



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Office of the Speakers
Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

Motion Regarding ISG By-Law Reform

Whereas, By-Law III-1 Part IV comprises SSMU's regulations on SSMU's affiliated Independent Student Groups (ISGs);

Whereas, the current bylaw regarding ISGs is out of date and does not completely reflect the current practices of the SSMU;

Whereas, the current practice of the SSMU is that ISGs are not charged at all for room bookings, instead of merely being charged a "discounted rate," and that the by-law regarding charges for ISGs is inconsistent in different parts of the by-laws;

Whereas, a track changes version of the proposed changes has been appended to this motion;

Resolved, that the following be adopted to replace Bylaw III-1 Part IV Articles 14 through 18 and that the Articles be renumbered accordingly,

Resolved, that these changes shall come into effect immediately.

PART IV – INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

Article 15 – Definition of Independent Student Groups

14.1 "Independent Student Groups" ("ISGs") are primarily student-based organisations who provide some desirable benefit to students and others in the McGill community. While they exist outside the framework of the SSMU, they are granted many of the same privileges as Clubs and Services in order to facilitate their serving students.

14.2 These groups are not SSMU "Services" or "Clubs".

Article 16 – Accreditation Procedure for Independent Student Groups

15.1 To receive ISG status, three (3) members of the Society must demonstrate that at least fifteen (15) members of the Students' Society are active members of the ISG, jointly submit written reasons for their request for ISG status and must submit a copy of the ISG's constitution to the Vice President, Clubs and Services.

15.1.1 The Vice President, Clubs and Services must be satisfied that the ISG is student-based and beneficial to the members of the McGill community.

15.2 The Vice President, Clubs and Services shall, upon fully reviewing the application, make a decision regarding the requested ISG status to Council.

15.3 Council may ratify ISG status by a simple majority vote.

15.4 An ISG shall be considered inactive if it fails in any year to register the name and contact information of its Chief Executive Officer by September 15th.



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15.4.1 If the Chief Executive Officer (or person in position of similar administrative authority) of an ISG is replaced, the ISG must notify the Vice President, Clubs and Services immediately and submit the name and contact information of an alternative active executive officer.

15.5 Any modification to the constitution or by-laws of any ISG must be submitted in writing to the Vice President, Clubs and Services who must ensure that the organization is still student-based and beneficial to members of the McGill community.

Article 17 – Privileges Granted to Independent Student Groups

16.1 All ISG rights and privileges, other than those contractually agreed upon between the SSMU and the ISG in question, are secondary, and subject to, the privileges of SSMU Clubs and Services.

16.2 An ISG may apply to receive a mailbox in the Student Centre, web space, mention in various Students' Society media and room and table rentals at no cost, subject to logistical limitations and availability.

16.3 An ISG may participate in Activities Night at no cost.

16.4 An ISG may apply for funding through the SSMU Event/Project Funds, such as the Campus Life Fund, the Green Fund and the Ambassador Fund.

16.5 ISGs are ineligible for Club Subsidy funding.

16.6 ISGs are ineligible for free office space but can enter into a lease agreement with the SSMU for office space.

16.7 Any exception to these privileges may be made at the discretion of the Vice President, Clubs and Services, subject to an appeal by the ISG to council which may reverse the Vice President, Clubs and Services by simple majority vote.

Article 18 – Revocation of Independent Student Group Accreditation

17.1 If the Vice President, Clubs and Services finds, at any time, that the organization no longer meets the requirements for an ISG under this By-Law, he or she may make a recommendation to Council for a revocation of the ISG's status.

17.2 Council may revoke the ISG's accreditation by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. Council must give the ISG fourteen (14) days written notice of the meeting of Council at which the motion to remove accreditation will be tabled.