

SSMU Referendum

Nomination Kit for “Yes” and “No” Campaigns

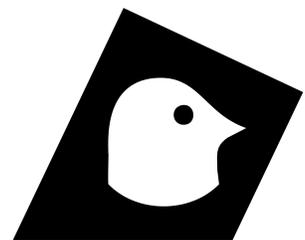
Winter 2026 Elections

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Questions? Comments? More information?

Contact us

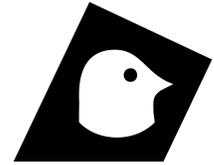
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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for submitting this kit to Elections SSMU! Please make sure to read all the information in this package and fill out all the necessary forms.

Should you wish to virtually meet to discuss your campaign, please feel free to book an appointment via email through elections@ssmu.ca or 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.

Thank you and good luck!

Mike Lee
Chief Returning Officer
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Only current SSMU members are eligible to campaign.

Please fill out all of the attached documents in this package and read the documents here stipulated, to complete your campaign, by following all of the following steps:

1. Submit this completed kit any time before the end of the polling period to elections@ssmu.ca.
2. Collect at least **50 signatures** from members of the SSMU who wish to support your campaign, by asking them to fill out the form on the final page or through a Google Form which will be provided by Elections SSMU after submitting the nomination form on page 5 and gaining approval for this campaign. We are very strict about this, and will remove entries with incomplete information.
*Note: you might want to include extra signatures to ensure all of the required ones are valid. You **cannot** begin campaigning until the collection of these signatures has been confirmed with Elections SSMU.
3. Attend the **mandatory** Campaign Committee Chairs' meeting, **date and time to be scheduled once you submit this package**. At this meeting, you will get a chance to meet the Elections SSMU Officers 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. Please contact Elections SSMU as soon as possible if you cannot make it to this meeting. If you wish to form a campaign after this date, Elections SSMU will contact you for a separate date as soon as you submit your package.
4. Campaign exclusively during the Campaign Period: **February 26, 2026 to March 20, 2026**
5. Pensketches for YES and NO Campaign Committees are limited to 150 words in English and 175 words in French. This is optional. Due on March 6th by email at elections@ssmu.ca. There are more details after.
6. 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. Please read the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda and relevant Constitution articles found: <https://ssmu.ca/how-we-run/governance-documents/>

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Important dates to remember

- **Mandatory Candidates Meeting:** To be determined after submission of this package
 - An officer from Elections SSMU will acknowledge receipt of the package and propose a time for the mandatory campaign meeting. Please note campaigning is only allowed after the meeting, unless told otherwise by the Chief Returning Officer.
- **Campaign Period:** Thursday, February 26th, 2026 to Friday, March 20th, 2026
 - Please be aware that prospective campaigns may not begin campaigning until the campaign period begins. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- **Optional YES/NO Pensketches due:** Friday, March 6th at 11:59 p.m.
 - Campaigns formed after this date will not have the opportunity to submit a pensketch.
- **Polling Period:** Monday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, March 20th at 9:00 p.m.
 - Please note the polling period may be extended by the decision of Elections SSMU if quorum is not met.
- **Announcement of results** (via email): as soon as results are verified on March 20th.

Pensketch

All campaigns have the right to pen a brief outline about their campaign and their arguments they wish people to consider. This information will be uploaded onto the Elections SSMU website and the Online Voting System.

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

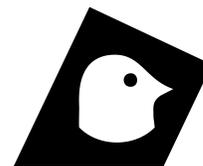
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Nomination Form

Nominated question you will be campaigning for/against

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Information of Campaign Head

Name	_____	Student ID #	_____
Faculty	_____	Program	_____
Phone #	_____	McGill Email	_____
Address	_____		

Campaign **Yes** **No**

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?

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

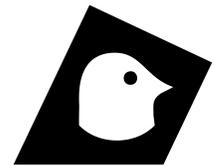
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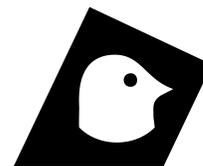
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