of power at the University;

**WHEREAS**, the Policy does not differentiate between different members of teaching staff (i.e. between tenured professors and teaching assistants);

**WHEREAS**, the Policy currently does not recognize that undergraduate and graduate student experiences differ and necessitate different treatment in the policy;

**WHEREAS**, Article 11 of the Student Charter of Rights states that the University will take reasonable efforts to ensure students are free from violence, including sexual violence;

**WHEREAS**, Article 13 of the Student Charter of Rights states that the students have the right to be free from vexatious conduct displayed by a representative of the University acting in an official capacity;



**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2017, SSMU resolved to combat rape culture and make campus a safer place for students, staff, faculty and visitors;

**WHEREAS**, the need for a clear prohibition has been addressed by professors last year in an open letter that urges McGill to, “institute a clear policy that prohibits sexual relationships between students and faculty who are in a position to influence their careers, outlines sanctions, and to rework the existing Policy Against Sexual Violence and Policy on Harassment, Sexual harassment, and Discrimination to effectively address sexual harassment on campus;”

**WHEREAS**, the Policy does not acknowledge the institutionalized power that professors hold over students;

**WHEREAS**, the Policy does not current ensure that complainants will be made aware of all administration and disciplinary outcomes;

**WHEREAS**, the McGill administration, namely the ones most involved in the Sexual Violence Policy Working Group and McGill’s legal counsel have maintained that a more expansive prohibition between undergraduates and teaching staff is not possible due to Quebec privacy law;

**WHEREAS**, student criticism and calls for a broadened prohibition between undergraduates and professors on the Sexual Violence Policy Working Group have been disregarded because of the referenced legal limitations;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSMU support and advocate for:

- a prohibition of relationships of an amorous or sexual nature between undergraduate students and professors at the University
- a prohibition between graduate students and professors who hold an evaluative or supervisory role over them (including but not limited to graduate thesis committees)
- a policy that includes a clause prohibiting professors from engaging in “conduct of sexual nature” directed at student (see Appendix)
- a policy that includes clause stating that disciplinary action against professors will stay in the their employment file for a period of 7 years and will be considered in promotion and tenure
- McGill administration to publicly state their position on being against a prohibition between undergraduate students and teaching staff, and provide a formal legal brief of the exact legal limitations
- McGill administration to lobby the Quebec government to amend privacy law for a broader prohibition to be enforced at the University and allow for complainants to be aware of the disciplinary outcomes of the process



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- protections for survivors against disciplinary investigation or sanction, in the course of making a Disclosure or a Report, that they breached a university regulation or policy by possessing or consuming alcohol, cannabis or any illegal drug, as allowed by law.

Moved by:

Sophia Esterle, *VP Student Life*

Jacob Shapiro, *VP University Affairs*

Rebecca Scarra, *Arts Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

## Appendix A

“Conduct of a Sexual Nature” means any conduct which, in whole or in part:

- seeks the sexual attention or sexual favour of the person to whom it is directed; OR
- treats the other person as an object of sexual desire; OR
- is discriminatory or hostile to a person because of the person’s sex or gender identity;

AND that is known or ought reasonably to be known to create for such a person an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, learning, extracurricular or, in the residences, living environment.



# MOTION REGARDING ENDORSING THE STATEMENT ON TUITION DEREGULATION

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") adopted a Policy on Accessible Education on March 20, 2015 calling for the elimination of financial barriers to high-quality postsecondary education;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Quebec has announced the deregulation of tuition fees for international students in all fields of study beginning in Fall 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the deregulation of tuition for international students is antithetical to the Society's Policy on Accessible Education;

**WHEREAS**, international students already pay tuition fees that are up to eight times higher than Quebec students;

**WHEREAS**, 30.1% of McGill University's total student body is comprised of international students (Fall 2017) and 7,967 of all undergraduate students are international students (Fall 2018);

**WHEREAS**, tuition deregulation would have further effects on Francophone and Regional Universities in Quebec;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society stand in solidarity with McGill University's international students, Quebec Francophone Universities, and Quebec Regional Universities in opposing the deregulation of tuition for international students;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Society add its name to the letter being sent by the Association générale des étudiant(s) de l'Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (AGE-UQTR) to Jean-François Roberge, Quebec Minister for Education and Higher Education opposing deregulation of tuition for international students.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*



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## Appendix A

### Francophone and Regional Universities Under Threat

While unveiling its new policy on university funding, the Government of Quebec announced the complete deregulation of tuition fees for international students in Quebec, beginning in the fall of 2019. The new Minister for Education and Higher Education, Jean-François Roberge, has stated that Coalition Avenir Québec will maintain this decision and give universities the power to decide how much they charge international students in each academic program. Until now, a 2008 deregulation of tuition fees for international students was limited to only six fields of study: pure sciences, mathematics, engineering, computer science, business, and law. Through its decision, the government has given in to lobbying efforts by certain universities that view these tuition rates as a business opportunity, allowing them to address their chronic underfunding through international student recruitment. It should be noted that international students already pay up to eight times more in tuition fees than other students in Quebec, according to a study by the Quebec Student Union.

One of the adverse consequences of this deregulation will be to exacerbate the competition and inequalities between universities. Without question, Francophone universities will be the first to suffer under this new policy, especially those located in Quebec's outlying regions—such as the Université du Québec network. Because these institutions lack the resources of Anglophone universities in Montreal, existing differences in funding between universities in urban centres and outlying regions will only widen.

Universities in outlying regions face numerous challenges in attracting and retaining international students, yet the government is now responsible for a policy that is being implemented to their detriment. Many university programs are under threat, as they depend on the presence of international students to remain viable.

Another impact of this new deregulation will be to compel certain Francophone universities to begin offering programs in English in the hopes of increasing revenues. This possibility has already been raised by the Rector of Université Laval, Sophie D'Amours. This perverse incentive could threaten the continued perennity of French in our universities. Our institutions of higher education must strive to fulfill their mission: supporting the needs and aspirations of Quebec society.



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While Quebec is in the midst of a growing labour shortage, the CAQ government believes that this decision will be to the benefit of higher education in the province; the reality is altogether different. Deregulation will only serve to undermine universities in outlying regions, relegating them to a second-class status. For all of these reasons, we— X associations representing XXXXXX students—call on Minister Roberge to suspend deregulation until the government undertakes a study on the impact of such an increase on Francophone and regional universities.

*[Names of the signatory associations here]*



# MOTION REGARDING MCGILL TRIBUNE FEE INCREASE AND EXISTENCE ENDORSEMENT

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Tribune Publication Society (TPS) is an independent, not-for-profit, student-run organization that publishes The McGill Tribune;

**WHEREAS**, the McGill Tribune offers a platform for all members of the McGill community to have their work published and receive training in writing and other journalistic practices;

**WHEREAS**, the presence of critical, objective, and responsible news sources available in print and online is central to fostering a community and accountability at McGill University (“the University”);

**WHEREAS**, the Tribune employs undergraduate students, includes undergraduate students on its Board, and grants voting rights to all fee-paying undergraduate members at its Annual General Meeting;

**WHEREAS**, the TPS’ Memorandum of Agreement with the University requires that the TPS ask its members to consent to its continued existence;

**WHEREAS**, The McGill Tribune’s operating costs for both print and online publishing and distribution depend on student fees each year;

**WHEREAS**, the TPS has demonstrated its financial responsibility with the funds it receives from students;

**WHEREAS**, the TPS has made budget cuts and will continue to streamline its budget to ensure that it remains financially sustainable under the proposed fee levy;

**WHEREAS**, the current fee levy is insufficient to fund all of the Tribune’s activities;

**WHEREAS**, a fee increase of one dollar is necessary for The McGill Tribune to continue as a reliable and critical editorial voice on campus, as well as an educational opportunity for its members;



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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Students' Society of McGill University formally endorse the McGill Tribune's Fee Increase and Existence questions for the Winter 2019 referendum.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*



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# MOTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF CAMPUS LIFE FUND FEE

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society")'s Campus Life Fee provides support for students projects, events, conferences, publications, productions, and athletic teams;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Campus Life Fee was extended to cover the costs of reserving spaces for Services and Interim Clubs in good standing to host their activities and hold their events at alternative locations on- or off-campus, only for the duration of the University Centre Building closure;

**WHEREAS**, funding applications for Services and Interim Clubs, regardless of whether they run a deficit or not, were 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 only for the duration of the University Centre Building closure;

**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 following question is sent to the Office of Student Life and Learning for approval:

*"Do you agree that the opt-outable \$2.00 for full-time students and \$1.00 for part-time students per semester SSMU Campus Life Fund Fee, which is paid for by all SSMU members and contributes to the SSMU Campus Life Fund, accessible to all SSMU members who do not opt out of the fee, be renewed to start in Fall 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 fee?"*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

Moved by:



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# MOTION REGARDING SSMU'S HEALTH AND DENTAL FEE QUESTION FOR WINTER 2019

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") manages a Health plan used by 12,038 students and a Dental plan used by 18,080 students;

**WHEREAS**, the Society currently collects approximately \$3.05 million from student fees for the plan, the most recent years claims report indicates \$2.6 million were claimed by students;

**WHEREAS**, the Society's dental premium is approximately \$17.00 more than what is currently being charged of students;

**WHEREAS**, the Society's health premiums are relatively equal to what is currently being charged of students;

**WHEREAS**, the Society structures the Health and Dental plan fees to build a reserve over the first two years and deplete it the following years;

**WHEREAS**, the Society had to lower the maximum coverage for the Dental plan from \$750.00 to \$500.00 due to premiums rising and no fee increase;

**WHEREAS**, after the results of surveys and statistical analysis of our claims, the Health and Dental committee has recommended increases in coverage to both the Health and Dental plan to match student needs;

**WHEREAS**, the committee recommended that the Dental plan removes EmpowerMe and increases the maximum dental coverage to \$750.00, bringing the Dental plan from \$100 to \$150;

**WHEREAS**, this price puts the Dental plan in a healthy range for the next four to five years;

**WHEREAS**, the committee recommended that the Health plan increases psychological coverage maximum from \$500 to \$1000, remove Naturopathy coverage, and add massage therapy coverage with a referral from a primary care physician, bringing the Health plan from \$145 to \$195;



**WHEREAS**, the committee recognized need for increased psychological coverage from the surveys as well as the growing claims over mental health resources over recent years;

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount charged for the Health and Dental plan allows SSMU to charge up to that amount per year, SSMU can choose to charge less for a given year based off of the premiums.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council approve the following two (2) questions for the Winter 2019 referendum period regarding the Health and Dental fees:

1. Do you agree to the increase of the opt-outable SSMU Health Plan fee by \$50 per student per year, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, to be charged starting in Fall 2019, with the understanding that if this question is approved, the SSMU will add increased psychology services and massage therapy to the SSMU Health Plan as outlined in the above preamble?
2. Do you agree to the increase of the opt-outable SSMU Dental Plan fee by \$50 per student per year, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, to be charged starting in Fall 2019, with the understanding that if this question is approved, the SSMU will increase dental coverage to the SSMU Dental Plan as outlined in the above preamble?

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Jun Wang, *VP Finance*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*



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# MOTION REGARDING THE ATHLETICS FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FEE QUESTION FOR WINTER 2019 REFERENDUM

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Athletics and Recreation is an integral part of student life on campus;

**WHEREAS**, for the past 36 years, since 1982, students have contributed to the Athletics and Recreation Facilities Improvement fund in order to build and improve facilities to meet student demand;

**WHEREAS**, the student contributions will allow for continued significant improvements to existing facilities and the further development of remaining unused space in Athletics and Recreation;

**WHEREAS**, McGill University is committed to matching student contributions dollar-for-dollar;

**WHEREAS**, current McGill athletics facilities and programs operate near or at full capacity;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that that the Students' Society of McGill University Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2019 Referendum Period:

*“Do you agree to the continuance of a non-optoutable Athletics Facility Improvement Fee of \$10.00 per student per semester for all part-time and full-time undergraduate students who are members of the Students' Society of McGill University, for the next five years and in effect from the start of the semester in Fall 2019 to Winter 2024 (inclusive), at which point it will be brought back to membership for renewal, in order to continue the improvement of Athletics and Recreation facilities and to create additional space for student use and activities in order to meet the current student demand?”*

Moved by:

Rowan Fletcher, *Athletics Representative*

Shannon Stemper, *Residences Representative*

Matthew McLaughlin, *VP Internal*

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*



# MOTION TO ENDORSE THE STUDENT WALKOUT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Submitted for: February 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 report published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states that the effects of 1.5 degrees of warming are far more catastrophic than previously thought, but will nonetheless prevent hundreds of millions of deaths worldwide as compared to 2 degrees of warming;

**WHEREAS**, we must cut global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 45% by in less than 11 years and reach net zero by 2050 in order to limit warming to 1.5 degrees, necessitating aggressive climate legislation to elicit deep emissions reductions across all sectors;

**WHEREAS**, SSMU is committed to sustainability and passed a Sustainability Policy on April 11, 2013, an updated version of the Sustainability Policy on March 29, 2018, and Climate Justice Policy on March 26, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, climate change has and will continue to disproportionately affect marginalized communities, who have also contributed least to global carbon emissions;

**WHEREAS**, SSMU updated its Equity Policy on April 5, 2018, and is committed to recognizing and challenging current and historical processes of oppression;

**WHEREAS**, SSMU has historically endorsed student movements in lines with its values of human rights, social justice, and environmental protection, such as the Endorsement for the Popular Demonstration Against Racism and the Far Right on November 12, 2017, and the Endorsement of the SSMU Survivor Bill of Rights on January 25, 2018.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that that the SSMU publish an official public statement endorsing the McGill student walkout on Friday, March 15, to demand governmental and institutional action in line with the IPCC report's recommendations to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSMU Executive is mandated to send a delegation to the McGill Student walkout under the Vice-President (External) portfolio.



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Moved by:

*Submitted to General Assembly for approval on February 24th, 2019.*

## Appendix A

### Student Walkout for Climate Justice

McGill students are responding to a worldwide call for a student climate strike on March 15th. McGill students are joining students from Concordia, l'Université du Québec à Montréal, l'École de technologie supérieure, l'Université de Québec à Chicoutimi, l'Université Laval à Québec, Collège de Montréal, and cégep Montmorency, cégep Lionel Groulx and cégep Saint Laurent.

The movement's demands are as follows:

1. That the government establish a climate change education program, in partnership with youth;
2. That the government adopt climate legislation as recommended by the IPCC to limit global climate warming to 1.5 degrees. The IPCC demands a global net reduction of CO2 emission by 45% by 2030, zero net carbon emissions by 2050, and 50% reduction of methane emissions by 2050;
3. That academic institutions show greater transparency concerning their investments, divest from fossil fuels, and re-invest in renewable energy.



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# MOTION REGARDING AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING PLEBISCITE

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, section 4.2 of the Internal Regulations on Elections and Referenda outlines the process by which the Society can gauge the opinion of its Members;

**WHEREAS**, a report conducted by L'Unité de travail pour l'implantation de logement étudiant (UTILE) indicates that McGill students pay rents significantly higher-- 40% more-- than students studying at other Montreal or Quebec universities;

**WHEREAS**, on January 24 2019, UTILE had presented to SSMU Legislative Council on some possibilities and conditions that would be in favour of a construction project to be developed for and funded in part by SSMU members;

**WHEREAS**, other student unions, notably the Concordia Student Union, have involved themselves in pursuing more affordable options for their members;

**WHEREAS**, SSMU currently does not have a policy on affordable housing;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council approve the following question to be posed to the members as a plebiscite in the Winter 2019 referendum period:

*"Would you like SSMU to further prioritize affordable housing, including, but not limited to, further actions to explore developing student housing?"*

Moved by:

Jacob Shapiro, *VP University Affairs*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE JUDICIAL BOARD PROCEDURES

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the current Judicial Board forms have not been meaningfully updated, revised, or refreshed in a long time;

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society")'s Accessibility Policy requires that documents be easily readable in accordance with the standards of accessible design;

**WHEREAS**, the current forms do not meet this requirement;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council amend the Judicial Board Procedures as follows:

1. ANNEX 1: P-1 FORM: Petition for Hearing be replaced with FORM P-1 2019-02-28
2. ANNEX 2: R-1 FORM: Position of Respondent be replaced with FORM R-1 2019-02-28
3. ANNEX 3: I-1 FORM: Application for Intervention be replaced with FORM I-1 2019-02-28

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Mu Rong Yang, *Education Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING RULES

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the the Students' Society of McGill University (“the Society”)’s Legislative Council has meetings that can last up to four hours in duration;

**WHEREAS**, while these meetings are shorter than in years past, inefficiencies still exist in the system;

**WHEREAS**, limiting speaking times during the Legislative Council when it is not constructive to engaged debate can help meetings run more efficiently;

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council retains the right to suspend the Standing Rules should the following provisions be deemed intrusive;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society amend the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council to add the following:

5.7 Prior to the start of Old Business, the Speaker shall request a motion for a five (5) minute recess to allow Councillors to vote on all motions inscribed on the agenda using the prescribed electronic means with two options: Approve or Debate.

5.7.1 Should any motion not receive unanimous consent on the “Approve” side, the motion shall be subject to the regular course of question period, debate, and vote as set out in the Internal Regulations of Governance and these Standing Rules.

5.7.2 A motion receiving unanimous consent shall be approved without question period, debate, or a formal vote and shall be listed as a consent motion in the public voting record and in the minutes.

5.7.3 The specific votes of Councillors on consent items will not be shared publicly. The regular voting record for formally questioned, debated, and voted on motions will continue to be published.



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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the changes stipulated above shall only apply to the Legislative Council meeting on March 14, 2019 and shall subsequently expire after the adjournment of that meeting.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING PROVISIONS TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDENT GROUPS

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**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 and shall be enacted when approved by a simple majority vote of members of the Committee. Should a vote of the Committee fail to achieve a simple majority**, the proposed changes shall be referred to Legislative Council where they can be approved by a simple majority, 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 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 and shall be enacted when approved by a simple majority vote of members of the Committee. Should a vote of the Committee fail to achieve a simple majority, the proposed changes shall be referred to Legislative Council where they can be approved by a simple majority, 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) ~~or~~ and the Clubs Committee."

Moved by:

Victoria Flaherty, *Clubs Representative*

Zaheed Kara, *Clubs Representative*

Robert Hu, *First Year Council Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING SPACE FEE QUESTION FOR WINTER 2019 REFERENDUM

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") collect nine (9) opt-outable fees that total ten dollars and thirty seven cents (\$10.37), not including the Space Fee or Menstrual Hygiene Fee, to provide a stock pile of capital to finance initiatives and resources students have deemed necessary through referendums throughout the years;

**WHEREAS**, Campus Life, Club, Equity, Mental Health, Menstrual Hygiene, First Year Council, Ambassador, Community Engagement (Charity), Environment and Anti Violence funds are the remaining aforementioned nine (9) fees;

**WHEREAS**, the distribution and fee allocation per fee levied is presented in Appendix A;

**WHEREAS**, the Space fund follows a non-standard practice of fund allocation through allocating one dollar (\$1.00) indexed to the Consumer Price Index for inflation of the base fee to finance the fund;

**WHEREAS**, the funding for space is necessary for student groups on campus to implement their initiatives, events and operations;

**WHEREAS**, after the restriction change on the Campus Life Fund to allow student groups to apply for space needs due to the University Centre closure, has depleted the fund to an unprecedented level of approximately \$38,000 as of March 4th, 2019 has proven space funding is a necessary requirement;

**WHEREAS**, a separate Space fund not contingent on the base fee will provide student groups with more capital to apply to for space and rental needs;

**WHEREAS**, in Fall 2007, a dollar (\$1.00) increase to the base fee was accepted by the membership on the pretext of improving and facilitating the University Centre space;

**WHEREAS**, a separate Space Fund will alleviate the administrative costs on the Society's operating support staff and provide more resources for them to better the University Centre;



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**WHEREAS**, levying an individual fee for a specific purpose is the current precedent which allows for financial transparency and gives student the autonomy to opt in or out of fees at their own discretion;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council approve the following two (2) questions for the Winter 2019 referendum period regarding the Space Fee:

- 1. Do you agree to the creation of an opt-outable Space Fund Fee of \$1.00 per student per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, starting in Fall 2019 and ending Winter 2023 (inclusive) at which point it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?*
- 2. Do you agree to the cancellation of the current Space Fee structure of allocating \$1.00 per student per semester who are members of the SSMU, indexed to the Consumer Price Index, shall be taken from the base fee for the governance of student space, leaving the base fee unchanged?*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

Moved by:

Jun Wang, *VP Finance*

Gareth Price, *Engineering Representative*

Shannon Stemper, *Residences Representative*

Fair Lyons, *Science Representative*



## Appendix A

SSMU Fund Fee Allocation		
Funds	Fee/Per Student/Per Term	Fee Expiration/Renewal Period
Campus Life Fund	\$2.00	Winter 2019
Club Fund	\$2.75	Winter 2021
Equity Fund	\$0.50	Winter 2021
Mental Health Fund	\$0.40	Winter 2021
Menstrual Hygiene Fund	\$0.90	Winter 2020
First Year Council Fund	\$0.50	Winter 2020
Ambassador Fund	\$2.00	Fall 2020
Community Engagement (Charity) Fund	\$0.52	Winter 2024
Environment Fund	\$1.25	Winter 2024
Anti-Violence Fund	\$0.45	Winter 2021
Space Fund	\$1.16	None



# MOTION REGARDING THE STUDENT SERVICES FEE QUESTION FOR WINTER 2019 REFERENDUM

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Student Services is an integral part of student life on campus and student fees have traditionally funded its 11 services (Campus Life & Engagement, Career Planning, Counselling, First People's House, Health Clinic and Lab, International Student Services, Office for Students with Disabilities, Peer Tutoring, Psychiatry, Religious and Spiritual Life, and Scholarships & Student Aid);

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the new Student Wellness Hub and 12 Local (embedded) Wellness Advisors recently funded by McGill University and external donations, student contributions will allow for more accessible mental and physical health services by increasing the current number of counsellors by three generalist counsellors and a counsellor specializing in trauma, and almost doubling the number of medical doctors;

**WHEREAS**, McGill University is committed to reducing Student Services' operational and building maintenance costs by completely eliminating the obligatory overhead fee for self-funded units, and additionally pledging to match up to \$337,000 of new student contributions should the referendum be successful;

**WHEREAS**, government regulations limit the University to annually increase fees without referendum by a percentage determined by the MEES (Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur) indexation factor;

**WHEREAS**, aside from the indexation factor, the Student Service student fee has not increased in six years and operations are over capacity;

**WHEREAS**, aside from the MEES indexation factor, Student Services requires an 8% increase over three years to maintain current service levels and develop additional supports for undergraduate students in all of its 11 services;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that that the Students' Society of McGill University Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2019 referendum period:



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*“Do you agree, that in addition to the regular MEES indexation factor, to increase the Student Services Fee, currently of \$153.19 per Semester for full time students, by 4% in Fall 2019, 2% in Fall 2020, and 2% in Fall 2021 per term for full-time and part-time undergraduate students?”*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING SSMU SAFETY SERVICE FEE QUESTION FOR WINTER 2019 REFERENDUM

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") collect an un-opt-outable three dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$3.97) known as the Safety Network Fee for four (4) accredited student services that provide resources such as education, safety and support to members available free of charge;

**WHEREAS**, McGill Student Emergency Response Team (MSERT), Sexual Assault Centre (SACOMSS), Drive Safe and Walk Safe are the aforementioned four (4) accredited student services that belong to the Safety Network fee category;

**WHEREAS**, the distribution and fee allocation per Safety Network service is presented in Appendix A;

**WHEREAS**, the prior distribution and fee allocation per Safety Network service before its fee referendum in October 2015 is presented in Appendix B;

**WHEREAS**, MSERT is a volunteer operated Service that provides emergency first aid coverage to McGill residences, campus events and the Montreal community;

**WHEREAS**, MSERT's portion of the Safety Network fee only covered \$33,071 of their \$47,965 operating expenses in 2018 and only covered \$32,519 of their \$55,990 operating expenses in 2017.

**WHEREAS**, MSERT has been increasingly reliant on first aid course training fees to financially sustain their operating overhead costs to maintain their service and prevent a deficit;

**WHEREAS**, first responder course training fee accounted for 37.6% in 2018, 30.1% in 2017 and 34% in 2016 of their revenue stream to finance their medical emergency response service;

**WHEREAS**, MSERT does not have the financial capital to sustain their operations nor does it allow their service to have the financial flexibility to allocate a portion of its budget to grow such as replacing old medical equipment, increasing emergency resources and providing courses at a reduced cost to their volunteers;



**WHEREAS**, SACOMSS' portion of the Safety Network fee has consistently net a surplus, collected funds less operating expenses, of approximately \$94,720 in 2018, \$74,167 in 2017 and \$28,776 in 2016 after the Safety Network fee referendum submitted October 2015 increasing SACOMSS fee levy of seventy five cents (\$0.75) to two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) starting Winter 2016 and ending Winter 2021 (inclusive);

**WHEREAS**, the Society has posted a surplus of student funds collected from the all SSMU services, net of funds collected less student opt outs and operating expenses, of \$325,702 in 2018, \$259,867 in 2017 and \$221,520 in 2016;

**WHEREAS**, SACOMSS' surplus has accounted for 29.0% in 2018, 28.5% in 2017 and 13.0% in 2016 of the Society's total surplus of student funds collected from service fee levies, net of funds collected less student opt outs and operating expenses;

**WHEREAS**, it is the expertise opinion of the Vice President (Finance) of the Society that SACOMSS' can financially sustain their operating expenses at a fee allocation of one dollar and seventy five cents (\$1.75) moving forward given their past financial statement performance and still have excess capital to grow their operations;

**WHEREAS**, it is advisable to reallocate seventy-five cents (\$0.75) of SACOMSS portion of the fee to MSERT's portion to finance MSERT's operations without charging students more as there is already significant capital levied through the Safety Network fee;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council approve the following one (1) question for the Winter 2019 referendum period regarding the SSMU Safety Network Service fees:

*“Do you agree to replace the current fees structure of the un-opt-outable SSMU Safety Network of \$3.97 per student per semester payable by all undergraduate students who are members of SSMU (\$0.60 for Drive Safe, \$0.75 for MSERT, \$2.50 for SACOMSS and \$0.12 for Walk Safe) with a new fee structure of \$3.97 (\$0.60 for Drive Safe, \$1.50 for MSERT, \$1.75 for SACOMSS and \$0.12 for Walk Safe) payable by all undergraduate students who are members of SSMU starting in Winter 2016 and ending in Winter 2021 (inclusive)?”*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

Moved by:  
Jun Wang, *VP Finance*



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Natalie Constantin, *Services Representative*

Rebecca Scarra, *Arts Representative*

Haoyi Qiu, *Science Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE INCREASE OF THE SSMU MEMBERSHIP FEE

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the SSMU") is committed to providing service, representation, and leadership to all undergraduates on the downtown campus at McGill University;

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU has grown in size over the last decade by supporting more student groups, providing more services, and providing more opportunities for student employment;

**WHEREAS**, the real dollar amount of the SSMU's current membership fee has been constant since 2007, when \$1.00 was added;

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Research Commissioner Cecilia MacArthur for the 2015-2016 year outlined in the overview in her report on student union base fees that : "This research looked at the student union base fees students pay across Canada. It demonstrated that the SSMU base fee falls in the middle, although considering the clubs, services, and employment SSMU provides, as well as SSMU's advocacy efforts, the base fee seems low.";

**WHEREAS**, the proposed fee increase would allow the SSMU to increase staffing reflective of the services offered, while also pursuing renovations to current spaces and acquisition of future spaces;

**WHEREAS**, the increase towards the SSMU's operations with this fee increase would position the SSMU's within the middle range of student society membership fees with reference to comparable schools across Canada;

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the SSMU Membership Fee would have the following staffing implications:

- Hiring of additional accountants
- Hiring of Club and Service full time staff
- Hiring of Governance full time staff
- Hiring of PR full time staff
- Several student staff roles, such as Health and Dental Commissioner, Finance Commissioner, etc



**WHEREAS**, with the proposed SSMU Membership Fee increase, a minimum of \$800,000.00 would be restricted for large capital projects, including renovations within the SSMU's properties and acquisition of property external to SSMU;

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the SSMU Membership Fee would have the following space implications within the University Center:

- Future renovation for Gerts
- Future renovation for the second floor cafeteria

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU would have the ability to purchase buildings around the downtown area for additional club, service, and activity space for the student body;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following question is sent to the Office of Student Life and Learning for approval:

*“Do you agree to the increase of the non-opt-outable SSMU Membership fee, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, outlined in Appendix A per student per semester starting in Fall 2019 with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in an increase of the fee limited to indexation of the fee for inflation according to the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the province of Quebec (using the rate at the end of March)? Should the fee increase outlined in Appendix A be acceptable, the fee will increase by the CPI as defined above in future years (following 2019-20).”*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council endorse the Increase of the SSMU Membership Fee question and initiate a Yes campaign committee chaired by Tre Mansdoerfer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSMU President investigate a way to include specificities pertaining to the fee amount increase in the question.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*



## Appendix A

Full Time Students	Faculty Group A	Faculty Group B
Increase	\$30.00	\$21.60
Total: Fall 2019	\$74.33	\$54.38

Part Time Students	Faculty Group A	Faculty Group B
Increase	\$15.00	\$20.80
Total: Fall 2019	\$36.30	\$26.31

**Faculty Group A:** Arts, Architecture, Education, Engineering, Music, Management, Nursing, PTOT, Science, Arts and Science

**Faculty Group B:** Law, Dentistry, Medicine



# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF FINANCE

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") collect nine (9) opt-outable fees that total ten dollars and thirty seven cents (\$10.37), not including the Space Fee or Menstrual Hygiene Fee, to provide a stock pile of capital to finance initiatives and resources students have deemed necessary through referendums throughout the years;

**WHEREAS**, Campus Life, Club, Equity, Mental Health, Menstrual Hygiene, First Year Council, Ambassador, Community Engagement (Charity), Environment and Anti Violence funds are the remaining aforementioned nine (9) fees;

**WHEREAS**, the distribution and fee allocation per fee levied is presented in Appendix A;

**WHEREAS**, it has been the standard practice of certain fees levied through referendum to have a internal SSMU committee to oversee the facilitation and administration of the fee's purpose;

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the Environment Fund is allocated to finance the Environment Committee;

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the Equity Fund is allocated to finance the Equity Committee;

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the Mental Health Fund is allocated to finance the Mental Health Committee;

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the Anti Violence Fund is allocated to finance the Anti Violence Committee;

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the First Year Council Fund is allocated to finance the First Year Affairs Committee;

**WHEREAS**, it has been the standard practice of the prior Vice President Finance to also allocate a portion of the Equity Fund to finance the Indigenous Affairs Committee and to also allocate a portion of the Community Engagement (Charity) Fund to finance the Community Engagement Committee and the Francophone Affairs Committee;



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**WHEREAS**, the prior Vice President Finance Herpin has continued the allocation of each respective funds to its respective Committees;

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Regulations of Finance has not been updated since April 2017 and are inconsistent in reflecting the current budget allocation practices of the Society to finance the fund's respective Committees;

**WHEREAS**, certain Committees were not ran last year and/or lack the financial capacity to be held because budgets were not allocated because the Society's budget is allocated based on the set of Internal Regulations of Finance passed by Legislative Council;

**WHEREAS**, several Commissioners and prior Executives of the Society are unclear about how to efficiently, transparently and effectively allocate a budget for a particular Committee or SSMU department because of a lack of structured Internal Regulations of Finance in regards to Fees and Funds.

**WHEREAS**, stating explicitly in the Internal Regulations of Finance of which department will be funded by which respective fee, as in accordance to Appendix B, will instill institutional memory and financial transparency;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council approve the following fund allocation of Appendix B to be worded into the Internal Regulations of Finance to make the budgeting process of fee financed Committees transparent.

Moved by:

Jun Wang, *Vice-President Finance*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*



## Appendix A

SSMU Fund Fee Allocation		
Funds	Fee/Per Student/Per Term	Fee Expiration/Renewal Period
Campus Life Fund	\$2.00	Winter 2019
Club Fund	\$2.75	Winter 2021
Equity Fund	\$0.50	Winter 2021
Mental Health Fund	\$0.40	Winter 2021
Menstrual Hygiene Fund	\$0.90	Winter 2020
First Year Council Fund	\$0.50	Winter 2020
Ambassador Fund	\$2.00	Fall 2020
Community Engagement (Charity) Fund	\$0.52	Winter 2024
Environment Fund	\$1.25	Winter 2024
Anti-Violence Fund	\$0.45	Winter 2021
Space Fund	\$1.16	None



## Appendix B

<b>SSMU Fund Fee Restrictions and Distribution*</b>			
<b>Funds</b>	<b>Financed Body/Committee of SSMU</b>	<b>Funding Committee Allocation</b>	<b>Fee Expiration/Renewal Period</b>
Campus Life Fund	Any undergraduate organization of McGill	Any undergraduate organization of McGill	Winter 2019
Club Fund	Clubs Committee	Only SSMU Clubs	Winter 2021
Equity Fund	Equity Committee and Indigenous Affairs Committee	A portion of the Fee	Winter 2021
Mental Health Fund	Mental Health Committee	A portion of the Fee	Winter 2021
Menstrual Hygiene Fund	Menstrual hygiene products for members	No allocation by the Funding Committee	Winter 2020
First Year Council Fund	First Years Affairs Committee	A portion of the Fee	Winter 2020
Ambassador Fund	Any undergraduate organization of McGill	Any undergraduate organization of McGill	Fall 2020
Community Engagement (Charity) Fund	Community Engagement Committee	A portion of the Fee	Winter 2024
Environment Fund	Environment Committee	A portion of the Fee	Winter 2024



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Anti-Violence Fund

Anti Violence  
Committee

A portion of the Fee

Winter 2021

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## Appendix C

### 1. Space Fee

#### 1.1 DISTRIBUTION.

Eighty-five percent (85%) of the amount raised through the fee shall be allocated by the BOM COM (the Building and Operations Management Committee). Fifteen percent (15%) of the amount raised through the fee shall be allocated by the Funding Committee for external groups to improve student spaces across campus.

### 2. Campus Life Fee

#### 2.1 PURPOSE.

The Campus Life Fee is intended as a source of financial assistance for Initiatives taking place on or near campus, including but not limited to projects, events, conferences, publications, and productions of an academic or social nature. The Campus Life Fee also recognizes the contribution of athletic programs to the McGill community and shall, where applicable, offer financial assistance to such endeavors. When assessing Campus Life Fee requests, the Funding Committee must be satisfied that the initiative's objective will contribute to the betterment of campus life.

#### 2.2 NAME.

The Campus Life Fee shall also be known as the "Campus Life Fund" for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.

#### 2.3 ATHLETIC FUNDING LIMITATION.

Funding to athletic programs shall be limited to:

- a. unfunded tier two and unfunded tier three athletic teams as defined under McGill University's Department of Athletics Intercollegiate Sport Classification Process Terms of Reference; and
- b. subsidizing a portion of the athletic program's travel and/or league affiliation fees.



### 3. Ambassador Fee

#### 3.1 PURPOSE.

The Ambassador Fee is intended as a source of financial assistance for Members to participate in competitions and conferences of an academic nature. When assessing Ambassador Fee requests, the Funding Committee must be satisfied that the Initiative will contribute to the visibility and recognition of the excellence of the Society or its Members.

#### 3.2 NAME.

The Ambassador Fee shall also be known as the “Ambassador Fund” for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.

### 4. Environment Fee

#### 4.1 PURPOSE.

The Environment Fee is intended as a source of financial assistance for a wide range of large and small-scale projects intended to increase environmental sustainability of the Society or surrounding community, including:

- a. environmental Initiatives within the Society, such as infrastructure changes to Society events and space;
- b. Initiatives that contribute to the betterment of the environmental impact of McGill or a McGill-related group by focusing on sustainable, long-term change;
- c. Initiatives that work to measure the environmental impacts of McGill or a McGill-related group;
- d. environmental Initiatives that focus on advocacy or education;

#### 4.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBSIDIES.

The Environment Fee shall not be used for the purpose of subsidizing the cost or difference in cost of environmentally friendly materials or supplies for an Initiative.

#### 4.3 NAME.

The Environment Fee shall also be known as the “Green Fund” for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.

#### 4.4 ALLOCATION BY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

The Environment Committee must decide before the October Revised Operating Budget how much of the Environment Fee the Environment Committee will require for projects and initiatives throughout the year. The Environment Committee and



Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the October Revised Operating Budget.

#### 4.5 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. The Environment Committee must ensure that a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is reserved for distribution through the Funding Committee for student-run projects.

#### 4.6 ENVIRONMENT COMMISSIONER SEAT.

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

## 5. First Year Fee

### 5.1 PURPOSE.

The First Year Fee is intended as a source of financial assistance for a wide range of large and small-scale projects intended to increase engagement among first year students, including:

- a. First Year Council for their annual budget which includes events and initiatives primarily pertaining to first year students;
- b. Initiatives of the Office of the Vice-President (Internal) intended to increase engagement among first years or improve the experiences of first year students; and
- c. allocation through the Funding Committee 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.

### 5.2 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.

### 5.3 ALLOCATION FOR FIRST YEAR COUNCIL.

The First Year Council must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (Internal), and 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.

#### **5.4 ALLOCATION FOR OTHER PROJECTS.**

The Vice-President (Internal) must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and 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. The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the October Budget Revisions.

#### **5.5 ALLOCATION BY FUNDING COMMITTEE.**

The remainder of the First Year Fee shall be allocated by Funding Committee for 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. Neither the First Year Council nor the Vice President (Internal) may apply to the First Year Fee that is meant for allocation by the Funding Committee.

#### **5.6 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.

## **6. Equity Fee**

### **6.1 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.

### **6.2 NAME.**

The Equity Fee shall also be known as the “Equity Fund” for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.



### **6.3 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.

## **7. Community Engagement Fee**

### **7.1 PURPOSE.**

The Community Engagement Fee is intended as a source of financial assistance to empower Members to engage in charitable initiatives. When assessing Community Engagement Fee requests, the Funding Committee must be satisfied that the initiative's objective will contribute to building connections between McGill students and the surrounding community and/or promote active volunteerism among McGill students.

### **7.2 NAME.**

The Community Engagement Fee shall also be known as the "Community Engagement Fund" for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups.

### **7.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 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.

### **7.4 FORMER NAME.**

The Community Engagement Fee was formerly known as the "Charity Fee". In outdated documents, the term "Charity Fee" may be used and should be considered synonymous with "Community Engagement Fee".

## **8. Mental Health Fee**

### **8.1 PURPOSE OF SOCIETY PORTION.**

The Mental Health Fee is intended to support the Society's mental health-related initiatives such as Mental Health Awareness Week and similar events and outreach initiatives, as well as paying for student staff to coordinate such initiatives.

### **8.2 PURPOSE OF FUNDING PORTION.**



The Mental Health Fee is also intended as a source of financial assistance to empower mental health-related Initiatives run by student groups. When assessing Mental Health Fee requests, the Funding Committee must be satisfied that the initiative's objective will contribute to the promotion of mental health awareness, improvement of students' mental health, and/or the destigmatization of mental health issues on campus.

### **8.3 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.

### **8.4 ALLOCATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

The Mental Health Committee must decide, in conjunction with the Vice-President (Finance) and Vice-President (Student Life), and 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. The Vice-President (Finance) will include this information in the October Budget Revision.

### **8.5 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 October Budget Revision.

### **8.6 ALLOCATION BY FUNDING COMMITTEE.**

The remainder of the Mental Health Fee shall be allocated by Funding Committee for 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.

### **8.7 MENTAL HEALTH SEAT.**

The Mental Health Committee 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 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.

## 9. Club Fee

### 9.1 PURPOSE.

The Club Fee is intended as a source of financial assistance for the Society's Clubs. The Club Fee may be used to support general operating expenses of a Club in addition to specific Initiatives.

### 9.2 NAME.

The Club Fee shall also be known as the "Club Fund" for the purposes of its promotion and relevant communications with student groups

### 9.3 ELIGIBILITY.

Only Full Status Clubs as defined by the Internal Regulations of Student Groups shall be eligible to apply for funding from the Club Fee.

### 9.4 AUDIT REQUIREMENT. Only Clubs that submitted an audit in the previous semester are eligible to receive funding from the Club Fee.

### 9.5 EXCEPTION – AUDIT REQUIREMENT.

The Funding Committee may decide by a two thirds (2/3) vote to grant funding to a Club that did not submit an audit in the previous semester. The Funding Committee may require that the Club submit an audit of its expenses and revenues, along with any other documents requested by the Committee, to the Committee in order to receive funding.

### 9.6 PRIORITY.

Clubs shall receive priority for funding from the Club Fee based on their audit scores. The Funding Committee may use either the audit scores from the previous term or from multiple prior terms to determine priority for funding.



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# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Regulations of Governance should be revised to accurately reflect the functioning of the Students' Society of McGill University (“the Society”);

**WHEREAS**, changes are necessary to clarify differences between the Society’s Constitution and the Internal Regulations of Governance;

**WHEREAS**, changes are necessary to reflect best practices regarding policies and plans;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society’s Legislative Council amend the Internal Regulations of Governance as outlined in Appendix A.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*



## Appendix A

(Part: Article)	Old	New	Rationale
1:1	Internal Regulations of Governance <sup>01</sup> shall apply to all Internal Regulations unless otherwise stated.	Internal Regulations of Governance <del>-01</del> shall apply to all Internal Regulations unless otherwise stated.	
2:2.1	<b>2.1 CONSULTATION.</b> The Board of Directors shall be the highest governing body of the Society, and should consult the Legislative Council, the advisory body of the Society, whenever possible before making decisions.	Strike.	Repetition of art. 6.1 of the Constitution
2:3.2	<b>3.2 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.</b> The Executive Committee shall submit to each regular meeting of the Legislative Council a report on all matters with which it has dealt with since the previous meeting of the Legislative Council. All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification by a resolution of the Legislative Council.	<b>3.2 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.</b> The Executive Committee shall submit to each regular meeting of the Legislative Council a report on all matters with which it has dealt with since the previous meeting of the Legislative Council.	Legislative Council does not ratify decisions of the Executive Committee as this power is reserved for the Board of Directors per art. 11.5 of the Constitution.
2:5.2	<b>5.2 CONSTITUTING BODY.</b> Affiliated Student Associations shall be considered constituting bodies of the Society and shall thus be subject to the rules laid out in the Constitution and Internal Regulations of the Society and their assets and liabilities shall be	Strike.	The assets and liabilities of ASAs should not be those of the Society. This whole clause is dubious as to whether the Society can impose



	considered assets and liabilities of the Society.		its Constitution and IRs on ASAs.
2:5.3	<p><b>5.3 SERVICES.</b> Affiliated Student Associations shall have insurance, accounting, and administrative services made available to them by the Society. The Society shall also undertake agreements with the University on behalf of Affiliated Student Associations.</p>	Strike.	<p>Insurance, accounting, administrative services are not provided by the Society to ASAs. ASAs also negotiate their own MoAs with the University and so this may not be appropriate to keep.</p>
2:6.3	<p><b>6.3 COMMISSIONERS.</b> All Student Staff who are responsible for coordinating a committee shall be considered a Commissioner of the Society. Commissioners must report at least once per semester to the Legislative Council.</p>	<p><b>6.3 COMMISSIONERS.</b>All Student Staff who are responsible for coordinating a committee shall be considered a Commissioner of the Society. Commissioners must report at least once per semester year to the Legislative Council.</p>	<p>Some Committees do not have tangible outcomes until the end of the year. While Commissioners can report per semester, the baseline should be less.</p>
2:8.4	<p><b>8.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION.</b> All minutes and documents of the Legislative Council shall be public documents, except for minutes and documents of confidential sessions. Decisions and documents of the Executive Committee shall remain confidential until the end of that Executive Committee's mandate unless for an In-Camera meeting or otherwise released. A Member may request the</p>	<p><b>8.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION.</b> All minutes and documents of the <del>Legislative Council</del> Society shall be public documents, except for minutes and documents of confidential sessions. Decisions and documents of the Executive Committee shall remain confidential until the end of that Executive Committee's mandate unless for an In-Camera meeting or otherwise released. A</p>	<p>Currently, the FOI provision only applies to Legislative Council despite being under Part 2.</p>



	minutes and documents of a previous Executive Committee from the current President, once the mandate of that Executive Committee has ended.	Member may request the minutes and documents of a previous Executive Committee from the current President, once the mandate of that Executive Committee has ended.	
2:9.2	<b>9.2 INABILITY TO SERVE.</b> Should the President be unable to serve in this capacity, the Society shall appoint the Vice-President (University Affairs) in their place. Should the Vice President (University Affairs) also be unable to serve in this capacity, the Senate Caucus and the Executive Committee shall jointly elect a representative.	<b>9.2 INABILITY TO SERVE.</b> Should the President be unable to serve in this capacity, the Society's Executive Committee shall jointly elect a representative on a per-meeting basis.	Update to reflect best practices.
5:1.1	<b>1.1 JURISDICTION.</b> The Legislative Council is the representative and political body of the Society.	Strike.	Repetition of art. 8.1 of the Constitution.
5:2.2c	Vacant.	c) Members of the Legislative Council shall be prohibited from the exercise of their duties unless they have signed and agreed to all documents stipulated by the Board of Directors.	Introduction of requirement for Councillors to sign a confidentiality agreement before being permitted to carry out their duties.
5:3.1d	<b>3.1 RESPONSIBILITIES.</b> Councillors shall: d) submit a report of their activities to the Speaker or the Parliamentarian for all but the first meeting of the Legislative Council each year.	<b>3.1 RESPONSIBILITIES.</b> Councillors shall: d) ) submit a report of their activities to the Speaker or the Parliamentarian <b>once per semester to the Legislative Council.</b>	Once per Council is unrealistic as proven by experience, once per semester reports guarantees that reports will be submitted and that councilors are held



			to fair expectations.
5:3.8	<b>3.8 VACANCIES.</b> Vacant seats shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution.	Strike.	Not required if procedure already provided for elsewhere.
5:4.2	<b>4.2 PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SPEAKER.</b> Should the Speaker be unavailable for a meeting, the President shall act as Speaker. Should the President act as Speaker, they are not entitled to vote.	<b>4.2 PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SPEAKER.</b> Should the Speaker <b>or Speaker on Call</b> be unavailable for a meeting, the President shall act as Speaker. Should the President act as Speaker, they are not entitled to vote.	Update to ensure governance documentation reflects current practice, re: Speaker/On Call
5:10.2	<b>10.2 RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS.</b> In general, decisions of committees detailed in committee reports do not need to be approved by the Legislative Council.	Strike.	Repetition of 5:5.4 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.
5:10.3	<b>11.3 VOTING.</b> For main motions and subsidiary motions of substance, as determined by the Speaker, a roll call vote will be considered the default voting method.	<b>11.3 VOTING.</b> For main motions <b>and subsidiary motions of substance, as determined by the Speaker, an electronically recorded roll call</b> vote will be considered the default voting method.	Update to ensure governance documentation reflects current practice, re: voting forms.
5:11.4	<b>11.4 EXCEPTION.</b> For motions that are not considered divisive by the Speaker, the Speaker may waive the requirement for a roll call vote and inform Council when they are doing so. This includes the motions to call the question and to lay on the table.	Strike.	Provision no longer relevant with the default method being electronically recorded votes for main motions only. Subsidiary motions shall use placards



			as is the status quo per the Standing Rules.
5.13.1	<p><b>13.1 GENERAL.</b> The Legislative Council may resolve itself into an In-Camera Session by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council, at which only members of the Legislative Council may be present, except if an individual can provide important advice or information relevant to the agenda of the confidential session and their presence is approved by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council.</p>	<p><b>13.1 GENERAL.</b> The Legislative Council may resolve itself into an In-Camera Session by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council, at which only members of the Legislative Council may be present, except if an individual can provide important advice or information relevant to the agenda of the <b>In-Camera confidential</b> session and their presence is approved by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council.</p>	Clarification between In-Camera and Confidential sessions.
8:6.3	Vacant	<p><b>6.3 EXPIRY DATES.</b> Policies and plans shall be structured with an expiry date of the policy or plan ending on either January 1st or May 1st within the maximum duration of the policy or plan.</p>	Creates consistency for when policies/plans will expire and when councilors should be prepared for said expiry.
8:6.4	Vacant	<p><b>6.4 MANDATE TO DISCUSS EXPIRING POLICIES AND PLANS.</b> Any policy or plan that is set to expire in the current semester will be brought to the Legislative Council by the Officer under whose portfolio it falls to</p>	No policies/plans will expire without any consideration from Council.



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discuss its renewal or  
non-renewal.

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# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy should be revised to accurately reflect the functioning of the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society");

**WHEREAS**, many of these changes are clarifications of what is current practice within the Society, which should be reflected in governance procedures;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council amend the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy as outlined in Appendix A.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

(Part: Article)	Old	New	Rationale
2-4.1	4.1 <b>REPLACEMENT.</b> Should the President be unable to serve as the Society's representative to the Board of Governors, the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall automatically be deemed to fill the position, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Governance.	Strike.	Already stated in IRs of Governance



2-6.1	6.1 The membership of the Senate Caucus shall consist of: a) thirteen (13) Student Senators; and b) the Senate and Committee Secretary General (non-voting).	6.1 The membership of the Senate Caucus shall consist of: a) thirteen (13) Student Senators; b) the Senate and Committee Secretary General (non-voting); and c) the Mac Campus Student Society senator (non-voting)	Mac Campus has one senate representative. Their inclusion into SSMU Senate Caucus is mutually beneficial for a greater student voice at Senate.
2-8.1b	b) b) if no such request is submitted or approved by the Legislative Council, the Election for Student Senators shall take place under the auspices of the Faculty Association according to their respective rules and procedures.	b) if no such request is submitted or approved by the Legislative Council, the Election for Student Senators shall take place under the auspices of the Faculty Association according to their respective rules and procedures.	Typo
2-10.1	<b>10.1 FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY.</b> 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	<b>10.1 FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY.</b> 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 10.3, unless Senate Caucus is given proper notification of	This is most likely a misprint or incorrect when the Internal Regulations were updated. Changing this to 10.3 addresses the inconsistencies.



	a need to extend the process.	a need to extend the process.	
3-15.3	<p><b>15.3 VOTE ON AFFILIATION.</b> Any Member of the Society or the Legislative Council may initiate a Referendum question on affiliation with a Federation, in accordance with the procedures provided for the initiation of Referendum questions in the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda and the Internal Regulations of the Finance and Operations Portfolio. The Referendum question must include: a) the name of the Federation for which affiliation is being proposed; b) the amount of the Fee that would be paid by Members to fund the cost of affiliation with the Federation; and c) all other requirements of Fee referenda as set out in the Internal Regulations of the Finance and Operations Portfolio and the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda.</p>	<p>15.3 VOTE ON AFFILIATION. Member of the Society or the Legislative Council may initiate a Referendum question on affiliation with a Federation, in accordance with the procedures provided for the initiation of Referendum questions in the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda and the Internal Regulations of <del>Finance the Finance and Operations Portfolio</del>. The Referendum question must include: a) the name of the Federation for which affiliation is being proposed; b) the amount of the Fee that would be paid by Members to fund the cost of affiliation with the Federation; and c) all other requirements of Fee referenda as set out in the Internal Regulations of Finance the Finance and Operations Portfolio and the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda.</p>	IRs were renamed. Renaming currently isn't reflected.
3-17.1	<p><b>17.1 REFERENDUM.</b> In accordance with the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda and the Internal Regulations of the Finance and Operations Portfolio any increase to the Fee paid by Members as required by the Federation to fund the cost</p>	<p><b>17.1 REFERENDUM.</b> In accordance with the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda and the Internal Regulations of <del>Finance the Finance and Operations Portfolio</del> any increase to</p>	IRs were renamed. Renaming currently isn't reflected.



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	of affiliation must be approved by a Referendum.	the Fee paid by Members as required by the Federation to fund the cost of affiliation must be approved by a Referendum.
Part 5	Part Relegated to Discussing the Library Improvement Fund	Strike
		This exists within the terms of reference of the Library Improvement Fund Committee and is not needed nor should be in the IRs.

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# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING RULES

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society")'s Legislative Council has meetings that can last up to four hours in duration;

**WHEREAS**, while these meetings are shorter than in years past, inefficiencies still exist in the system; Be it Resolved, that the Society amend the Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council to add the following:

5.7 Prior to the start of Old Business, the Speaker shall request a motion for a five (5) minute recess to allow Councillors to vote on all motions, with the exception of motions added to the agenda at that same Legislative Council, inscribed on the agenda using the prescribed electronic means with two options: Approve or Debate.

5.7.1 Should any motion not receive unanimous consent on the "Approve" side, the motion shall be subject to the regular course of question period, debate, and vote as set out in the Internal Regulations of Governance and these Standing Rules.

5.7.2 A motion receiving unanimous consent shall be approved without question period, debate, or a formal vote and shall be listed as a consent motion in the public voting record and in the minutes.

5.7.3 The specific votes of Councillors on consent items will not be shared publicly. The regular voting record for formally questioned, debated, and voted on motions will continue to be published.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*



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# MOTION REGARDING FIRST YEAR COUNCIL ELECTIONS FALL 2019

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the First Year Council (FYC) is a governance structure under SSMU;

**WHEREAS**, the first Legislative Council is typically held around mid-September;

**WHEREAS**, the FYC elections cycle should begin prior to mid-September to encourage greater first year participation;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council approves the elections timeline for the FYC 2019 elections in Appendix A.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

## Appendix A

**First Year Council (FYC) Elections 2019:**

**FYC Information Session (optional):** September 9 and September 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM

**Nomination Period:** September 3 at 9:00 AM - September 17, 2019 at 5:00 PM

**Candidates Meeting:** September 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM

**Pensketches Due:** September 25, 2019 at 8:00 PM

**Campaign Period:** September 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM - September 28, 2019 at 5:00 PM

**Polling Period:** September 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM to September 28, 2019 at 5:00 PM



# MOTION REGARDING INTERIM PROVISIONS FOR INTERNAL REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND PLANS

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, changes to Policies, Plans, and Internal Regulations will be submitted at the last Legislative Council of the year;

**WHEREAS**, such changes generally require two readings;

**WHEREAS**, to implement these changes in this academic year, an interim provision will need to be made;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council apply an interim provision change on the following Internal Regulations of Governance:

## 6.2 TWO READINGS REQUIRED.

The adoption of a Policy or a Plan by the Legislative Council shall require ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** readings, as shall be detailed in the Standing Rules adopted by the Legislative Council.

## 9.2 AVAILABILITY OF AMENDMENTS.

The existing wording of the Internal Regulation in question and the proposed amendment ~~shall be provided at least two (2) weeks in advance:~~

- a. in the case of a resolution to be passed by the Legislative Council, **be presented at that same Legislative Council** ~~two weeks prior to the presentation of the motion~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this interim provision take effect from March 29th, 2019 and subsequently expire April 5th, 2019.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

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# MOTION REGARDING PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR PLANS FOR THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL PROJECT

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, McGill University is launching public consultation within the University community on the Master Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Milton Parc Citizens' Committee (MPCC) received public consultation for the project in 2017;

**WHEREAS**, the MPCC wishes to receive further consultation on the project;

**WHEREAS**, the MPCC has outlined their requests in an email (Appendix A);

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council endorse the MPCC's ask for consultation on the Royal Victoria Hospital project.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

## Appendix A

The Royal Victoria Hospital is a heritage site of extraordinary significance due to both its history, its architecture, and its location on the slopes of the Mont-Royal. Given that this former public healthcare institution is being donated to McGill University, in addition to a donation of \$37 million of public money from the provincial government, we hope that its future be conceived of in a way that also involves and serves the public. We recognise that there is considerable potential to turn the use of the site into innovative and even inspirational social purposes, especially given that Donald Smith and St



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George Stephen's original condition in creating the hospital was that its land and buildings must only ever be used for healing.

We note that McGill University organised an invitation-only public consultation on May 8, 2017 at which the late Lucia Kowaluk OC CQ, Dimitri Roussopoulos, and Julien Gravel Tremblay (then SSMU Community Affairs Commissioner) participated. There, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Suzanne Fortier, stressed the importance of involving the local community and respecting their concerns in the future plans for the site.

Since this 2017 public consultation, we eagerly await clear news about McGill's proposed use of the site and an invitation to involve the local community (including local residents and even students, university staff, and the wider public) in the development of such plans.

As we recognise that public transparency, democratic accountability, and community involvement is essential for the healthy functioning of our neighbourhood, our city, and our society, we as the citizens of the Milton Parc neighbourhood would therefore like more detailed information about the nature of McGill's plans and an opportunity for us to contribute to the development of plans for the site.

More specifically, we would like to invite a representative of the McGill administration to give a presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the MPCC, on Thursday April 28th 2019, 7pm, in the ARMP Community Centre in Galeries du Parc (3580 Jeanne Mance). Following this, we ask that McGill University follow up by organizing a public consultation to allow citizens living in the Milton Parc neighbourhood and beyond to democratically co-create a vision for the site.

Dimitri Roussopoulos  
President of the Milton Parc Citizens' Committee (CCMP-MPCC)



# MOTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF THE SPF FOR THE BIKE CENTRE PROJECT OPERATIONS

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, in the Fall 2017 referendum period, the students voted on the creation of a Bike Centre in the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") building (the University Centre);

**WHEREAS**, currently the Bike Centre project is stalling due to operational concerns held by McGill administration;

**WHEREAS**, using the Sustainable Projects Funds (SPF) as collateral for operational deficits should mitigate any concerns held by administration;

**WHEREAS**, the annual projected operational costs for the facilities are in the range of \$40,000 to \$60,000;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council endorse the statement outlined in Appendix A and mandate the President send it to the Sustainable Projects Fund Governance Council on behalf of undergraduate students;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Society extends the current agreement on the Bike Center Facility by one year, placing the new end date for construction of the Facility by December 31st, 2021.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Rebecca Scarra, *Arts Representative*

Haoyi Qiu, *Science Representative*



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## Appendix A

To SPF Governance Council members,

As the President of the Students' Society of McGill University (the SSMU), and a strong supporter of the Bike Centre project, I believe that this initiative reflects the needs of our student body. This is based both on the overwhelming support we received during our Fall 2017 referendum (83.1% of eligible students voted Yes to the facility), and on the feedback we often receive that additional bike parking and showering facilities are sorely lacking on campus. I also see this project as an important representation of the University's commitment to sustainability, given that it is highly visible, and arose through collaboration between the SSMU and the McGill administration.

Despite my support for the project, I share the same concerns as the University administration concerning the financial risk associated with the operational costs of the Bike Centre. As with all pilot projects, there is inherent risk of deficits in the first few years of operation, that neither the SSMU nor the administration is able to shoulder at this point in time.

In order to move forward on this landmark initiative, we would be supportive of a scenario where the SPF covers the potential operating deficits for the period between the opening of the Bike Center until 2023. We see the SPF as an appropriate source of these potential funds as it is comprised of an equal split of student and administrative funding, and as such, would be representative of both major stakeholders invested in this project.

We also recognize the timeline of this project. The current agreement with the University has the project lasting until December 31st, 2020. Based off of the response from the student body, we would like to extend the project agreement until December 31st, 2021 to ensure that the construction of the facility will take place.

We hope that you will consider this request, as we feel this project would have a significant and visible impact on our campus sustainability.

Best regards,

Tre Mansdoerfer

President, Students' Society of McGill University



# MOTION ON SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR PROFESSOR

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU must maintain its commitment to an outright ban on an undergraduate professor student relationships.

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection (See SSMU Constitution).

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU must commit to setting a precedent for standing in solidarity with and actively supporting survivors

**WHEREAS**, incidents related to sexual assault and sexual violence are an ongoing phenomenon not just at McGill, but at campuses across the country. (see Policy on Consent Education and Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence-Related Policy Advocacy).

**WHEREAS**, cultural change regarding consent and sexual violence requires long standing commitment through advocating for and building institutional change and maintaining regular campaigns has been recommended to SSMU. (See Policy on Consent Education and Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence-Related Policy Advocacy).

**WHEREAS**, Students across Canada have made it clear that the institutional silence and neglect which plagues our universities cannot be tolerated (see GSVP Report).

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSMU sign on as an official signatory on the call for university of Windsor to defend and support Dr. Julie MacFarlane (see Appendix A).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSMU publicize this decision and share the petition with students to the best of its ability by the VP internal on applicable platforms.

Moved by:

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*



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Caitlin Bazylykut, *Nursing Representative*

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

## Appendix A

Call for the University of Windsor to Defend and Support Dr. Julie Macfarlane

To sign onto this letter, please fill out this form [HERE](#).

If your student group wishes to sign-on, please email [chair@sfcccanada.org](mailto:chair@sfcccanada.org).

\*\* For all Media Inquiries please contact Connor Spencer at [chair@sfcccanada.org](mailto:chair@sfcccanada.org).

For context, please read [this article](#) by Dr. Macfarlane.

Dear:

Dr. Douglas Kneale, Interim President and Vice-Chancellor

Professor Jeff Berryman, Acting Provost

Mr. William J. Willis, Chair, Board of Governors

Mr. Christopher Waters, Dean of the Faculty of Law

We are writing this letter in support of Dr. Julie Macfarlane, who is currently being sued for defamation for speaking up about a predatory former colleague, and who the University of Windsor is failing to support.

Students for Consent Culture Canada (SFCC) is a national student survivor-led organization working to end campus sexual violence by building a network between student unions, community organizations, and other advocates. Our team is comprised of students from campuses across Canada, including the University of Windsor.

Across the country, we are seeing a rise in defamation suits as powerful men in post-secondary institutions are called out for their harm, suits filed against both professors and students in some cases. Current and future students at UWindsor, as well as students across the country, are watching, and seeing that you are choosing not to stand up for anyone who names and reports harm when they see it. We, as students and student survivors, are deeply alarmed by the University's failure to defend Dr. Macfarlane against a lawsuit threatening her for the actions she has taken to protect the safety of students at the University of Windsor and elsewhere, including those put at risk by the non-disclosure agreement in this case.

NDA's create an impossible dilemma for whistleblowers trying to protect students and prevent future sexual misconduct. By agreeing to an NDA, a university washes their hands of the responsibility to provide honest information about sexual misconduct or allegations of sexual misconduct that they



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are aware of. In doing so, they make whistleblowers vulnerable to defamation suits that are hard to defend in the absence of honest information.

Dr. Macfarlane's work opposing [the university's use of Non-Disclosure Agreements](#) is crucial to supporting the work of student survivors at a grassroots level on campuses across the country, and we stand in solidarity with her as we all fight to rid our institutions of practices that condone and uphold rape culture and abuses of power on our campuses. We urge you to reach out to Dr. Macfarlane and take immediate action to defend her against the defamation suit she is now facing.

We stand up for the professors who stand up for us.

We look forward to your prompt response and the actions you take to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Connor Spencer, McGill University BA '18  
SFCC National Chair

Cherlene Cheung, University of Windsor JD/MSW Candidate  
SFCC Advocacy Coordinator

Sam Rockbrune, York University, MA Socio-Legal Studies  
SFCC Outreach Lead

Tia Wong, University of Victoria  
SFCC Education Lead

Emma Cox, McGill University BA '16  
SFCC Education Coordinator

Caitlin Salvino, University of Oxford  
MPhil (Law)  
SFCC Advocacy Lead

Anne Moreau, University of Ottawa BA '18  
SFCC Education Coordinator

Karan Saxena, University of Manitoba  
SFCC Outreach Coordinator



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**Student Group Signatories:**

1. Students for Consent Culture Canada
2. Advocates for a Student Culture of Consent (Wilfrid Laurier University)
3. Student's Law Society: University of Windsor (SLS)
4. Windsor OUTLaw
5. Rotaract Club of Windsor 1918
6. Concordia Student Union (CSU)
7. Silence is Violence - U of T
8. Justice for Women - University of Manitoba
9. World Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Student's Association (WIMESSA) - McGill
10. Sexual Assault Centre of McGill's Student Society (SACOMSS)
11. Women and the Law: Windsor (WATL)





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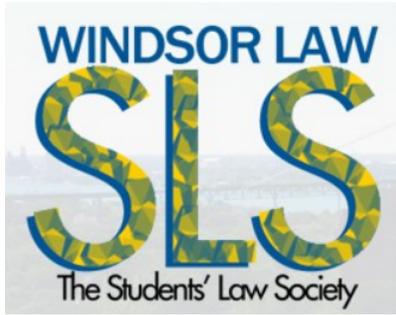
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# MOTION REGARDING A SPECIAL REFERENDUM PERIOD

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, a question on Fall Reading Break will be presented to the general membership;

**WHEREAS**, this question will only be able to be created on April 9th after a McGill sub-committee meeting of ESAAC;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to have a student vote on this topic before the end of the academic year so work can be done over the summer on the topic;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council suspend the required duration for Electoral Periods;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council approve the following Special Referenda period:

Question Submission Period: March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to April 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 pm

Campaign Period: April 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to April 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm

Voting Period: April 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to April 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, a spirit of continuous improvement and innovation should exist within the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") and be reflected in the work of the Society's Committees;

**WHEREAS**, current Executives, Commissioners, and Coordinators have provided ideas on how to improve certain Committees currently under the purview in the Committee Terms of Reference;

**WHEREAS**, the included amendments exist to increase the effectiveness of committees, standardize the committee structure, and provide clearer expectations for committee chairs;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference included in Appendix A be adopted.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Brandon Hersh, *Dentistry Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

## Appendix A

### 1. CLUBS COMMITTEE

#### 1.1. OVERSIGHT.

The Clubs Committee shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.

#### 1.2. GENERAL.

The primary responsibility of the Clubs Committee shall be the review and approval of Interim Club Status applications, Full Club Status applications, and Club constitutional amendments in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Student Groups. It shall also serve as a consultative body for the improvement of Policies related to the Society's Clubs.

#### 1.3. RESPONSIBILITIES.



The Clubs Committee shall:

- a) review and make recommendations for the approval of Interim Club Status and Full Club Status applications in a manner consistent with the Internal Regulations of Student Groups;
- b) review and make recommendations for the approval of proposed changes to Club Constitutions;
- c) make recommendations to the Vice-President (Student Life) on Policies related to Clubs;
- d) review club workshop materials and basic modules and make recommendations to the Vice President (Finance) in relation to this information; and
- e) review and make recommendations to the club committee's terms of reference at the end of the year.

#### 1.4. MEMBERSHIP.

The Clubs Committee shall consist of:

- a) the Club Administrative Coordinator (~~Committee~~ Chair, non-voting);
- b) the Vice-President (Student Life);
- c) The Vice-President (Finance);
- d) two (2) Clubs Representatives to the Legislative Council;
- e) ~~two (2)~~ one (1) other Councillor representing the First Year Council;
- f) ~~two (2)~~ one (1) representatives from the executives of the Society's Clubs

and

Services; and

- g) ~~three (3)~~ one (1) Members at Large; and
- h) Up to two (2) additional Councillors.

#### 1.5. MEETINGS.

All meetings of the Clubs Committee shall be in-camera, unless the committee decides by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to go into a public session. The Club Committee will meet weekly, unless an exception is made by the Clubs Administrative Coordinator, or VP Student Life.

#### 1.6. QUORUM.

Quorum of the Clubs Committee shall be a simple majority of voting members, with at least one Officer present (i.e., either the Vice-President (Student Life) or Vice-President (Finance)).

#### 1.7. REPORTING.



The Clubs Administrative Coordinator shall report to the Legislative Council **whenever there are changes to student group statuses that require the approval of the Legislative Council in accordance with the Internal Regulations of Student Groups. once per semester at the last meeting of the term.**

## 6. FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### 6.1 OVERSIGHT.

The Francophone Affairs Committee shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.

### 6.2 GENERAL.

The Francophone Affairs Committee shall serve as a forum to unite representatives from every francophone student group and association catering to undergraduate students. It will foster better communication and collaboration between these groups, in order to streamline their work and avoid redundancy

### 6.3 RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Francophone Affairs Committee shall:

- a) plan and execute initiatives to make McGill and SSMU more accessible and engaging to francophone students;
- b) promote the rich cultural diversity of the francophone world through events catering to both francophone and non-francophone students; and
- c) review and make recommendations to the Francophone Affairs Committee terms of reference at the end of the year

### 6.4 MEMBERSHIP.

The Francophone Affairs Committee shall consist of:

- a) the ~~Vice President (External Affairs)~~ **Francophone Affairs Commissioner** (Chair, **non-voting**);
- b) Vice President (External Affairs);
- c) ~~The Community Affairs Commissioner~~
- d) two (2) Councillors;
- e) one (1) representative from each francophone undergraduate student group or association.

### 6.5 MEETINGS.

The Francophone Affairs Committee will meet at least once per month (that is, a minimum of four meetings) during the Fall and Winter semesters.

### 6.6 QUORUM.

The quorum for the Francophone Affairs Committee is a simple majority of the voting members.



## 6.7 REPORTING.

The Francophone Affairs Committee will report twice a year to Legislative Council, at the third to last meeting of each semester.

## 7. FUNDING COMMITTEE.

### 7.1 OVERSIGHT.

The Funding Committee shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.

### 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 it doesn't state the breakdown of this portion allocated to the Funding Committee);
- 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) the Charity Fee;
- g) a portion of the Equity Fee (This is because a portion of this fee is used to cover the Equity Committee's yearly deficit); and
- h) a portion of the Mental Health Fee (as referred to in the Internal Regulations of Finances).
- i) the SSMU Award of Distinction Fund.

### 7.3 RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Funding Committee shall:

- a) allocate monies in the name of the Legislative Council from the aforementioned fees, in a manner consistent with the Internal Regulations as they pertain to fees, especially the Internal Regulations of Finances;
- b) meet at the discretion of the Committee Chair to ensure that applications are processed in a timely manner;
- c) run a fee referendum for an expiring fee or report to council why the committee has decided not to run a referendum for an expiring fee; and
- d) review and recommend recipients of the SSMU Award of Distinction applicants to Legislative Council
- e) review and make recommendations to the Funding Committee's terms of reference and Financial Internal regulations at the end of the year.

### 7.4 MEMBERSHIP.

The Funding Committee shall consist of:



- a) the Funding Commissioner, (Committee Chair, non-voting);
- b) The Vice President (Finance);
- c) the Vice-President (Student Life) (non-voting);
- d) four (4) Councillors;
- e) four (4) Members at Large;

#### 7.5 MEETINGS.

All meetings of the Funding Committee shall be in-camera, unless the committee decides by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to go into a public session. The Funding Committee will meet weekly, unless an exception is made by the Funding Commissioner.

#### 7.6 QUORUM.

The quorum for the Funding Committee is a minimum of three (3) voting members.

#### 7.7 REPORTING.

The Funding Committee will update the Legislative Council on the balance of the funds at the last meeting of the Legislative Council for the fall semester and the third meeting of the winter semester. These updates will be in the reporting section of the agenda; being a document comprised solely of the account balances. The Funding Committee will provide a formal report at the second to last Legislative Council meeting in the winter semester.

#### 7.8 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC.

##### 7.8.1 CONSULTED MEMBERS.

The following members should must be consulted on applications under their purview:

- a) the Club Commissioner for Club Fund applications;
- b) the Sustainability Commissioner(s) for Environment Fee applications;
- c) the Community Engagement Commissioner for Community Engagement Fee applications;
- d) the Mental Health Commissioner(s) for Mental Health Fee applications;
- e) the Equity Commissioner for Equity Fee applications; and
- f) one (1) executive from First Year Council for First Year Council Fee applications.; **and**
- g) **the Club, Sustainability, Community Engagement, Mental Health, and Equity Commissioners may be invited to the Funding Committee meetings as non-voting members by the Chair, or may be present in any Funding Committee meeting with relevant applications as per their mandate, in order to consult over relevant applications.**



#### 7.8.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS.

The Members at Large and Councillors that make up the Funding Committee shall be responsible to:

- a) review and assess, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of the stipulated Funds, Funding Applications assigned by the Chair; and
- b) review, assess, and present on a concluding funding sum to scheduled Funding Committee meetings.

#### 7.8.3 DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS.

The following is the criteria of the dismissal of Councillors.

- a) It is up to the Chair's discretion to dismiss a Councillor or member at large from the Funding Committee if they do not attend the minimum four (4) meeting requirement per term without valid medical or emergency notice.
- b) Legislative Council will be notified on any Councillors' removal from the Funding Committee and shall recommend a replacement.
- c) If all Councilors are exhausted on Legislative Council, then members at large will replace Councilor seats that cannot be filled on the funding committee.
- d) Councillors or members at large may also be dismissed for repeatedly failing to complete assigned responsibilities, as per the discretion of the Chair.

#### 7.8.4 VOTING RIGHTS.

- a) The Vice President of Finance, councillors and all members at large all have one (1) vote each.
- b) If the Vice President of Finance cannot attend the meeting, The Vice President of Finance's voting rights will be delegated to the two Funding Commissioners each with half a vote and both together will be considered one (1) voting member for the purpose of quorum.
- c) If one (1) of the Funding Commissioners cannot be present at a meeting, the Funding Commissioner present at said meeting will have one vote and will be considered one (1) voting member for the purpose of quorum.
- d) If the funding decision remains split in the absence of the Vice President of Finance, then the funding application will be postponed until the next meeting where the Vice President of Finance will decide on the tie.

### 9. LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND COMMITTEE

#### 9.1 OVERSIGHT.

The Library Improvement Fund Committee shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.

#### 9.2 GENERAL.



The Library Improvement Fund Committee shall be responsible for the allocation of the Library Improvement Fund. It shall operate and be governed by the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy.

### 9.3 RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Library Improvement Fund Committee shall:

- a) determine the yearly allocation of the Library Improvement Fund;
- b) consult with students and student groups on their priorities regarding the libraries;
- c) solicit, facilitate and review proposals for uses of the Library Improvement Fund from Members of the Society and other members of the University community;
- d) develop project proposals for uses of the Library Improvement Fund based on identified priorities of the Members of the Society;
- e) ensure the fund is used to enrich library resources, and not to provide for regular operational costs;
- f) run a fee-renewal campaign when the current Library Improvement fee is expiring; and
- g) review and make recommendations to the Library Improvement Fund Committee's terms of reference at the end of the year.

### 9.4 MEMBERSHIP.

The Library Improvement Fund Committee shall consist of:

- a) the Library Improvement Fund Commissioner, (Committee Chair);
- b) The Vice President (University Affairs);
- c) the other Society Representative of the Senate Committee on Libraries
- d) Vice-President (Student Life) (non-voting);
- e) At least four (4) Members at Large; and
- f) one (1) Councillor.

### 9.5 MEETINGS.

The Library Improvement Committee will meet at least once a month throughout the Academic Year, unless an exception is made by the Library Improvement Fund Commissioner.

9.5.1 Committee members will be provided a tentative schedule at the first \ Meeting.

### 9.6 QUORUM.

The quorum of the Library Improvement Fund Committee is a simple majority of the voting members.



## 9.7 REPORTING.

The Library Improvement Fund Commissioner shall present to the Legislative Council on behalf of the Library Improvement Fund Committee **at the last Legislative Council of the winter semester, unless requested to by the Vice-President University Affairs.** ~~at least once per semester. They shall also report on the allocations at the last Legislative Council of the winter semester, unless an exception is granted by the Vice-President University Affairs.~~

## 9.8 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC.

### 9.8.1 FACULTY REPRESENTATION.

The following members should must be consulted on applications under their purview:

### 9.8.2 ALLOCATION PERIODS.

The Library Improvement Fund Committee will hold three allocation periods, which will be the following:

- a) Fall
- b) Winter
- c) ~~Summer, at the discretion of the Library Improvement Fund Commissioner.~~  
This allocation period will only be open if there are leftover funds from the previous year.

### 9.8.3 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS.

The Committee will aim to provide 3-6 weeks between when the call for submissions and the deadline for applications.

### 9.8.4 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.

The Library Improvement Fund Commissioner may shall ask a committee member to resign from the committee if the member missed three meetings without providing advance notice. Additionally, a member may be asked to leave the Committee if they miss an allocation meeting without providing advance notice to the Library Improvement Fund Commissioner.

## 10. MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

### 10.1 OVERSIGHT.

The Mental Health Committee shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.

### 10.2 GENERAL.

The Mental Health Committee shall serve as a representative body for all mental health advocacy, events, and policy that are affiliated with the Society



- 1.2.1. **LONG-TERM PLAN.** The Mental Health Committee shall be required to fulfill the expectations laid out in the updated Mental Health Three Year Plan, as created by the 2018- 2019 Mental Health Commissioners.

### 10.3 RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Mental Health Committee shall:

- a) coordinate events and programming for the promotion and destigmatization of mental health on campus, including Mental Illness Awareness Week in the fall semester, and Mental Health Awareness Week in the Winter Semester, along with other relevant forms of outreach such as tabling;
- b) connect and facilitate cooperation between mental health related groups on campus through regular meetings which include representation of student mental health initiatives;
- c) solicit student feedback on professional and peer-run mental health services on campus with the intention of documenting long-term trends, and advocate on behalf of students who have had negative experiences with available mental health resources services, either in the scope of Advisory Board meetings or on an ad hoc basis when necessary;
- d) monitor the Society's compliance with its Policies and Plans as related to Mental Health;
- e) identify and make recommendations for addressing broader issues affecting student mental health on campus;
- f) review and make recommendations to the Mental Health Committee's terms of reference at the end of the year.

### 10.4 MEMBERSHIP.

The Mental Health Committee shall be split into Outreach and Advocacy Subcommittees, of which the total membership shall be:

- a) the Mental Health Commissioner(s) (Committee Chair(s));
- b) the Vice-President (Student Life);
- c) ~~three (3)~~ two (2) Councillors;
- d) ~~three (3)~~ four (4) representatives from each relevant student-run mental health initiative (selected from applicants representing the Peer Support Centre, Nightline, and the Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students' Society), as determined by the Vice-President (Student Life);
- e) six (6) Members at Large.

The Mental Health Commissioners shall prioritize marginalized applicants in their selection process.

### 10.5 MEETINGS.



The Mental Health Committee will meet ~~weekly~~ **twice monthly**, with the Outreach and Advocacy Subcommittees meeting on alternating weeks, unless an exception is made by the Mental Health Commissioner(s). Should a Committee member miss two meetings without giving prior notice to the Committee Chairs, they will be removed and replaced. **The specific content of the meetings will be outlined and determined by the relative points within the SSMU Mental Health Three Year Plan.**

10.6 QUORUM. The quorum for the Mental Health Committee is a simple majority of the voting members.

10.7 REPORTING. The Mental Health Committee will report to the third legislative council meeting of each semester.

10.8 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC.

10.8.1 SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADVOCACY. This Subcommittee of the Mental Health Committee shall:

- a) be charged with mobilizing Members and the administration towards making McGill a more mental health positive campus; and
- b) collecting feedback from students, conducting research and developing proposals on ways to improve mental health on campus

10.8.2 SUBCOMMITTEE ON OUTREACH. This Subcommittee of the Mental Health Committee shall:

- a) be tasked with the general programming of events on campus that work towards the de-stigmatization of mental health issues and promotion of positive mental health; **and**
- ~~b) —~~ **produce at least one informational resource for continuous use every academic year, or spearhead projects to update pre-existing resources created by past Mental Health Committees.**

## 12. STEERING COMMITTEE

12.1 OVERSIGHT.

The Steering Committee shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.

12.2 GENERAL.

The Steering Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to the operation and management of business at the Legislative Council.

12.3 RESPONSIBILITIES. The Steering Committee shall:

- a) review the content and constitutionality of all resolutions before they are considered by the Legislative Council, including proposed amendments to the Internal Regulations;
- b) set the agenda for all meetings of the Legislative Council;



- c) organize and maintain an annual calendar of business;
- d) ensure the accountability of all Committees of the Legislative Council;
- e) monitor deadlines and approval paths;
- f) set the agenda for all General Assemblies; and
- g) recommend amendments to the Internal Regulations and Constitution that would improve the governance functioning of the Society and be permitted to have motions referred to it for review to be returned to Legislative Council with a report and recommendation as requested by Legislative Council;
- h) review and make recommendations to the Steering Committee's terms of reference at the end of the year.

#### 12.4 MEMBERSHIP.

The Steering Committee shall consist of

- a) the Speaker (Committee Chair, non-voting);
- b) the Speaker on Call (non-voting);
- c) the Parliamentarian (non-voting);
- d) the President; and
- e) ~~four (4)~~ **two (2)** Councillors

#### 12.5 MEETINGS.

The Steering Committee will meet the week of meetings of the Legislative Council and General Assemblies.

#### 12.6 QUORUM.

The quorum for the Steering Committee is a simple majority of the voting members.

#### 12.7 REPORTING.

The Steering Committee will report at each Legislative Council.

#### 12.8 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC.

12.8.1 CONSULTED MEMBERS. The Steering Committee ~~can~~**may** have additional seats for ~~SSMU~~**e** Executives interested in the ~~e~~**C**ommittee. These ~~e~~ Executives will serve as non-voting members of the ~~e~~**C**ommittee.

**12.8.2 SUBCOMMITTEES.** The Steering Committee **may, by its own resolution or by means of a resolution of the Legislative Council, create ad-hoc Subcommittees as it deems advisable. Such ad-hoc Subcommittees shall operate under the Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee, except that voting membership shall be opened to all interested Councillors, to a maximum of four (4) additional Councillors.**



5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

5.1 OVERSIGHT.

The Nominating Committee shall be a Committee of the Board of Directors.

5.2 GENERAL.

The Nominating Committee Shall work to ensure that positions on the Board of Directors **and** the Judicial Board ~~and Elections SSMU~~ are adequately filled during the academic year.

5.3 RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Nominating Committee shall:

- a) Review applications and select appropriate candidates to fill positions on the Judicial Board and Board of Directors;
- ~~b) Be responsible for the distribution of the Society's awards and nominations where another Committee of Legislative Council is not specifically responsible;~~  
~~and~~
- c) Review and make recommendations to the Nominating Committee terms of reference at the end of the year.

5.4 MEMBERSHIP. The Nominating Committee shall consist of:

- a) The Parliamentarian (Committee Chair, non-voting);
- b) **One (1) Equity Commissioner (non-voting), chosen at the beginning of each hiring cycle.**
- c) Three (3) Directors; and
- d) ~~Three (3)~~ **Four (4)** Members at Large.

5.5 MEETINGS. The Nominating Committee shall meet when they need to appoint a Judicial Board Justice, ~~or Director~~ **or International Representative** for the Board of Directors **or when called by the Parliamentarian.**

5.6 QUORUM. The quorum for the Nominating Committee shall be a simple majority of the voting members.

5.7 REPORTING. The Nominating Committee will report to the Board of Directors **with a timeline and plan for any upcoming hiring cycles, and with a full report** immediately after any decision made by the Nominating Committee.

5.8 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC.

5.8.1 SELECTION FOR INTERVIEWS. The Nominating Committee ~~should~~ **will** review applications in order to select which applicants should be interviewed. **Candidates**



will be shortlisted for interview by a majority vote at a meeting of the Nominating Committee. Applications are to be reviewed in the order that they were received.

5.8.2 INTERVIEWS. The Nominating Committee ~~should~~ will interview selected applicants. Interviews can be conducted via teleconference or in person. The Equity Commissioner for a given hiring cycle may not conduct or score interviews.

5.8.3 FINAL SELECTION. After the interviews, the Nominating Committee shall recommend the ~~best~~ candidate(s) for ratification by the Board of Directors. Any decision to recommend a candidate to the Board of Directors for ratification must be confirmed by a majority vote of the committee.

5.8.4 AVAILABILITY OF MEMBERS. Members of the Nominating Committee must be available to meet for a period of twelve (12) months.

5.8.4.1 EXCEPTION. Section 8.4 does not apply to Equity Commissioners.

5.8.5 PARTICIPATION BY WAY OF TECHNICAL MEANS. A Member of the Nominating Committee may participate in a meeting of the Nominating Committee by way of technical means, such as a telephone or teleconference. In such a case, the member shall be deemed to have attended the meeting.

5.8.6 DIVERSE REPRESENTATION. The Nominating Committee shall ensure that there is diverse representation in among the individuals nominated to the Board of Directors, including, but not limited to, diversity in terms of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, gender, age, mental or physical disability, language, sexual orientation or social class. The Nominating Committee reserves the right to undertake additional outreach efforts if the applications received lack diversity.

5.8.7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST Members of the Nominating Committee are obliged to disclose conflicts of interest between themselves and applicants to the Committee Chair prior to the selection of candidates for interview. Members are subject to the SSMU Conflict of Interest Policy for the purpose of defining a Conflict of Interest.

5.8.7.1 A member may not vote on nominations, conduct or score interviews for applicants when a conflict of interest involving the member and the applicant is present.

## ~~1. AD HOC FALL READING BREAK COMMITTEE~~

### ~~1.1 OVERSIGHT.~~

~~The Ad Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.~~



#### 1.2 GENERAL:

The Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall gather student input and engage with various members of the McGill community in order to bring about the successful implementation of a Fall Reading Break.

#### 1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall:

- a. review and evaluate past actions undertaken by the SSMU to bring about a Fall Reading Break;
- b. investigate and find solutions to the scheduling conflicts arising from the introduction of a Fall Reading Break;
- c. conduct consultations with the student body to determine what students are looking for in a Fall Reading Break and what they are willing to compromise for it;
- d. propose a Fall Reading Break structure that would best benefit students;
- e. submit a report to the Legislative Council by the end of February 2019 detailing the actions taken in the course of business of this committee, complete with a list of recommendations in order to bring about the implementation of a Fall Reading Break;
- f. present this report to the SSMU membership as a referendum question in the 2019 Winter Referendum period for acceptance or rejection.

#### 1.4 MEMBERSHIP:

The Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President [Advisory, voting];
- b. the Vice-President (University Affairs) [Advisory, voting];
- c. sixteen (16) representatives:
  - i. Senate Caucus Representative (1)
  - ii. Arts (1)
  - iii. Arts & Science (1)
  - iv. Dentistry (1)
  - v. Education (1)
  - vi. Engineering (1)
  - vii. First Year Council (1)
  - viii. Inter-Residence Council (1)
  - ix. Law (1)
  - x. Management (1)
  - xi. Medicine (1)
  - xii. Music (1)
  - xiii. Nursing (1)
  - xiv. PT/OT (1)
  - xv. Science (1)



~~xvi. — Social Work (1)~~

~~d. — two (2) Members-at-Large.~~

~~1.5 MEETINGS:~~

~~The Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall meet every 2 weeks, unless an additional meeting is approved by a simple majority of the Members. Committee Members will be provided a tentative schedule at the second meeting.~~

~~1.6 QUORUM:~~

~~Quorum for the Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall be a simple majority of members.~~

~~1.7 REPORTING:~~

~~The Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee shall report its proceedings and progress in its work at the first Legislative Council meeting of each month. The Committee shall submit its final report to the Legislative Council by the February 28, 2019 meeting.~~

~~1.8 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC:~~

~~1.8.1 CHAIR. The Committee Chair shall be selected by an internal vote of the Committee.~~

~~1.8.2. SECRETARY. The Committee Secretary shall be selected by an internal vote of the Committee. The Committee Secretary must take detailed meeting minutes at each meeting of the Committee.~~

~~1.8.2 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE. The Committee Chair, in consultation with the other Members of the Committee, shall have the power to appoint Members-at-Large of the Committee.~~

~~1.8.3 DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS. The following is the criteria for the dismissal of Members:~~

- ~~a. — It is up to the Chair's discretion to dismiss a Member if a Member misses two or more meetings unexcused or without valid medical or emergency notice.~~
- ~~b. — It is up to the Chair's discretion to place Members first on probation and dismiss Members if their behavior warrants removal from the Committee.~~
- ~~c. — A 2/3 majority vote of Members can empower the Committee to exercise the same powers as the Chair with regards to probation or dismissal of Members.~~
- ~~d. — The Legislative Council will be notified at the next Legislative Council meeting of the removal of Members from the Committee and will recommend a replacement.~~
- ~~e. — A Councillor that is removed from the Committee should first be replaced by another Councillor of the same constituency, then by a Member-at-Large of the same constituency.~~

~~1.8.4 VOTING RIGHTS. Each Member of the Committee shall have one vote each. In the event that a Member is unable to attend a meeting, they may send a proxy to vote on their behalf. All voting shall be conducted by simple majority unless decided otherwise by a consensus of the Members.~~



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# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda should be revised to accurately reflect the functioning of the Students' Society of McGill University (“the Society”);

**WHEREAS**, these changes are to reflect current practices of the Society;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council makes the changes to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda outlined in Appendix A.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*



(Part: Article)	Old	New	Rationale
2:2.4	<p><b>APPOINTMENT.</b> The Electoral Officers shall be appointed by the Nominating Committee and ratified by the Legislative Council subsequently by the Board of Directors. The General Manager and the incumbent Chief Electoral Officer may provide recommendations to the Nominating Committee.</p>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT.</b> The Electoral Officers shall be a hired position through an application process under the portfolio of the President, reporting to the General Manager.</p>	Brings this process to current standards, Nominating committee hasn't been used for this purpose for years
2:4.1	<p><b>ELECTIONS.</b> Elections for the following positions shall be conducted under the auspices of Elections SSMU: e) the two (2) undergraduate representatives to CKUT f) any special Election provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.</p>	<p><b>ELECTIONS.</b> Elections for the following positions shall be conducted under the auspices of Elections SSMU: <del>e) the two (2) undergraduate representatives to CKUT</del> e) any special Election provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.</p>	CKUT elections do not happen for undergrad reps through SSMU.
4:2.2	<p><b>CAMPAIGNING.</b> Campaigning for Plebiscites is prohibited. The Legislative Council may make available unbiased information about the topic.</p>	<p><b>CAMPAIGNING.</b> Campaigning for Plebiscites is <b>permitted</b> <del>prohibited</del>. The Legislative Council may make available unbiased information about the topic.</p>	Topics should have the ability to be debated by the membership at large.
8:4.1 to 8:4.4	<p><b>INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA-08: SPECIAL ELECTIONS.</b> 4. Election of the Undergraduate Representatives to the CKUT Board of Directors.</p>	Strike.	Section is outdated based off of current practices.



# MOTION REGARDING FALL READING BREAK FOR WINTER 2019 REFERENDUM

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, in the Winter 2018 Referendum period, [96.6% of students](#) voted in favour of the Policy on Implementation of a Fall Reading Break, concurrently endorsing the implementation of a Fall Reading Break;

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society")'s Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee was formed in Fall 2018 and conducted a survey that received over 4,300 responses;

**WHEREAS**, JED Consulting has provided analysis of the Fall Reading Break survey and oversaw focus groups;

**WHEREAS**, the Society's [Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee](#) and [JED Consulting](#) have created reports regarding the challenges around implementing a Fall Reading Break;

**WHEREAS**, [preliminary calendars](#) for future Fall semesters with a Fall Reading Break has been created;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society's Legislative Council approve the following Plebiscite question for the Winter 2019 Special Referendum period:

*Do you agree to start the Fall semester the week prior to Labour Day (in late August) to have a one week-long Fall Reading Break occurring the week of Canadian Thanksgiving (mid-Fall semester)?*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council endorse this referendum question;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council initiate a Yes Campaign Committee with Léa Allonier as Campaign Committee Chair;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council allow the SSMU President and the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee to change the Plebiscite question as needed, per the recommendations of the McGill Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee (ESAAC);

Moved by:



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Phillippe Cossette, *PT/OT Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING FURTHER ACTION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, UTILE (Unité de travail pour l'implantation de logement étudiant) presented a Feasibility Study exploring “the conditions that would be in favor of a successful construction project that could potentially be developed for and partly funded by the McGill student community” at the Student’s Society of McGill University’s (“the Society”) Legislative Council on January 24, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, 2051 students voted in favor of a question asking if they would like to see the Society “further prioritize affordable housing, including, but not limited to, further actions to explore developing student housing,” representing 77% vote in favor;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society formally join UTILE as a member and accordingly contribute \$250.00 for two years’ membership fees and send at least one member of the Executive Committee to the Annual General Meeting;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Office of the Vice President (External Affairs), with support from the Community Affairs Commissioner and other Executives as needed, run at least one consultation session in September 2019 in order to gauge interest in a possible student housing project and support for a possible fee;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Vice President (External Affairs) clearly recommend to the Legislative Council whether or not to pursue a fee during the Fall 2019 Referendum Period by the first council meeting of the month of October;

Moved by:

Jacob Shapiro, *Vice President (University Affairs)*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Zaheed Kara, *Clubs Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING INTERIM PROVISIONS FOR THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Interim Provisions are necessary to facilitate a Special Referendum period on a Fall Reading Break plebiscite and membership fee increase;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council apply the following Interim Provisions for the following Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda:

## Part 2: General

### 5.3 TRANSMISSION OF MOTIONS TO ELECTIONS SSMU.

The Speaker, shall transmit all motions pertaining to Elections and Referenda to Elections SSMU ~~no less than seven (7) days prior to the opening of polls. Any motion of the Legislative Council pertaining to Elections or Referenda that is not transmitted to Elections SSMU ten (10) or more days prior to the opening of polls shall be deemed spent and of no force or effect unless this requirement is waived by the Chief Electoral Officer.~~

### 6.3 SPECIAL REFERENDUM PERIODS.

The Legislative Council may define special Referendum period by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority. ~~Such periods must occur before the first and last day of classes of the fall or winter academic semester.~~

## Part 4: Referenda

### 1.2 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-INITIATED REFERENDUM QUESTIONS.

The Legislative Council may initiate a Referendum question by way of a resolution. Any motion to place a question before the Society by the Legislative Council must be presented as a written motion signed by the number of Councillors stipulated in the Standing Rules, or where none exist, at least three (3) Councillors and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting of the Legislative Council. If passed, it will be put to Members during the following Referendum period. ~~The working of the Referendum question must be approved by the Legislative Council fourteen (14) days prior to the opening of polls.~~



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#### **1.4 WAIVER OF DEADLINE:**

The ~~fourteen (14) day~~ deadline for approval of Legislative Council initiated and student-initiated referendum questions may be extended for a question by a motion passed by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority of the Legislative Council and approval by the Chief Electoral Officer. If this deadline has been waived or postponed by the Legislative Council, there shall be a Public Notice indicating so, posted on the Society's website and distributed via the Society's listserv. Each question shall be considered separately, and a motion to waive or postpone this deadline shall only apply to one (1) question at a time.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these Interim Provisions take effect immediately until April 30, 2019.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, President

Bryan Buraga, Senate Caucus Representative

Ana Paula Sanchez, Arts Representative



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# MOTION REGARDING POLICY AND PLAN STANDARDIZATION

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, that SSMU Policies and Plans are poorly organized and formatted;

**WHEREAS**, this lack of organization makes Policies and Plans difficult to implement;

**WHEREAS**, a standardization across policies and plans can help to clearly state expectations for Executives, Councillors, and the student body;

**WHEREAS**, initial work has been done to standardize these documents, but significant time will need to be dedicated to continue this work;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2019-2020 SSMU Executives are mandated to restructure SSMU's Policies and Plans and present the revised Policies and Plans to the first Legislative Council of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING POLICY ON CLUBS AND SERVICES AS SSMU'S HIGHEST PRIORITY

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, there are over 230 clubs and 16 services operating under the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") at the time of this motion;

**WHEREAS**, clubs and services impact a large number of students at our university;

**WHEREAS**, Activities Night, an event that showcases the Society's clubs and services, regularly has over 3,000 students attend;

**WHEREAS**, the Policy on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority is set to expire in May 2019;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council of the Society adopt this Policy on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority with the following positions which shall supplant the existing policy of the same name:

1. Clubs and services are the Society's highest priority.
2. The Society will actively work towards improving the structure to support clubs and services.
3. The Society will actively update this policy and corresponding Plan to reflect the current and future needs of the Society's clubs and services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this policy shall expire January 1, 2024.

Moved by:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Maxence Frenette, *Engineering Representative*



# MOTION REGARDING THE INCREASE OF THE SSMU MEMBERSHIP FEE

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Students' Society of McGill University ("the SSMU") is committed to providing service, representation, and leadership to all undergraduates on the downtown campus at McGill University;

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU has grown in size over the last decade by supporting more student groups, providing more services, and providing more opportunities for student employment;

**WHEREAS**, the real dollar amount of the SSMU's current membership fee has been constant since 2007, when \$1.00 was added;

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Research Commissioner Cecilia MacArthur for the 2015-2016 year outlined in the overview in her report on student union base fees that: "This research looked at the student union base fees students pay across Canada. It demonstrated that the SSMU base fee falls in the middle, although considering the clubs, services, and employment SSMU provides, as well as SSMU's advocacy efforts, the base fee seems low.";

**WHEREAS**, the proposed fee increase would allow the SSMU to increase staffing reflective of the services offered, while also pursuing renovations to current spaces and acquisition of future spaces;

**WHEREAS**, the increase towards the SSMU's operations with this fee increase would position the SSMU's within the middle range of student society membership fees with reference to comparable schools across Canada;

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the SSMU Membership Fee would have the following staffing implications:

- Hiring of additional accountant
- Hiring of a Club and Service full-time staff person
- Hiring of a Governance full-time staff person
- Hiring of a Public Relations full-time staff person
- Several student staff roles, such as a Health and Dental Commissioner, Finance Commissioner, etc.



**WHEREAS**, with the proposed SSMU Membership Fee increase, the Vice President Finance will budget accordingly for large capital projects, including renovations within the SSMU’s properties and acquisition of property external to SSMU;

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the SSMU Membership Fee would have the following space implications within the University Center:

- Future renovations for Gerts
- Future renovations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cafeteria

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU would have the ability to purchase buildings around the downtown area for additional club, service, and activity space for the student body;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following question is sent to the Office of Student Life and Learning for approval:

*“Do you agree to the increase of the non-opt-outable SSMU Membership fee, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU, outlined in the table below per student per semester starting in Fall 2019 with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in an increase of the fee limited to indexation of the fee for inflation according to the Bank of Canada CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the province of Quebec (using the rate at the end of March)? Should the fee increase outlined below be acceptable, the fee will increase by the CPI as defined above in future years (following 2019-20).*

	Increase for Full-Time Students	Increase for Part-Time Students
Law, Medicine, Dentistry	\$10.80	\$5.40
All other Faculties	\$15.00	\$7.50

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council endorse the Increase of the SSMU Membership Fee question.

Moved by:  
Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*



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**Note:** This motion as presented to Legislative Council contained the operative clause ‘and initiate a Yes campaign committee chaired by Tre Mansdoerfer. This clause was not approved following a division of the question, and as such does not appear in the text of this approved motion. This note is not part of this motion, nor the attached appendices.

Samuel Haward, Parliamentarian, 2019-04-05

## Appendix A

Full Time Students	Faculty Group A	Faculty Group B
Increase	\$15.00	\$10.80
Total: Fall 2019	\$59.33	\$43.58

Part Time Students	Faculty Group A	Faculty Group B
Increase	\$7.50	\$5.40
Total: Fall 2019	\$28.80	\$20.91

**Faculty Group A:**

Arts, Architecture (B. Sc. Arch.), Education, Engineering, Music, Management, Nursing, Physical/Occupational Therapy, Science, Arts and Science.

**Faculty Group B:**

Law, Dentistry, Medicine

## Appendix B



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Position	Benefits
Accountant (Full-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Faster cheque request and reimbursement system</b></li> <li>- Faster funding system</li> </ul>
Club Auditor (Part-time to Full-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sanction prevention and resolution</b></li> <li>- Improved communication with student group expectations</li> <li>- Standardizing audit process</li> </ul>
Operations Manager (Full-Time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Higher quality and number of Minicourses</b></li> <li>- Facilitate club contracts for independent spaces</li> <li>- Room booking specialist</li> </ul>
Clubs + Services Manager (Full-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Clubs + Services problem-solver</b></li> <li>- Additional resource person for Clubs + Services</li> <li>- Maintenance of online module for student groups</li> </ul>
Governance Manager (Full-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Building of institutional memory</b></li> <li>- Increase committee effectiveness</li> <li>- Standardization of governance documentation</li> </ul>
Public Relations Manager (Full-time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Informing student body about functions and resources that the SSMU provides</b></li> <li>- Greater communication to student body through various media</li> <li>- Decreasing miscommunication with the student body</li> </ul>
Estimated Aggregate Cost (\$7.50-\$8.25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approximately \$300,000 to be spent on staffing</li> <li>- Represents approximately 50-55% of fee increase</li> </ul>

Long Term Capital Improvement	Benefits
Gerts Renovation/Cafeteria Renovation/Property Purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Great use of student space in the SSMU Building</li> <li>- Gerts bar that is multi-purpose</li> <li>- Greater food variety offered in 2nd Floor Cafeteria</li> <li>- Additional space for student groups</li> <li>- <i>Approximately 45-50%</i> of fee increase</li> </ul>



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# MOTION REGARDING THE SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Moses Milchberg, Legislative Councillor representing the Faculty of Science, resigned from his position with SUS at the beginning of the Winter 2019 semester;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council recognize as vacant the Science Representative seat formerly occupied by Moses Milchberg;

Moved by:

Bryan Buraga, *Senate Caucus Representative*

Jacob Shapiro, *Vice President (University Affairs)*

Ana Paula Sanchez, *Arts Representative*

Garima Karia, *Arts Representative*