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MOTION REGARDING STUDENT GROUP COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE 2026-11-19

Submitted for: 2026-11-19

Submitted to:	SSMU Legislative Council	Document no.:	LEG-PUB-MOT-2026-11-19-01 (to be assigned by Steering)
Moved by:	Acadia Knickerbocker *VP Clubs & Services*	Current Status:	☐ FOR APPROVAL ☐ **APPROVED** ☐ POSTPONED ☐ COMMITTED ☐ NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Charley Letham *Arts Representative 3* Achille Croquelois *Arts Representative 1* Rhys Jones *Arts Representative 2*		

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Issue

The Student Group Committee Terms of Reference are outdated and create barriers to committee functionality.

Background and Rationale

The Student Groups Committee Terms of Reference currently include the Clubs Coordinator, Services Coordinator, Clubs Finance Coordinator, and Services Finance Coordinator which were part time positions in the Clubs & Services portfolio that no longer exist. Additionally, new staff have been added into the portfolio which are the Student Life Secretary General and the Clubs & Services Finance Coordinator. The Student Life Secretary General's job description includes chairing the Student Group sub-committees and managing the administration of the committees and

their submissions and documents. The Clubs & Services Finance Coordinator is a full-time position that handles both general and financial administration for student groups. The changes outlined in Appendix A will remove the discontinued positions and add the Secretary General as the chair of the sub-committees and as a non-voting attendee of the Student Groups committee. The changes would additionally allow the Clubs & Services Finance Coordinator to attend the meetings when their expertise is necessary to the discussions.

Further, the Student Group Committee Terms of Reference mistakenly does not include reference to Student Associations, which are a type of SSMU Student Group that the committee oversees. The changes correct this error to ensure all of the student groups are properly referenced.

Lastly, the Student Groups Committee currently includes

"three (3) Members-at-Large who may not be members any associated ISG or of any club or service under the SSMU;"

This has created a struggle that has been demonstrated consistently over many years. This prevents any potentially interested Members-at-Large from participating as a member of any student group for the duration of their year-long term on this committee. Additionally, there has proven to be minimal student interest in a position on the Student Groups Committee by students who are not members of Student Groups. This has resulted in the positions remaining vacant and contributed to the Student Groups Committee's long-standing struggle to meet quorum. This issue was on the Agenda of the 11-06-2026 Student Groups Committee. The committee did not meet quorum so was unable to move an official motion, but the members in attendance deliberated this condition and reached a consensus that the phrasing should be changed to

"three (3) Members-at-Large who may not be Executives or Collective Members of any Student Group under the SSMU;"

This allows for more students who might have a casual participation in a student group to sit on the committee.

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Alignment with Mission

This aligns with the SSMU's mission to provide student groups, have student representation in committees, and to reach quorum in governing bodies to provide effective leadership.

Consultations Completed

The Student Groups Committee was consulted but since it was unable to reach quorum it could not make an official recommendation on its own TORs.

- In attendance: Vice-President Knickerbocker, President Abu-Alkhair, Vice-President J. Wang, Legislative Councillor Letham, Councillor Croquelois, Councillor Jones

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Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should this motion not pass, the Student Groups Committee will continue to experience the membership struggles that have contributed to its historical inability to run.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should this motion pass, the Terms of Reference for the Student Groups Committee will be updated in accordance with Appendix A. Following its approval, the Member-At-Large application will be distributed to the membership with the new guidelines.

The Student Groups Committee will revisit the amendment to the Member-At-Large position in the Winter 2027 academic semester to evaluate its effectiveness.

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Motion or Resolution for Approval	Be it resolved that the Student Groups Committee Terms of Reference be amended as outlined in Appendix A
Results of the Vote	☐ In favour () ☐ Opposed () ☐ Abstain ()

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Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

NOTE: Please put each relevant piece of documentation (i.e., referendum question, policy, job description, budgets, visual aids such as graphs or images, etc.) in a separate Appendix.

Committee TOR Suggested Edits

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