




SSMU



Noah Merali ✓ @BA '22

"I made lifelong friends through MSERT and it really defined my McGill experience. From overnight shifts to dodgeballs games to meetings that went until 3am, I would do it all again in a heartbeat."





If you're reading this, you're probably wondering: what is SSMU? This section will answer all of your burning questions about your student union, including what we do, how it impacts you, and how to get involved!



SSMU Social Media

If you are interested in being updated on SSMU projects, events, and campaigns, follow us on social media!

INSTAGRAM: SSMUAEUM

FACEBOOK: SSMUAEUM

TWITTER: THESSMU

WEBSITE: SSMU.CA

YOUTUBE: SSMU LIVESTREAM



About the SSMU



WHAT IS THE SSMU?

The Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) or l'Association étudiante de l'Université McGill (AÉUM) advocates for the interests of students and provides student services on campus. It helps support and run student-led activities such as clubs, events and advocacy initiatives.

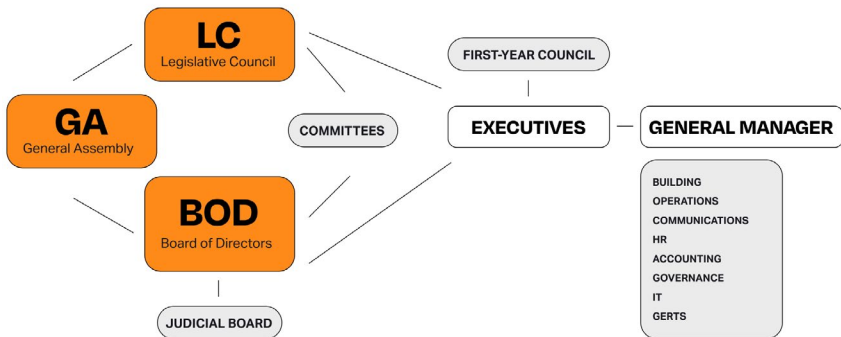
SSMU was founded in 1908 with the objective of being a student-government institution separate from the McGill administration. It is currently run by six (6) undergraduate students who are elected every spring: the President, VP External, VP University Affairs, VP Finance, VP Student Life, and VP Internal.

They each hold a one year term and they act as the voices of undergraduate McGill students.

You, as a student, are able to vote for the Executives. It's their job to represent you, so you can hold them accountable! Since SSMU receives their funding through student fees, make sure to utilize the organization and its many services whenever you may need to, and always feel free to reach out to the Executives with any questions, concerns, or ideas!

Here, you will find information regarding student governance at McGill, how the SSMU works, and how to get involved on campus.

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HOW SSMU WORKS

The organization has:

- 6 Elected Student Executives
- 30 Elected Student Councillors (who sit on the SSMU Legislative Council)
- 13 Elected Student Senators (who sit on the McGill Senate)
- 12 Members of the Board of Directors
- 7 Judicial Board Justices
- 30 Permanent Support Staff
- 160 Part-Time Support Staff

Many students work part-time at SSMU, and SSMU hires periodically throughout the year. Job opportunities will be posted on SSMU's facebook page (fb.com/SSMUAEUM), as well as here (bit.ly/39C5gHv). For more information on SSMU jobs, see page 79.

GOVERNING BODIES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - GA (ssmu.ca/ga)

- ★ General Assemblies are meetings for all SSMU Members (undergraduate students at McGill's downtown campus). Any student can introduce a motion, a proposal to be voted on which, if approved, mandates SSMU to take a specific action or adopt a certain position.
- ★ The assembly approves and ratifies the nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors and approves the auditors, who review SSMU's finances.
- ★ GAs are held once each Fall and Winter semester. Additional GAs can be called to vote to strike or for other special purposes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (bit.ly/3yImVxI)

- * The Board of Directors (BoD) is responsible for the human resources, legal, financial, and operational affairs of the Society.

FINANCES

- * The BoD must approve all investments of three (3) years or longer for which there is a high degree of risk, all liquidation of investments, and the transfer of any cash in or out of the Investment Portfolio. The Board of Directors may approve specific persons to signing authority (authorization to make legal commitments on SSMU's behalf).

GOVERNANCE

- * Ratifies or overturns motions by Legislative Council.
- * May recommend that Legislative Council initiate a Referendum question to be voted on by the student body
- * There are twelve voting members of the Board, as well as a non-voting International Student Representative. Non-voting membership also includes the General Manager, the Governance Manager, the Chair of the Board, the Recording Secretary, and the Parliamentarian.

SOME OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE:

- * Accountability Committee
- * Building and Operations Management Committee
- * Finance Committee
- * Gendered and Sexual Violence Committee
- * Health and Dental Review Committee
- * Nominating Committee

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ssmu.ca/lc)

- * May amend the Internal Regulations (bit.ly/3LVzCTH) (SSMU governing documents) by a two-thirds vote.
- * SSMU Members (that is all undergraduate students on the downtown campus!) can attend all public sessions of the Legislative Council. However, only members of the Legislative Council shall be permitted to attend confidential sessions, except if an individual can provide important information and their presence is approved by a two-thirds vote of the Legislative Council.
- * Members of the Legislative Council may make motions and vote on resolutions at the Legislative Council, in accordance with the SSMU's Constitution and the Internal Regulations. (bit.ly/3LVzCTH)

- * Approximately 30 Councillors
- * Executives are voting members of the Legislative Council.
- * The Speaker of Council, Recording Secretary, General Manager, and the Parliamentarian are non-Voting members of the Legislative Council.

The SSMU Legislative Council has many committees that focus on specific issues that are important to students and to the SSMU. Some of these include the Affordable Student Housing Committee, the Environment Committee, the Equity Committee, the Mental Health Committee, and many more! (bit.ly/3KToMMJ) Most SSMU Committees have seats reserved for members-at-large which any undergraduate student is eligible to fill. If you're interested in sitting on a Committee, keep an eye on the SSMU listserv in the fall - that's the typical committee recruitment period.

JUDICIAL BOARD

(bit.ly/3skz7Lb)

- * Provide opinions and interpretation on matters of the SSMU Constitution and/or Internal Regulations (bit.ly/3LVzCTH)
- * Operate and report as a committee of the SSMU Board of Directors
- * The Judicial Board may establish its own rules of practice, subject to ratification by the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors.
- * A committee of the Board of Directors which consists of 7 members.
- * The Justices are non-paid Members of the Society and are considered as volunteers in their position.

FIRST YEAR COUNCIL (FYC)

(bit.ly/3kLFvXR)

- * FYC is a body of the SSMU responsible for services, representation and programming for first year students.
- * FYC operates under the guidance of the VP (Internal).
- * FYC is a great way for first year students to get involved at SSMU. Consider running for one of the many positions!

COMMITTEES

(bit.ly/3KToMMJ)


COMMISSIONERS

- * All Student Staff who are responsible for coordinating a committee.
- * Commissioners must report at least once per year to the Legislative Council.



Your role in SSMU

WHILE YOU MAY FEEL LOST IN THE LARGE STRUCTURE THAT IS MCGILL, SSMU HAS MANY WAYS FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE YOU A VALUABLE PART OF STUDENT LIFE. IF YOU AREN'T SURE WHAT INVOLVEMENT IS RIGHT FOR YOU, THE SSMU EXECUTIVE TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU, SO FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT USING THE CONTACT INFO ON PAGES 23 AND 25!




CLUBS

Clubs and student groups are a great way to meet new friends and do something you are passionate about. For more information regarding them, go to page 19.

CAMPAIGNS

Campaigns are the engine of student activism on campus. The VP (External) is responsible for working with political and social justice campaigns on SSMU's behalf.



DIVEST MCGILL

divestmccgill.com

fb.me/DivestMcGill/

Divest McGill urges the university to address the urgency of climate change and to stop investing in the fossil fuel industry.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT ALLIANCE

bit.ly/38ccW2P

facebook.me/Indigenous.Student.Alliance
ISA is a community of Indigenous students at McGill. The ISA works to promote Indigenous community growth and to help other marginalized communities. Their goal is to foster community solidarity and human development with the university's different student organizations/groups.

STUDENTS FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

fb.me/mcgillpeaceclub

Students for Peace and Disarmament (Peace Club) strives to end military research at McGill and promotes a peaceful university campus.

EMPLOYMENT

bit.ly/39C5gHv

ssmu.ca/about-us/jobs/

Looking for a job? SSMU has many options if you want to work part-time and are looking for flexible jobs during your studies at McGill. Positions are available throughout the school year and into the summer. Jobs vary, and positions include community work, human resources, and political activism, among other things. Applications for summer jobs at SSMU usually open in January or February and positions for the upcoming school year are posted in March and April.

GETTING INVOLVED IN GOVERNANCE

ssmu.ca/governance/

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

bit.ly/3Fmb4Rs

As a student at McGill, you have a voice you can use. The GA is when members of the SSMU participate in student government by writing and voting on Motions that oblige the SSMU to take particular action. The dates for each GA will be posted on the SSMU website at the beginning of each academic year.

SSMU COMMITTEES

bit.ly/3KToMMJ

Interested in joining a committee? The SSMU Committees are governed by the Committee Terms of Reference book, which outlines the basic composition of all committees. A few of these are the Accessibility, Indigenous and Black Affairs, and Mental Health Committees.


VOTING, ELECTIONS, AND REFERENDA

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Student elections are done through SSMU, as well as through your faculty and department. Becoming a representative of the Society is an excellent way to make the voices of students and their concerns in your faculty and department heard. You can promote student rights and interests and coordinate on different projects. Elections are held in January, so make sure to check your email.

Voting is an essential part in how the SSMU promotes student voices and their concerns. Make sure to vote in departmental, faculty, and SSMU elections. Without your vote, the SSMU cannot create student movements and create projects, events, and services that are in your interest.

Referendums, questions put to a vote of the entire undergraduate student body, are a way to get involved in the democratic institution of the SSMU. They are held once per semester, typically in early November and early March. There are student-initiated and council-initiated referendums. For student-initiated referendums, students need to gather 100 signatures in order for a referendum question to be put on the ballot.



Getting Involved With SSMU

It is very easy to get involved with SSMU and there is something for everyone.

CLUBS, STUDENT-RUN SERVICES, AND INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

SSMU now operates a club portal, which is a one stop shop for students to search and interact with clubs, services, and ISGs. Not only does this portal allow students to get more involved with the McGill community, but clubs, services and ISG's are able to submit their forms, events, and conduct their daily activities on the platform. You can visit the portal at clubportal.ssmu.ca/.

With over 230 clubs, 17 student-run Services, and 11 Independent Student Groups, there are many opportunities to find yourself. Here are different areas of clubs that McGill offers:

CLUBS

- ★ **ATHLETIC AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS CLUBS** - (bit.ly/3shW2XF)
- ★ **CHARITY AND ENVIRONMENT CLUBS** - (bit.ly/3LRwEQb)
- ★ **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND VOLUNTEERING CLUBS** - (bit.ly/3FpO2sN)
- ★ **FINE ART, DANCE, AND PERFORMANCE CLUBS** - (bit.ly/3MXwy9L)
- ★ **HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLUBS** - (bit.ly/3ykFQbF)
- ★ **LANGUAGE AND PUBLICATIONS** - (bit.ly/3vOVIXW)
- ★ **LEISURE ACTIVITY AND HOBBY CLUBS** - (bit.ly/3sjjSSM)
- ★ **NETWORKING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLUBS** - (bit.ly/37r8bSQ)
- ★ **POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVISM CLUBS** - (bit.ly/3kLEQWc)
- ★ **RELIGION AND CULTURE CLUBS** - (bit.ly/39K3leM)

SERVICES

MCGILL STUDENT'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (MSERT) (msert.sus.mcgill.ca)

MSERT is a student-led volunteer service that is backed by the SSMU. It provides free and accessible first aid services to students.

FLAT BIKE COLLECTIVE (bit.ly/3MTLKEX)

The Flat Bike Collective is a volunteer-run service that promotes cycling by sharing tools and knowledge. Students can visit The Flat to access tools and parts to repair their bike during its opening hours. The Flat also runs workshops about bike maintenance.

SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRE OF THE MCGILL STUDENT'S SOCIETY (SACOMSS) (sacomss.org/wp/)

SACOMSS is a volunteer-run organization that supports survivors of sexual assault. This is done through direct support, advocacy, and outreach. It provides a safe and accessible non-judgmental space for any one who wishes to use it free of charge.

PEER SUPPORT CENTRE (PSC) (psc.ssmu.ca)

PSC offers a space where students can confidentially connect with trained volunteer peer supporters to talk about what's on their mind, such as academic stress, relationship problems, and homesickness. PSC volunteers receive training in a number of areas including active listening, common student issues, and ethical conduct.

MCGILL STUDENTS' NIGHTLINE (nightline.ssmu.ca)

The McGill Students' Nightline is a confidential and anonymous non-judgmental listening service that is run by students. If you need someone to talk to, you can call them during the fall and winter semesters from 6 p.m to 3 a.m. As of spring 2022, the service has temporarily closed its phone lines, but can still be reached via their online chatline.

UNION FOR GENDER EMPOWERMENT (UGE)

(theuge.org/)

The UGE is a trans-positive feminist service of the SSMU. They provide Pay-What-You-Can gender-affirming, safer sex, and hygiene products to students. The service also offers a safer space, alternative library, and workshops and events.

EATING DISORDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT CENTRE (EDRSC) (edrsc.ssmu.ca/)

The EDRSC is a student volunteer service that provides peer support around eating disorders and disordered eating. Support services are run by trained facilitators and include support groups,

virtual messaging support, and educational events. Services are open to all who feel they may benefit from them, regardless of medical diagnosis.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (MSA)

(msamcgill.com/)

The MSA brings Muslim students of McGill together and provides resources, services, and events to help promote spiritual and social growth of its members.

QUEER MCGILL (queermcgill.org/)

QM is a service run by and for queer students that supplies resources such as an alternative library, safer sex supplies, gender-affirming items, and help finding resources in the greater Montreal community. They also run a number of events and groups for queer students include game nights, movie nights, dances, and workshops.

THE PLATE CLUB (bit.ly/39JuHXU)

The Plate Club offers free dishware rentals for students in an effort to reduce waste generated by student-run events.

MIDNIGHT KITCHEN (MK) (midnightkitchen.org)

MK is a non-profit that provides accessible food to everyone through programs such as emergency grocery cards, a free prepared meal program, and solidarity servings for organizations that align with its mandate.

SSMU DRIVESAFE (drivesafe.ssmu.ca)

SSMU Drivesafe provides safe rides home to students on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. More information about Drivesafe is available on page 12.

SSMU WALKSAFE (walksafe.ssmu.ca)

SSMU Walksafe provides free and confidential accompaniment for those walking alone at night. More information on Walksafe is available on page 12.

TVM: STUDENT TELEVISION AT MCGILL

(tvmtelevision.com)

TVM provides opportunities for students to work on film and video projects on and around campus. The organization also provides live-streaming and recording services to McGill organizations.

BLACK STUDENTS' NETWORK (BSN)

(bsnmcgill.com/)

BSN hosts a range of political and social events by and for Black students at McGill, such as Soul Food Fridays, Hair Day, Black Frosh, movie nights, and much more.

SSMU MUSICIANS COLLECTIVE

(fb.me/ssmumusicianscollective/)

SSMU Musicians Collective is a musicians' network that is dedicated to promoting musical opportunities for students through jam room bookings, instrument loans, open mics, and more.

ARAB STUDENT NETWORK

(fb.me/ASNMcGill/)

ASN is a secular, non-partisan group that offers a number of social, educational, and charity-based events related to Arab culture and heritage.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS



THESE ARE GROUPS THAT EXIST ON CAMPUS OUTSIDE OF THE SSMU STRUCTURE. THESE ARE LARGER THAN MOST CLUBS AND HAVE THEIR OWN GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES, WITH MANY BEING NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (QPIRG)

(qipirgmcgill.org)

QPIRG-McGill is a student-run organization that unites McGill and the greater Montreal community in the fight for social and environmental justice through projects like Rad Frosh, event series, and the Community University Research Exchange (CURE).

THE MCGILL TRIBUNE (mcgilltribune.com)

The McGill Tribune is an independent student-run newspaper that has covered McGill, Canada and the world since 1981.

AIESEC (aiesec.ca)

AIESEC is the largest student-run nonprofit organization that operates in 127 countries. It strives to develop leadership through sending students abroad for international volunteer and internship programs.

CKUT RADIO 90.3 FM (ckut.ca/en)

CKUT is a non-profit campus-community radio station at McGill. It provides a wide range of music, news, and word programming for Montreal.

DAILY PUBLICATIONS SOCIETY - THE MCGILL DAILY & LE DELIT (dailypublications.org)

The Daily Publications Society is an independent, student-led, not-for-profit organization that publishes a French and English newspaper at the university. The Daily and Le Delit produce print issues every week during the fall and winter semesters.

ECOLE PROJECT (EDUCATION COMMUNITY LIVING ENVIRONMENT) (ecoleproject.com)

The ECOLE Project is a hub for sustainable living and community organizing at McGill.

THE MCGILL CHAVURAH (fb.me/themcgillchavurah/)

The McGill Chavurah is an inclusive space for the community of Jewish students at McGill. They host regular shabbat services as well as other events in the McGill neighborhood.

GOLDEN KEY (fb.me/goldenkeymcgill/)

The Golden Key chapter at McGill works to provide the best environment for helping its members achieve goals in academics, leadership and service. The members of the Golden Key focus on community service, networking events, and creating connections with the community and students.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MCGILL (IRSAM) (irsam.ca)

IRSAM is the largest student group at McGill, with over 280 members. It is a federally incorporated, not-for-profit organization and has special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. It offers a wide range of events from community outreach programs to Model UN Conferences.

LEGAL INFORMATION CLINIC AT MCGILL (LICM)

(licm.mcgill.ca)

The LICM is Canada's largest student-run legal clinic. It provides free legal information to McGill students. Their Student Advocacy office provided free representation for McGill students facing academic and non-academic offenses under the Code of Student Discipline. More information on the Student Advocacy office is available on page 31.

MUSTBUS (mustbus.ca)

MUSTBUS is a student lead initiative that focuses on delivering low-cost bus travel. It offers weekend and holiday bus services to cities like NYC and Toronto and plans to expand to more in the future.

OPERATIONS



The heart of operations for SSMU is the University Centre, which is the hub of all activities in McGill's downtown campus. The building hosts Gerts (SSMU's student bar), MiniCourses, and many student activities.

The SSMU Operations team focuses on supporting the Centre and the many SSMU clubs and services on campus. With the help of the Events Coordinator, you will be able to organize your event to its fullest potential. It is also the event hub of the SSMU and it helps organize popular student events like Carnival and 4à7.

There are many resources at your disposal as well, and the team will help you with club events. They are here for you, so do not hesitate to ask them questions.

SSMU LISTSERV (ssmu.ca/resources/listserv)

The SSMU listserv is a weekly newsletter from the SSMU Executives highlighting what's new and happening on campus – including what governance meetings are coming up, what the SSMU executives are up to, and what events SSMU Clubs, Services, and other student groups around campus are planning! As a SSMU member, you will receive it directly in your email. Keep an eye out for it to always stay updated!

SSMU EVENTS CALENDAR (ssmu.ca/events)

The SSMU Calendar compiles all of the activities on and around campus.

GERTS BAR

(gertscampusbar.ca)

University Centre basement
3480 McTavish Street

(514) 398-3459 | gerts@ssmu.ca

Monday to Friday: 4pm–12am

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Gerts Bar is a center of student life on campus. For information on events and to see the menu, visit their website.

GERTS CAFE

(gertscampusbar.ca)

University Centre basement (3480 McTavish Street)

(514) 398-3459 | gerts@ssmu.ca

Monday to Friday: 9am-3pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Gerts Cafe is the sister to Gerts Bar and is located in the same space. You could order a breakfast sandwich from the cafe and then grab a pint with your friends at the bar later that day.

MINICOURSES

(minicourses.ssmu.ca/)

SSMU offers a number of affordable extra-curricular courses and workshops that allow you to learn or build on skills through the MiniCourses program. Past courses have included Yoga Fundamentals, Introduction to Birdwatching, Intermediate French Conversation, and Still-Life Drawing. There's something fun and interesting for everyone! Keep an eye on the SSMU Listserv for updates on the fall courses.



Funding Opportunities

You might be interested in funding if you want to organize trips to conferences, need equipment for projects, or want to organize cultural events. The Funding Committee will look at your application and decide to approve your funding request. Submit by August 1 or December 1 for fall or winter semester plans.

- ★ Read the updated SSMU Funding Guidebook (bit.ly/3KTF9su) to understand the funding process and what is available.
- ★ Choose which fund you wish to apply to. Assure that the mandate of the fund you are applying to matches your initiative.
- ★ Send in your Funding Application (bit.ly/3yka66A) and assure yourself that all estimates, costs, and supporting documents are correct.
- ★ Accept your decision and assemble your Post-Funding Report. Your student organization can apply again for other initiatives and events.

Pro tip: contact the Funding Commissioner (fundcom@ssmu.ca) for any inquiries and before you submit your application you can ask the Funding Commissioner to review it.

CLUB FUNDS


AMBASSADOR FUND

This fund is a way to get financial assistance for students that wish to attend conferences that are academic or athletic oriented.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND

This fund is a way to get financial assistance for projects that are meant to push community building between McGill and other outside communities.

MENTAL HEALTH FUND

The Mental Health Fund offers financial assistance to initiatives aiming to promote mental health awareness, improve students' mental health, and tear down the stigmatization of mental health on campus. 

CAMPUS LIFE FUND

The Campus Life Fund is a project/event-specific source of financial assistance and takes on many initiatives that occur close to or on the McGill campus.

ENVIRONMENT FUND (GREEN FUND)

The Green Fund is a source of financial assistance for sustainable initiatives led by student groups and initiatives that advocate for sustainability at McGill.

EQUITY FUND

This fund is a way to get financial aid for projects, policies, and research with the objective of ending discrimination and promoting accessibility and inclusivity at McGill.


SPACE FUND

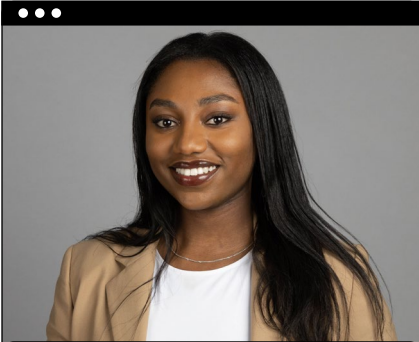
The Space Fund is a way to get financial aid to support physical improvements of buildings at McGill.

FIRST-YEAR FUND

The First-Year Fund is for events, initiatives, and services that are meant to improve the experience of first-year students at McGill. The amount of funds available each semester is \$1,000.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

This program is meant to support cultural, athletic, and educational student groups. The McGill Alumni Association and University Advancement give financial support through sponsorships that go from \$250 to \$750. 



PRESIDENT

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EXPLANATION OF POSITION

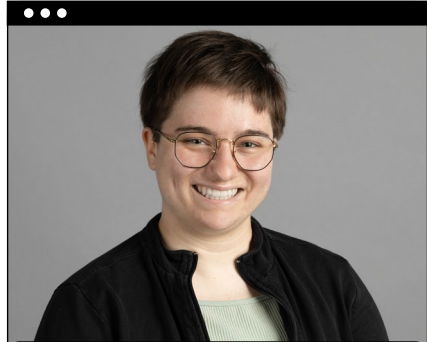
The President is the chief officer and chief spokesperson of the SSMU, responsible for determining the vision of the Society and ensuring its long-term integrity. The President is also responsible for representing students on various university governance bodies and managing relations between the Society and SSMU, overseeing the governance, Constitution, and Internal Regulations of the Society, and chairing and coordinating the activities of the Executive Officers.

AREA OF STUDY

Honours Political Science

FAVORITE MCGILL MEMORY

My favourite McGill memory is of my very first semester at McGill, enjoying the full experience of in person student life. That first semester is my favourite McGill memory, as it was full of discovery, new friends, and new experiences. I loved attending Open Air Pub (OAP) and the annual McGill Book Fair!



VP EXTERNAL

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EXPLANATION OF POSITION

The Vice-President (External Affairs), VP X for insiders, is responsible for:

- ✦ Advocating at the university, municipal, provincial, federal level;
- ✦ Maintaining relations with unions, community, student associations, federations;
- ✦ Supporting current political campaigns. It is crucial that, in doing so, the VP X promotes student engagement, solidarity, accessibility and accountability.

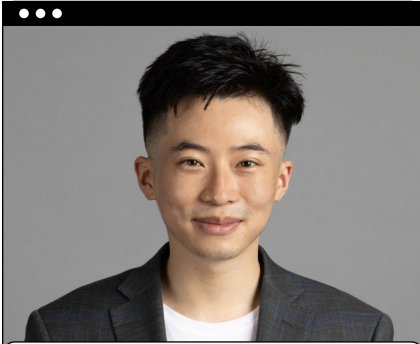
AREA OF STUDY

I am majoring in Psychology and have yet to declare my minor in Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies (GSFS). For now, I have the privilege of working with teenagers that deal with mental health issues and live with the consequences of complex trauma.

FAVORITE MCGILL MEMORY

In the winter of 2022, Divest McGill occupied the Arts Building for 12 consecutive days. Let me tell you I hadn't seen that amount of student mobilization in a while at McGill. Rather than being in opposition to administration and powers that be, Divest decided to create this truly generative place where knowledge was shared, ideas exchanged and a radical community built. A truly remarkable initiative!





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EXPLANATION OF POSITION

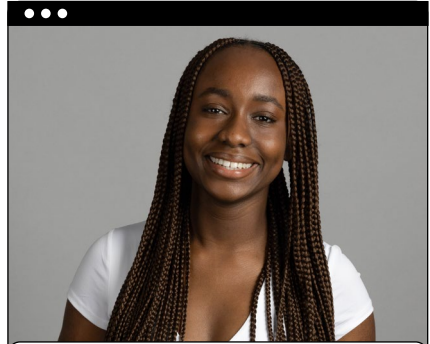
The Vice President University Affairs is responsible for advocating for student interests at a university-wide level. This is mainly done by sitting on Senate and key committees, policy drafting and research, and championing student rights. The VP University Affairs is also responsible for overseeing the equity portfolio and many equity-related initiatives. The last major responsibility of the VP UA is supporting and advocating for improved academic resources, such as library development and better study spaces.

AREA OF STUDY

Neuroscience

FAVORITE MCGILL MEMORY

Leading Frosh! Frosh is a fun and amazing time and I encourage y'all to attend!



VP STUDENT LIFE

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EXPLANATION OF POSITION

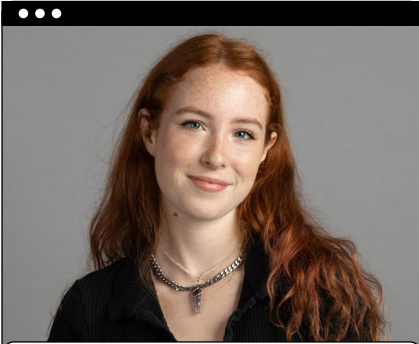
As VP Student Life, I am responsible for maintaining relations and providing support to our various student groups at McGill. I am here as a resource to ensure student groups can function and cater to their communities in the student population. I am also responsible for advocating for mental health initiatives as well as accommodating student caregivers and their needs.

AREA OF STUDY

Cognitive Science (Neuroscience stream) and Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Minor

FAVORITE MCGILL MEMORY

This past year I was part of a club's executives cabin bonding weekend. They've really become my family since and my support system here at McGill :)



VP INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION OF POSITION

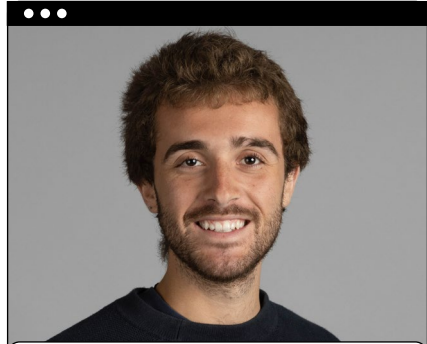
The Internal Affairs portfolio deals primarily with events, large and small scale throughout the year, working with the SSPN committee to plan inclusive and accessible events. Internal also is the main coordinator of the SSMU's communications, internally and between SSMU and the McGill student body. Alongside this, internal also overlooks operations of first years through the First Year Council and alumni.

AREA OF STUDY

I am a fourth year Psychology student, with minors in Behavioural Science and Sociology, in the Arts faculty.

FAVORITE MCGILL MEMORY

One of my favourite McGill memories has to be Frosh in my first year, it was where I met all my close friends, and current roommates, and where I learnt about all the different ways I could get involved at McGill. A specific memory from frosh that I'll always remember is just sitting around with my frosh group and leaders at OAP after an event, chilling and talking as a band played in the background-great vibes.



VP FINANCE

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EXPLANATION OF POSITION

As the Chief Financial Officer of the Society, the VP Finance is charged with ensuring the long-term and administrative stability of SSMU. In cooperation with the General Manager, they prepare the annual budget, manage human resources, and oversee the insurance plan.

AREA OF STUDY

I finished my second year at McGill in Political Science and Economics.

FAVORITE MCGILL MEMORY

First time going hiking with my class and seeing the famous red orange and yellow colours in the trees of the mountains.