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# MOTION REGARDING CLUBS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2024-04-18

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## Issue

There are 240 clubs running right now that are unable to operate at maximal efficiency since SSMU is not able to fully support them all. Currently, the Clubs Committee is accepting applications all year round which is leading to a reviewal inconsistency overtime and is proving to be redundant especially with no restrictions on club reapplications once rejected. No clubs are being reviewed once they achieve full status which overtime leads to a lack of alignment with their core mandates.

## Background and Rationale

We would like to alter the Clubs Committee structure such that the club application period will be during the winter session, starting during the winter break. The Clubs Committee would review applications during the winter semester. If a club is rejected, they must wait an entire application cycle (1 year) before reapplying.

In the fall, the Clubs Committee will focus on reviewing clubs to ensure that currently existing clubs are meeting their mandate, club accreditation requirements, and are not in violation of SSMU or McGill By-Laws and policies.

In the past, there has been no reviewal process for clubs once they have achieved full status. Naturally, over the years, club structure changes and some clubs begin to veer away from their central goals and become lax in following SSMU guidelines (i.e. hosting democratic elections, holding a



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general assembly each semester). This has created issues for clubs who wish to apply due to overlap with pre-existing clubs despite no assurance that existing clubs are meeting their mandates. This issue also affects communities and members who wish to be a part of club culture.

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### Alignment with Mission

Through instituting a club reviewal process, we can better represent student needs and ensure that they are being met by currently existing clubs, ensure that democratic procedures such as voting and elections are being followed to ensure better governance, and ensure that funding allocated to clubs is optimized to meet club member needs. As per Clubs and Services as “SSMU’s highest priority policy”, it is vital that SSMU is able to properly support clubs and in turn support students.

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### Consultations Completed

Consulted with VP Student Life Nadia Dakdouki, VP Finance Amina Kudrati-Plummer, and the Clubs Committee.

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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Some new clubs may not form or may take longer to form because clubs that do not pass their Interim Club Application the first time will have to wait longer than before to reapply (estimated a year).

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### Sustainability Considerations

With the implementation of this proposal, we hope to optimize the allocation of financial resources and integrate a process to ensure that clubs funds are appropriately allocated. Long-term, this will contribute to improving the financial sustainability of SSMU. By reviewing clubs, the social sustainability of the SSMU clubs sphere should improve as we ensure that clubs are meeting their mandates and their members’ needs. This change will have little to no effect on the environmental sustainability of SSMU.

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### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Clubs will be emailed informing them of this structure change and the new club requirement (filling out the club reviewal form every year). Clubs will be notified at the start of every academic year and towards the winter break of the date Clubs Committee will begin accepting applications.

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Clubs Committee will be restructured to accommodate for a club reviewal process as well as create a new rubric for reviewal. The Clubs Coordinator has created the club reviewal form which was reviewed and approved by the Clubs Committee. The Clubs Committee will begin working on a “Club Reviewal” Rubric to ensure consistency in club assessment. The new schedule has been discussed in the Clubs Committee and a general timeline has been approved.

Committee terms of reference will be updated by the Club Coordinator to accommodate this change in Clubs Committee roles.

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### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the Policy in Appendix A

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### Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()



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## Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

All clubs will be required to submit a “[Club Reviewal Form](#)” at the same time as their winter audit. Clubs Committee will review all clubs the following Fall semester. Club interim and full status applications period will span over the winter semester, beginning during the winter break. Clubs Committee will review all club interim and full status applications during the winter academic session.

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