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MOTION TO CREATE AN INTERIM OLD MCGILL YEARBOOK COMMITTEE 2026-10-22

Submitted for: 2026-10-22

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Moved by:	Hamza Abu-Alkhair *President*	Current Status:	☐ FOR APPROVAL ☐ **APPROVED** ☐ POSTPONED ☐ COMMITTED ☐ NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Charley Letham *Arts Representative*		

Issue

Old McGill, the Society's undergraduate yearbook, is not currently being produced, and no SSMU body holds the mandate to produce it. Following the plebiscite, this motion establishes an interim Old McGill Yearbook Committee of the Legislative Council to produce the 2026–2027 yearbook as a one-year pilot project.

Background and Rationale

Old McGill was the Society's annual yearbook, documenting each graduating class and the year on campus. It has not been published since 2016, leaving no SSMU-produced record of the undergraduate experience in the years since.

Over the past months, the President's office developed a full reinstatement proposal, including funding models and outreach to yearbook publishers (Friesens and Jostens). Students were then consulted through a plebiscite, in which students were generally supportive of the reinstatement. A working group analysed the results and considered governance options, including a committee overseeing operations alongside a separate team overseeing production. It recommended a single Committee of the Legislative Council

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that both oversees and produces the yearbook and reports directly to Council, keeping accountability simple during a pilot year.

The yearbook affects all undergraduates, most directly the graduating class, as well as faculty associations, student groups and varsity athletics, whose content it will carry. This motion establishes the Committee under the interim Terms of Reference in Appendix A for the 2026–2027 year only. The Committee will report to Council at year-end, and that report will form the basis for any permanent Yearbook Committee.

Alignment with Mission

This motion is aligned with the following mandates of the SSMU:

- Service: it delivers a tangible product and a lasting record of the year to members.
- Representation: every faculty and school is invited to contribute, submissions are open to all students, and tiered pricing (including digital) keeps the book accessible.
- Leadership: it restores a Society tradition under direct Council oversight.

Consultations Completed

- General Manager
- Internal Counsel & Corporate Secretary
- Governance Affairs Coordinator
- Deputy Speaker (informed, no response)
- Working group members consisting of;
    - Councillor Croquelois
    - Councillor Letham
    - Councillor Clement
    - Councillor Connor
    - Councillor Jones
    - Vice-President Lai
    - Councilor Lam

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Financial: printing costs are committed before all copies are sold, creating a risk of unsold inventory or a deficit. The Committee must operate within a Council-approved budget, recommend pricing and a printer to Council for

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approval, and run pre-orders and sponsorship before the print run is finalized, so the print quantity can be matched to demand.

Timeline: starting partway through the academic year compresses the production calendar. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for the timeline and printer deadlines and reports regularly to the Committee and Council.

Representation and optics: a yearbook that under-represents some faculties or communities would undermine its purpose. Dedicated Section Editors for faculties, student groups and athletics, an open submission process, and a published content outline before pre-orders open addresses these risks. To further mediate these risks, the Committee will draft content submission guidelines.

Sustainability: a digital option and pre-order-based print quantities reduce paper waste and excess stock. Handover documents and a year-end report support continuity Council decisions about the yearbook's future.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Upon approval, the Interim Old McGill Yearbook Committee will be established, with the President as interim Chair. The Committee will recruit and appoint the Yearbook Team.

The Committee will then bring the yearbook's pricing structure, a printer recommendation and its budget to the Legislative Council for approval by the revised budget approval timeline, and publish a content outline before pre-orders open.

The Committee's establishment and the recruitment call for the Yearbook Team will be announced publicly on all SSMU Communications.

At the end of the 2026–2027 year, the Committee will submit a report to the Legislative Council to serve as the basis for the Terms of Reference of any future Yearbook Committee.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Whereas, Old McGill, the SSMU's undergraduate yearbook, is not currently produced and no SSMU body holds the mandate to produce it;

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Whereas, undergraduate students were consulted on its reinstatement through a plebiscite;

Whereas, the yearbook's pricing, printer and budget require oversight by the Legislative Council;

Be it resolved that, the Interim Old McGill Yearbook Committee be established as a Committee of the Legislative Council, with the Terms of Reference outlined in Appendix A;

Results of the Vote	☐ In favour 24 ☐ Opposed 0 ☐ Abstain 0

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Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

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