



MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE 2020-04-02

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Issue Changes associated to committees under the purview of the Office of the Vice-President (External Affairs) are submitted for your review. Thank you for a great year.

Background and Rationale It is standard practice for Terms of Reference to evolve year-over-year, adjusting to the realities of what works within our structures and what doesn't. In conversation with the commissioners attached to these committees, some small changes are suggested to the various committees involving the Vice-President (External Affairs).

In particular, the Affordable Housing Committee is given to the Community Affairs Commissioner to supervise. This change is motivated in two ways, as explained in the Affordable Housing Plan. First, the Community Affairs Commissioner maintains regular contact with Housing Committees and Citizens' Committees in the Plateau, allowing them to interact with best practice in the fight for affordable housing.

Secondly, the nature of their position is such that they would naturally be concerned with municipal advocacy, such as housing legislation. Indeed, their job description was recently amended to recognize the municipal advocacy work done by the Community Affairs Commissioner. Other changes should be fairly self-evident, but any questions can be directed to the Vice-President (External Affairs).



Alignment with Mission	These committees will function more efficiently and student staff will receive the support they need as a result of these changes. This is what we aspire to in our Human Resources practices.
Consultations Completed	This decision was taken in conversation with the Community Affairs Commissioner, Community Engagement Commissioner, and various community groups throughout McGill.
Risk Factors and Resource Implications	Requires the maintenance of a Community Engagement Commissioner. This is the goal of the \$.20 fee increase to the Community Engagement Fee, but even without this increase, the position can still be run year-over-year from the Fund.
Sustainability Considerations	Tweaking and improving committees allows for long-term continuity in the efforts of the Society (institutional sustainability).
Impact of Decision and Next Steps	The Communications Department will work with the Governance Manager to ensure the appropriate changes are reflected in the Committee Terms of Reference book.
Motion or Resolution for Approval	<i>Be It Resolved, That</i> the amendment to the Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix A) be adopted.
Results of the Vote	In favour () Opposed () Abstain ()



APPENDIX A: Committee ToRs Amendments

1.4. Membership The Affordable Student Housing Committee shall consist of:

- a) The Community Affairs Commissioner (Chair);
- b) The Vice-President (External Affairs) (non-voting);
- c) Two (2) Councillors;
- d) Two (2) Members-at-Large;
- e) A representative from the Inter-Residence Council;
- f) A representative from ECOLE; and
- g) A Member from the School of Urban Planning.
- h) The Vice-President (Finance)

3.2. General

The Community Engagement Committee shall be responsible for maintaining leveraging SSMU's links with local community organizations to plan event series and connecting McGill students when possible.

3.3. Responsibilities

The Community Engagement Committee shall:

- a. plan events that promote student involvement in communities in the wider Montreal area, and improve relations between McGill students and permanent residents in the Milton-Parc neighbourhood;
- b. work with organizations such as the SSMU Volunteer service, the Social Equity and Diversity Education (SEDE) office Campus Life & Engagement, Student Services, Branches, and the Arts student Community Engagement Committee initiatives in order to further connect McGill students to local community organizations; and
- c. review and make recommendations to the Community Engagement Committee's terms of reference at the end of the year.

3.4. Membership

The Community Engagement Committee shall consist of:

- a. the Community Engagement Commissioner (Committee Chair);
- b. the Vice-President (External Affairs);
- c. the Community Affairs Commissioner;
- d. a representative from the Inter-Residence Council;
- e. two (2) Councillors;
- f. one (1) representative from each undergraduate community engagement student group or committee; and
- g. ~~two (2)~~ four (4) Members at Large.

3.5. Meetings

The Community Engagement Committee shall meet on a biweekly basis.

3.6. Quorum

Quorum of the Community Engagement Committee shall be a simple majority of voting members.



3.7. Reporting

The Community Engagement Committee shall report twice per year to the Legislative Council, at the third meeting of each semester.

3.8. Committee Specific

3.8.1. Qualifications

Members of the Community Engagement Committee should have:

- a. Knowledge of Montreal community organizations and an interest in social justice;
- b. Functional bilingualism is a strong asset.

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