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MOTION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDENT GROUPS 2023-03-09

Submitted for: 2023-03-09

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Moved by:	Hassanatou Koulibaly <i>Vice-President (Student Life)</i>	Current Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Benson Wan <i>Medicine Representative</i>		

Issue

The Internal Regulations (IRs) of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) are reviewed regularly to ensure that they meet students' needs, align with the Society's mission, and conform to current best practices.

Background and Rationale

The current version of the IRs of Student Groups was last amended on April 14, 2022 and can be found here: [Internal Regulations of Student Groups 2022-04-14](#). The proposed changes aim to reconcile discrepancies between the Internal Regulations and the Gendered and Sexual Violence Policy, to provide more comprehensive guidelines on Student Group alcohol expenses, and to provide more comprehensive guidelines on collecting Club Membership Fees.

Alignment with Mission

The proposed motion aims to improve support for student groups by amending the IRs to reflect current best practices.



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Consultations Completed

Consultations were completed with relevant SSMU staff including the Vice President Finance, Governance Coordinator, Accessibility Coordinator, Clubs Coordinator, Clubs Representative, Student Life Assistant, and the Student Life Operations Director.

The members of the Clubs Committee and Services Review Committee were also consulted.

Student Group consultations that occurred included the McGill Students' Chapter for the Canadian Red Cross, The Wine Society, McGill Armenian Students' Society, ConnectUs, McGill Students' Anime Club, SSMU DriveSafe, Salseros, and McGill Students' Trading Society.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If passed, the proposed amendments will affect how Student Groups operate moving forward, namely with regard to collecting membership fees. Current and proposed Club Membership fees will be reviewed by relevant stakeholders to ensure they abide by the proposed amendments.

To help facilitate the adoption of these amendments, training material on the proposed amendments presented in plain language will be included in future mandatory student group workshops and will also be made accessible electronically.

Sustainability Considerations

The proposed changes should have little to no negative impact on the SSMU's sustainability efforts.

Further, the proposed changes to subsection 4.2 Fees aim to decrease economic barriers to participation faced by students by encouraging clubs to draw on the Clubs Fund rather than collect additional fees from members.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If approved, the Office of the Vice-President (Student Life) will inform and circulate the updated version of the IRs of Student Groups to the student groups at SSMU.

Further, the Office of the Governance Manager will work with the Communications Department to accurately update the IRs of Student Groups on the SSMU website.



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Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the proposed amendments to the Internal Regulations of Student Groups in Appendix A.

Be it further resolved, that the Legislative Council recommend the ratification of the proposed changes to the SSMU Board of Directors for approval at their next regular meeting.

Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()

APPROVED



Appendix A : Proposed Amendments

IRs - 03: 3. Maintenance of Club Status

3.1.3. Training

Clubs must send one (1) representative to each mandatory Workshop in each semester, **except to the GSVP workshop where 5 or 50% of their executives, whichever is lesser, must attend as per the GSVP Policy.** Workshops must be held within the first three (3) weeks of the academic semester.

IRs - 03: 4. Restrictions Imposed on Clubs

4.2. Fees Levy

No Clubs may create a dedicated Fee (levy) to fund their operations. **This restriction applies to membership fees to fund operating expenses. Operating expenses include but are not limited to:**

- a. Office materials and supplies
- b. Promotional materials
- c. External venue/room bookings
- d. Event organization or rentals

Membership fees may only be approved at the discretion of the Clubs Committee. Sufficient justification must be provided for these fees and groups must demonstrate individual benefits to club members that would be made possible through these membership fees .

IRs - 03: 8. Maintenance of Service Status

8.2.3. Training

Service must send two (2) representatives to the Services Summit training session each academic year unless otherwise approved by the Vice-President (Student Life). As administered by a dedicated policy, Services must send **at least 5 or 50%** of their executives/representatives **, whichever is lesser,** to the training on gendered and sexual violence.



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IRs - 03: 9. Restrictions Imposed on Services

9.5. Alcohol

Alcohol may only be purchased within a reasonable limit, as determined by the Vice-President (Student Life) and must receive prior written approval of the Vice-President (Student Life) before the expense or any request for reimbursement is made.

The Vice-President (Student Life) will approve an alcohol purchase on the basis that:

- a. At least 30% of the alcohol expense is dedicated to non-alcoholic beverages, excluding water
- b. Water be provided and available to all at no expense
- c. The presence of at least one of the safety services (MSERT, Walksafe, Drivesafe) is requested for all events with an expected attendance of above 100 attendees, club executives/representatives included.

IRs - 03: 13. Responsibilities of Independent Student Groups

13.2.3. Training

As administered by a dedicated policy, Independent Student Groups must send 5 or 50% of their executives, whichever is lesser to the training on gendered and sexual violence .