

Report of the Clubs Representative to SSMU Legislative Council

October 28, 2021

Clubs Committee:

- We had our first meeting last week, and we will continue meeting regularly (depending on the workload)
 - Looking into streamlining the review process to get through applications faster

Clubs Updates:

- Clubs are looking forward to the next Activities Night (known as AN 2.0)
 - The in-person aspect is exciting, but the restriction of one representative per club takes away from the regular experience
 - The date of AN 2.0 (Nov 1-3) is very late for most clubs and they will find it difficult to integrate new students into their club activities
 - There's still frustration from clubs over having to have a second Activities Night and having to put in their time and effort again
- Some individuals feel that the requirements for clubs are too strict and/or unnecessary
 - It's easier to meet unofficially with the same club members than to go through the SSMU process and meet officially
 - They don't see what benefits they get from being an official SSMU club
 - These are generally smaller clubs that don't require funding and are self-sufficient other than finding a space to meet in
 - Previously they became clubs for the privilege of booking in the University Centre or other campus buildings, but that's no longer easy to access
 - Another incentive was advertising in SSMU, but mailing lists aren't as effective as they used to be
 - *Note: while a lot of these restrictions are due to Covid-19 regulations on campus, these clubs have still have unrelated access issues
 - An example would be that even though room capacity is reduced in the University Centre, the VEMS Booking system is not available for room bookings and bookings must be made by emailing the Events Admin
- Generally, clubs are unhappy with the bureaucracy of SSMU and feel like they aren't a priority

Respectfully Submitted,

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