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MOTION REGARDING CLUB STATUS APPROVAL 2026-10-04

Submitted for: 2026-11-05

Submitted to:	SSMU Legislative Council	Document no.:	LEG-PUB-MOT-2026-11-05-003 (to be assigned by Steering)
Moved by:	Acadia Knickerbocker *VP - Clubs & Services*	Current Status:	☐ **FOR APPROVAL** ☐ APPROVED ☐ POSTPONED ☐ COMMITTED ☐ NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Rhys Jones *Arts Representation*		

Issue

McGill Student's Mock Trial needs club status faster than is expected with the Clubs Committee due to the insurance protection needs presented by their upcoming competitions.

Background and Rationale

The McGill Pre-Law Students' Society (MPLSS) is a full status student group under the SSMU. Prior to the 2025-2026 year, they had multiple sub-groups operating underneath them including McGill Mock Trial. During the 2025-2026 academic year, MPLSS and Mock Trial decided they no longer wished to operate together. MPLSS voted to remove mock trial from their constitution, and the subgroup disaffiliated. MPLSS no longer hosts mock trial related activities.

If part of a SSMU student group chooses to disaffiliate from the SSMU group, they no longer hold any SSMU status. As such, McGill Mock Trial applied for club status on January 4, 2026

Interim status applications are usually reviewed within one month of submission. During the 2025-2026 academic year, there were significant capacity concerns with the Clubs sub-Committee that prevented them from reviewing the application within that time. This has prevented the Mock Trial

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team from competing in both the Canadian and United States tournament circuits as they need status before they are able to do so. Further, the team does not have access to SSMU resources so they are delayed in fundraising; hosting McGill's Mock Trial tournament, The Maple Bowl; attending scrimmages or tournaments; booking rooms for meetings; and registering for competitions this year. Considering the Clubs sub-committee is a committee of the Legislative Council, and all Clubs sub-Committee decisions are ratified by the Legislative Council, the Legislative Council has the authority to make decisions on club status.

The group has historically been able to compete in collegiate circuit competitions including in the American Mock Trial Association. The competition season is underway. Should the team not receive the status, they will be unable to register for the competition as it is required that they operate under a university or student union. The club will be unable to compete during the 2026-2027 academic year which creates significant concerns for the group's operations in future years. The Club's Committee currently has a backlog of applications from the 2026-2027 year and other business that need to be addressed and it cannot be expected that this application will be reviewed quickly.

Alignment with Mission

This provides the opportunity for students to organize activities through student groups, represent the McGill student body at competitions, and builds professional and leadership skills.

Consultations Completed

President

- *Reviewed the final interim status application and concurred on the results*

IC/CS

IC/CS - Acting as the GAC

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Risk Factors and Resource Implications	*There would be no significant increase in risk considering the group operated as part of SSMU until the end of last academic year. Given their activities will stay the same, they will likely require comparable amounts of funding from the club fund and administrative support with competitions.* *If this motion is not approved, there is significant risk that the McGill Student's Mock Trial Club will not be active in the 2026-2027 year. This will create significant challenges to future operations and creates a risk that the group will not be active in the future.*
Impact of Decision and Next Steps	*The McGill Student's Mock Trial club will be approved for interim status effective immediately.*
Motion or Resolution for Approval	*Be it resolved that the McGill Student's Mock Trial club's interim status application, as shown in Appendix A, be approved as per the interim status approval rubric included in Appendix B.*
Results of the Vote	☐ In favour () ☐ Opposed () ☐ Abstain ()

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Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

Interim Status Application

Appendix B : Interim Status Approval Rubric

Approval Rubric

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