

SSMU Executive Elections

Nomination Kit for Candidates

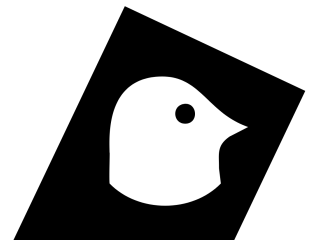
Winter 2026 Elections

Please be sure to read all the information in this package and fill out all the necessary forms.

Questions? Comments? More information?

Contact us

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Dear Applicant,

First off, good for you for deciding to run in the SSMU Executive Elections and getting involved with student politics! Please make sure to read all the information in this package and fill out all the necessary forms.

The Elections SSMU team is here to guide you through the campaigning and polling periods, so please don't be afraid to take advantage of us! Should you wish to virtually meet to discuss your campaign, please feel free to book an appointment [here](#).

You can ask us any questions you may have about the election process, or just chat with us if you're unsure about running your campaign. If you have any comments or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us via email at elections@ssmu.ca.

There are 5 positions available for this executive election:

- President
- Vice President (Clubs and Services)
- Vice President (Internal)
- Vice President (External)
- Vice President (University Affairs)

The descriptions can be found on page 5.

Please note that the Vice President (Finance) is a position who shall be hired by the Board of Directors as per Section 10.3 of the constitution, where an amendment was passed in the Winter 2025 Referendum.

Thank you and good luck!

Mike Lee

Chief Returning Officer

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1. Make sure you are eligible to run. To run, you must:

- a. Be an SSMU member. All students registered at McGill University shall be Members, except for the following (SSMU Constitution 5.1):
 - i. students registered in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences;
 - ii. students registered at the Centre for Continuing Education;
 - iii. students registered in graduate programs; and
 - iv. students who are also full-time members of the teaching staff.
 - b. Be registered at McGill at McGill for at least 18 consecutive months (excluding authorized leaves of absence for up to 4 months) with no fewer than 18 credits prior to their initial election. (Memorandum of Agreement 14.4)
 - c. Be eligible to work in Canada and maintain their eligibility to work in Canada throughout your term of office.
 - d. Not be otherwise disqualified from holding office under section 10.2 of the SSMU Constitution, including but not limited to being under the age of majority, subject to a regime of protective supervision, recognized by a court as having lost the capacity to reason, or being bankrupt, having suspended payments, or having made arrangements with creditors.
2. If you would like more information, Elections SSMU will be organizing an information session approximately the week before nomination period starts.
3. Where required, fill out your personal information, print your name as you want it to appear in the ballot. Make sure to declare any affiliations, confirm your meeting with the incumbent, and then submit this kit **with your proof of enrollment** any time before **11:59PM on February 12th, 2026**. This kit should be submitted electronically to elections@ssmu.ca. **Please note that signature collection is also due at the end of nomination period, therefore the nomination kits must be submitted ahead of the deadline to allow time for you to collect signatures.**
Late forms will be rejected without appeal.
4. For these positions, we are also asking you to meet with the incumbents to discuss the responsibilities of the position, just so you can get a better sense of what the position entails. All the current executives are expecting candidates to approach them. Their contact information is listed on the [SSMU website](http://ssmu.ca).
5. An Elections SSMU Officer will inform you once your nomination kit is received, and provide you with a Google Forms link to collect signatures, whichever you desire. If you do not receive a confirmation email within **24 hours**, your packet may not have been received. Please email elections@ssmu.ca should this occur. You should keep a copy of this kit for your personal records before submitting it.

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6. Collect signatures from at least **100** members of the SSMU who wish to support your candidacy, **with no more than 35% of signatures** coming from any one faculty via google forms (provided to you by an elections officer once you've submitted this portion of the nomination kit). Please make sure signatures are eligible and include name, McGill Student Email, faculty, and year. We are very strict about this, and will remove entries with incomplete information. **It is your responsibility to ensure your signature sheet meets the requirements.**
(*Note: You might want to include extra signatures to ensure all of the required ones are valid. If you have more than 100 signatures but a certain faculty is overrepresented, you should gather more signatures from other faculties to offset the overrepresentation. Please note that the 35% rule applies to the total number of signatures and not just the first 100.)
7. Once you have more than 100 members, please inform Elections SSMU so we can start verification of signatures. Elections SSMU will inform you whether your candidacy is accepted or if there are any issues with the number of signatures. Please note getting your signatures early means Elections SSMU has time to inform you of any issues. **Signature collection must be completed before 11:59PM on February 12th**, otherwise your candidacy will not be accepted. No exceptions. Therefore, it is your responsibility to start early.
8. Attend the **mandatory** candidates' meeting on **February 23rd, 2026 at 6:00PM** (details TBD). Please contact Elections SSMU ASAP if you cannot make it to this meeting due to an unavoidable conflict (for e.g. an exam). Those who do not attend this meeting without notice will be sanctioned. At this meeting, you will get a chance to meet the Elections SSMU Officers and fellow candidates, and find out how the election works. More importantly, we will explain the Elections By-Laws, as well as the rules, procedures and possible sanctions that are applicable.
9. Pensketches (optional) for candidates are limited to 150 words in English and 175 words in French. Due on **March 1st, 2026 at 11:59PM** by email at elections@ssmu.ca. More details on page 6.
10. The candidates' debate will be held on **March 9th, 2026 at 6:00PM** at the **SSMU Ballroom**. While attendance is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged to be present to share your platform in front of the SSMU membership. More information regarding the format will be provided by Elections SSMU closer to the date.
11. Elections SSMU requires that all candidates carry themselves in full respect of the Constitution and Governing Documents of the SSMU. The officers of Elections SSMU are specially charged to maintain good electoral decorum and enforce campaign violation regulations according to the [Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda](#). Please read the electoral by-laws and relevant constitution articles found on the [SSMU Governance page](#).

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12. In addition, if you believe there is anything that would prevent you from fully carrying out the duties of this position (space or involvement limits), we strongly urge you to reconsider running. **Please note these are compensated full-time positions**, meaning the time demand is **between 40-50 hours** a week, although work hours are flexible based on your availability and classes. **If elected, training starts May 1st, 2026**, and your 1-year term of office begins **June 1, 2026**. **You must be available to work and be in Montreal for the entirety of your term**. In case of any doubts, the incumbents and Elections SSMU are always here to answer your questions.

Positions

Position	Job Description	Incumbent	Email	Book office hours
President	Link	Dymetri Taylor (he/him)	president@ssmu.ca	Link
Vice-President (Clubs and Services)	Link	Hamza Abu Alkhair (he/him)	studentlife@ssmu.ca	Link
Vice-President (Internal)	Link	Minaal Mirza (she/her)	internal@ssmu.ca	Link
Vice-President (External)	Link	Seraphina Crema-Black (she/her)	external@ssmu.ca	Link
Vice-President (University Affairs)	Link	Susan Aloudat (she/her)	ua@ssmu.ca	Link

If you are reading a printed copy, an electronic copy with links can be found on ssmu.ca/elections.

Important dates to remember

- **Information Session (OPTIONAL):** Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 5:30 PM (SSMU Boardroom, 3501 Peel).
- **Nomination Period and Signature Collection:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 to Thursday, February 12, 2026
- **Extended Nomination Period (for positions with less than 2 candidates):** Friday, February 13, 2026 to Monday, February 16, 2026
- **Candidates Meeting (MANDATORY):** Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 6:00PM
- **Campaign Period:** Thursday, February 26th, 2026 to Friday, March 20th, 2026
- **Pensketches due (OPTIONAL):** Sunday, March 1st at 11:59PM
- **Candidate's Debate:** Monday, March 9th at 6:00PM
- **Polling Period:** Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 9:00AM to Friday, March 20th, 2026 at 9:00PM (*Please note the polling period may be extended by the decision of the Legislative Council if quorum is not met.*)
- **Announcement of results:** As soon as results are verified, within 24 hours.



Pensketch & Pictures (Optional)

All candidates have the right to pen a brief outline about themselves, their qualifications and the ideas that they will bring to the position being sought. Video pensketches may also be used, with consent from candidates and at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer. This information will be uploaded onto the Elections SSMU website and Online Voting System. You may also include 1 picture of yourself to appear on the ballot.

If you would like your pensketch to appear in French, it is your responsibility to have it translated. The deadline is the same for the French version of your pensketch. Elections SSMU highly suggests that you do this, because if you only submit an English pensketch, it will not appear on the ballot when students choose to vote in French.

- **ENGLISH** TEXT MAY NOT EXCEED 150 WORDS IN LENGTH: EXCESS WORDS WILL BE CUT.
- **FRENCH** TEXT MAY NOT EXCEED 175 WORDS IN LENGTH: EXCESS WORDS WILL BE CUT

You can email the pensketch to us (elections@ssmu.ca).

Pensketches and pictures are due on **March 1st, 2026 at 11:59PM.**



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Personal Information

Name _____

Student ID # _____

Faculty _____

Program _____

Year _____

Phone # _____

McGill Email _____

Address _____

Position sought

☐

President

☐

Vice-President
(Clubs & Services)

☐

Vice-President
(Internal Affairs)

☐

Vice-President
(External Affairs)

☐

Vice-President
(University Affairs)

Please print your name in the square below as you wish it will specifically appear in the electoral ballot.

(*Note: Prefixes such as Mrs., Mr., Miss, as well as titles and degrees of any kind, are not permissible):

If you choose to run as part of a coalition, please indicate the name. A coalition must consist of at least two candidates. The name will be subject to the approval of Elections SSMU. Your coalition affiliation will appear next to your name on the ballot. You may add, remove, or change your affiliation any time prior to the start of the polling period.

Contact Information Disclosure

As candidates are not permitted to approach campus publications or student media themselves, Elections SSMU Officers will forward a full list of candidates to campus media, including your contact information at the end of Nomination Period unless you opt out. Do you give Elections SSMU permission to release your phone number and e-mail?

☐ Yes

☐ Yes, to email only

☐ No

☐ Other: _____

At times we may receive questions from SSMU members or organizations about you and/or your platform. As we are a non-partisan organization, we will provide no response to such questions. If SSMU members want to make clarifications or speak to you directly, do you give Elections SSMU permission to release your phone number and e-mail?

☐ Yes

☐ Yes, to email only

☐ No

☐ Other: _____

I have read and completed all of the steps provided in the instructions of this kit.

Signature _____

Date _____

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Declaration of Affiliations

Please list any and all affiliations you have with groups at McGill (Clubs, Services, Independent Student Groups, Student Associations, etc), or any other relevant groups. Please include access to offices, listservs, and other exclusive resources.

Group Name	Position Title	Short Description of Privileges
1.		
2.		
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* Please copy this page as many times as needed if you run out of space.

Declaration of Prior Disciplinary Record at McGill

- ☐ I declare that I do **not** have **any** disciplinary record at McGill, meaning no prior disciplinary measure in the form of a reprimand and/or suspension. I understand that any false declaration will lead to sanctions according to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda and can lead to disqualification from the position, even after election.

If you are unable to make the above declaration, please contact Elections SSMU at elections@ssmu.ca as soon as possible.

Attestation Of Eligibility

I, _____, the undersigned, hereby state that I will be a registered undergraduate student at McGill University and a SSMU member in the 2026-2027 Academic year. **I further authorise Elections SSMU to confirm such information with the Registrar of McGill University.**

Furthermore, I declare to the best of my knowledge that I am eligible to be an Officer at the Students' Society of McGill University. In order to be eligible, you must:

- Be an SSMU member. All students registered at McGill University shall be Members, except for the following (SSMU Constitution 5.1):
 - students registered in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences;
 - students registered at the Centre for Continuing Education;
 - students registered in graduate programs; and
 - students who are also full-time members of the teaching staff.
- Be registered at McGill at McGill for at least 18 consecutive months (excluding authorized leaves of absence for up to 4 months) with no fewer than 18 credits prior to their initial election. (Memorandum of Agreement 14.4)
- Be eligible to work in Canada and maintain their eligibility to work in Canada throughout your term of office.
- Not be otherwise disqualified from holding office under section 10.2 of the SSMU Constitution, including but not limited to being under the age of majority, subject to a regime of protective supervision, recognized by a court as having lost the capacity to reason, or being bankrupt, having suspended payments, or having made arrangements with creditors.

Signature

Date

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Meeting with the Incumbent

We are asking all candidates running for the SSMU Executive positions to meet with the current executive to discuss the position and its responsibilities. Once you've met with the executive, please ask them to sign the following:

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING (for current SSMU Executives)

I confirm that I've met with this candidate to discuss the position and its responsibilities.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Executives - If you cannot sign physically, please send an email to elections@ssmu.ca and include the name of the candidate who you have met and discussed.

Submitting this Nomination Form

Please submit this nomination form and your proof of enrollment (Minerva: Student Menu > Student Record Menu > Letters - Proof of Enrolment).

Please note, that once you've submitted the first of this nomination form you are not obligated to run - you may withdraw your candidacy anytime during the polling and campaigning period. However, once the polling period starts your name will remain on the ballot.

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT (for Elections SSMU)

This nomination was received on (date/time): _____

By (print name): _____

Signature: _____

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Next Steps

To be completed before Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 23:59:

- ☐ Wait for confirmation from Elections SSMU that the form was received and obtain Google forms link for collecting signatures.
- ☐ Collect signatures! Ensure you have at least 100 signatures and none of the faculties represent more than 35% of the signatures. (If you have more than 100 signatures but a certain faculty is overrepresented, you should gather more signatures from other faculties to offset the overrepresentation. Please note that the 35% rule applies to the total number of signatures and not just the first 100.)
- ☐ Once you are done collecting signatures, submit the final list to Elections SSMU for verification. We will check if everyone is a SSMU member and if there are any duplicates within your list.

Steps after nomination period:

- ☐ Wait for confirmation from Elections SSMU that you are officially a candidate!
- ☐ Attend the Mandatory Candidates' Meeting.
- ☐ Submit pensketch and photo if desired.
- ☐ Attend the Candidate's Debate