

REPORT - RECOMMENDATION OF THE SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FOR FEBRUARY 27TH, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Billy Kawasaki, Vice-President (Student Life)
Samuel Haward, Vice-President (Finance)
Sanchi Bhalla, Vice-President (Internal)
Adeline Wang, Services Administrative Assistant
Noah Merali, Services Representative to Council
Abby de Gala, Member-at-Large

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:

The Services Review Committee met on February 12, 2020 in the SSMU Office to review the application of the Eating Disorder Resources and Support Centre (EDRSC). All members were present, along with two members of the EDRSC who came to present.

GOALS:

The SSMU Eating Disorder Resource & Support Centre shall provide resources and support to the Students of McGill University specialized in Eating Disorders in the form of documentation and peer support. These services are in no way therapeutic and do not replace therapeutic treatment for Eating Disorders. This Centre was created with the intention of creating spaces and support led by students for other students that are inclusive and knowledgeable of Eating Disorders, breaking down the barriers and stigma facing students suffering from disordered eating and eating disorders. Volunteers will be trained around eating disorders and active listening, but do not have the capacity or knowledge to be councillors, therapists, or psychologists for their peers.

Their full constitution can be accessed [here](#) and their budget [here](#).

RATIONALE:

As per the Internal Regulations of Student Groups (VI. 6.3, VII. 7.1.b), Services shall be student-run organizations which extend the Society's provision of services to Members of the Society. The organization's mandate must be to provide resources and/or support to Members. Services may also provide referral, awareness, education, or advocacy services in addition to their provision of resources and/or support.

The Services Review Committee was satisfied that the mandate of the EDRSC was in line with the provisions of resources and support to Members, as well as the completeness of their activity to offer referral, awareness, education, or advocacy services. The second annual Eating Disorder Awareness Week was highly attended and garnered positive feedback from students, reiterating a need for spaces like this to talk about eating disorders. The Services Review Committee acknowledged the particular nature of and support required for eating disorders that is different from peer-support services already offered by current services such as the Peer Support Centre (Internal Regulations of Student Groups VII. 7.1.a).

RECOMMENDATION

The Services Review Committee recommends that the Eating Disorder Resources and Support Centre be instated as a service.

Respectfully submitted,

The Services Review Committee