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cro report to council

11 february, 1999

spring referendum

In addition to the report already made regarding By-Law no.1, I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming referenda in the spring electoral period.

There were no student-initiated referenda petitions submitted to Elections McGill. There was one Council-initiated question submitted, received in good standing on 08 February 1999.

There shall therefore be one, and only one, referendum question presented to the McGill undergraduate electorate during the upcoming electoral period (March 09-10-11).

There has been certain controversy over the nature of this question, however. I have listed below some of the key points relating to this question; by addressing these issues, I hope to dispel some of the misunderstandings and abounding rumors surrounding the referendum entry.

- the Council-initiated referendum question dealing with the MSF was submitted directly to the CRO by the General Manager of SSMU. This was done in the presence of both the SSMU President and the Recording Secretary
- upon receipt of the question, I quickly perused the text and was surprised to see the phrase located directly above the final rephrasing of the question, namely "Any student will be able to opt out of the McGill Students' Fund for a full refund."
- knowing of the events which had transpired within Council on the evening of 04 February, 1999, I asked Mr Reid about the inclusion of the above-mentioned phrase. In particular, I remarked that I had been lead to believe that Council had removed the possibility of opting out from the question.
- Mr Reid, after examining the paper, replied that he thought it had indeed been struck. We then turned to the Recording Secretary and asked her to verify the amendments passed by Council. Ms. Le Normand verified her documents and confirmed that while the final clause of the rephrased question had been struck, mention of the opt-out clause had been left intact within the body of the question itself.
- certain arguments have appeared regarding the spirit of Council's actions on 04 February, 1999. The advocates of this line of reasoning claim that while a clerical oversight had



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been made, the intent of Council was clear and that therefore the question should be adjusted in order to fully represent Council's intentions.

- unfortunately, this line of thought is both groundless and injudicious. Elections McGill is not charged with prioritizing between Council's wishes and its acts, nor even is it within our bailiwick to question the relative harmony between Council's intents and deeds. If internecine strife and political interest colour the workings of Council, they do not do so within Elections McGill. It is our strict function to deal with resolutions passed, not those that "ought to have been passed had we not been in error." The internal workings of SSMU Council are its own affair and do not concern the smooth functioning of impartial elections insofar as they do not breach or violate the SSMU Constitution or By-laws.
- given that the question itself is not in self-contradiction despite these modifications, I accepted the referendum question as it was passed by Council. As this was the only question produced by Council before the deadline of 09 February 1999, this shall remain the only referendum question presented at the polls.

I attach herewith the two (2) relevant documents relating to the receipt of question.

I trust that this explanation renders the decision to accept the question more clear. I welcome any additional, relevant inquiries that may concern you.

Faithfully,

Drew Cormack
SSMU Chief Returning Officer, 1998-99

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Don Cornick
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GENERAL MANAGER

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B. Le J...
Brigitte Le Normand
Recording Secretary



CRO report to Council

February 11, 1999

by-law no. 1 -- proposed changes and amendments

Esteemed Council Members,

Please find attached, following a request from both the SSMU President and the VP Internal, a shortlist of suggestions for the revision of By-Law no. 1.

Considering the unique position of Elections McGill in the execution and upholding of these statutes, it appears that our comments and input can only serve to broaden and improve the scope of the changes undertaken in Council.

These revisions, made in good faith, are included hereafter and are organised with reference to the various articles to which they apply.

I trust that you will all find this material to be useful and applicable.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Cormack'.

Drew Cormack

SSMU Chief Returning Officer, 1998-99

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CRO report to Council Member

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by-law no. 1 -- proposed changes and amendments

I. Overall changes applying to the body at large:

- (a) Reference to the VP Internal must be abolished in light of the elimination of said position. All liaison responsibilities ought to fall under the portfolio of either the VP Communications & Events or the VP Clubs and Services. Articles 1.1, 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 must be changed in order to effect this.
- (b) A greater definition of public notice must be given. This is cited in Articles 3.1 and 4.1.
- (c) What is meant by the term "days"? Is this total number of calendar days or the number of business days? These references are found in Articles 2.1, 2.2, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 5.3, 5.8, 7.10, 8.3, 8.4, 12.7, 12.8, 13.4, 13.5 and 17.1.

II. Article 1 - General

- (a) In order to establish an impartial elections body, we propose creating a new Article (1.2.1):

"The CRO, together with the DRO, EC and all of their paid employees shall form an impartial Electoral College named 'Elections McGill.' This body shall be the central electoral organisation of the SSMU."

- (b) For whom exactly are elections conducted? There is no central list of which groups/positions are elected under the Elections McGill portfolio. We propose a new Article (1.2.2):

"Elections for the following positions shall be conducted under the auspices of Elections McGill:

1. the ~~six (6)~~ executive positions of SSMU;
2. ~~the thirteen (13) undergraduate representatives to Senate;~~
3. the undergraduate representative to the Board of Governors;
4. the four (4) researchers for the Financial Ethics Research Committee;
5. the two (2) directors of CKUT-FM; and
6. the executive members of FYSA, the First Year Students' Association.

- (c) The CRO, DRO and ECs may not be candidates for any election in which Elections McGill plays a part. This is evident in the extreme but no where to be found in the by-laws. We suggest the following new addition to Article 1.4:

"The CRO, DRO and EC are without exception banned from presenting themselves as candidates or members of referenda committees. In order to present themselves as candidates, the above must resign their posts before the beginning of the relevant nomination period."

- (d) Article 1.6 bars candidates and referenda committee members from working for Elections McGill. Although this idea is later expanded in Article 10.1 with reference to poll clerks, it should also be noted here. We propose adding to Article 1.6 the following:

"Furthermore, members of Council, the Speaker of Council, paid employees of the SSMU and members of the editorial staff of the Tribune and the Daily shall be likewise barred from the CRO's employment."

- (e) Elections McGill members ought to sign a Declaration of Impartiality wherein they are required to pledge impartiality vis-à-vis the elections. A possible penalty associated with violating this declaration could be a loss of related stipends.

- (f) Who is responsible for the transmission of Council resolutions to Elections McGill? As it stands, the CRO is incommunicado with respects to Council, hardly advantageous for either party when the various deadlines are considered. We propose a new section (1.8):

"The transmission to the CRO or ECs of motions passed by Council pertaining to elections, especially in the case of referenda questions and referenda committee formation, shall be the responsibility of the Speaker of Council. For deadline purposes, these motions shall be

considered received by Elections McGill only after delivery by the Speaker is effected and both parties sign to confirm timely submission."

- (g) It is at the present time understood that the CRO shall set the dates of the SSMU election periods, following from Article 7.1 of the By-law no. 1. This should be made explicitly clear, however, in order to make transparent the separation of Council and the impartial body of Elections McGill. We propose the following new article (1.9):

"The CRO, in conjunction with the DRO and EC, shall establish the electoral dates and poll locations for both the ~~autumn~~ and spring sessions. These dates shall be determined in keeping with the SSMU Constitution and its By-Laws. The dates for autumn elections shall be determined and reported to Council by the CRO by October 1st; those for the spring election by the last Council meeting of the ~~autumn period~~."

- (h) At the present time, there is no provision determining removal from office of any Elections McGill officials, nor any official manner of censure. Although Council should not have any sway over electoral matters, there should nonetheless be a strong element of accountability. We propose the following new article (1.10):

"Although Elections McGill shall, in the interests of neutrality, operate independently from the rest of SSMU, the CRO shall nevertheless, at Council's request, report to Council on all matters pertaining to the elections, referenda and their conduct. Council shall reserve the right to censure and/or remove any Elections McGill official with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote."

III. Article 2 - General Elections

- (a) Article 2.1 mentions the "...last 5 days of this regular nomination period..." This is meant to imply that the last 5 days shall not fall on the university-wide spring study break. This ought to be clarified; "study week" could be interpreted to mean any regular week on the university calendar.
- (b) This article does not define what is to occur if there are still insufficient nominations following the extension. Shall another 5 days be given in a second, third, fourth, etc., extension? Shall the single candidate be acclaimed? If the single candidate incurs campaign expenses before the

extension elapses and is subsequently acclaimed, are the campaign expenses refunded? In the case where there are no candidates present, what is the course of action?

- (c) We propose that the Directors of CKUT be required to collect 50 signatures as do prospective senators. We propose the following addition to Article 2.3:

"-and fifty (50) signatures for the Directors of CKUT-FM, McGill radio."

- (d) We recommend changing the word "all-candidates-meeting" in the second part of Article 2.5 to "All-Candidates Debate". This makes the meaning of the expression more comprehensible.

- (e) Article 2.6 mentions single-part questions. Is this term used synonymously with "plebiscite"? If so, the use of the word "single-part" ought to be stricken and replaced with "plebiscite", except in order to define the nature of said plebiscite questions.

- (f) Article 2.6 further states that the bottom of the election ballot shall ask students' opinions on SSMU services. It is not stated upon which ballot this should appear. It also demands a colossal waste of resources, paper and time on the part of both Elections McGill staff and SSMU planners. We recommend striking this section, replacing it with the following phrase:

"At the bottom of each elections ballot, the following shall appear: "Please give us your ideas on improving SSMU student services. Contact us via email at suggestions@ssmu.mcgill.ca or telephone your SSMU VP Clubs and Services."

- (g) There is, at the present time, no restriction on the number of positions a candidate may seek simultaneously. We propose creating a new Article (2.7):

"Members of the Society may only present themselves as candidates for one, and only one, position within the SSMU. Candidates attempting to seek more than one elected post in the same electoral period will be subject to censure from the CRO."



IV. Article 3 -- Elections of Councillors et al.

- (a) Article 3.1 states that the CRO and EC shall aid the VP Internal. It should be clarified that it is the VP Communications and Events that presides and runs the elections, not Elections McGill---unless Council intends that these posts also fall under the jurisdiction of Elections McGill.
- (b) Article 3.2 carries over this confusion by stating that the CRO is the arbiter of proxy votes. If the VP Communications and Events presides and collects the nomination forms, why does the CRO receive permission to enter proxy votes? This is inconsistent and unclear.

V. Article 4 -- Election of Councillors et al.

- (a) Article 4.1 shares the same problem as Article 3.1 as mentioned in point (a) of the above section. Clarify the role of Elections McGill in this process.
- (b) What is the point of allowing the outgoing President and VP University Affairs a vote in these proceedings? This is especially confusing seeing as quorum is defined in Article 4.2 as being formed by members-elect...not outgoing members. This should definitely be resolved.

VI. Article 5 -- Referenda Committees

- (a) Article 5.3 refers to "*the first voting date*". Is this meant to refer to the Advance Poll or the first day of the Regular polls?
- (b) Article 5.4 is extremely broad and vague. What does being "*directly or indirectly involved*" mean?
- (c) What is the difference between Article 5.4 and the first sentence of Article 5.5?
- (d) As the second phrase of Article 5.5 refers explicitly to campaigning, we believe it should be stricken from this section and placed in Article 7 of this same By-Law. We propose that it shall form a new Article 7.1.1.
- (e) There is no present material governing the number of campaign groups that may be formed for each side of a referendum question. We propose that the following phrase be added to Article 5.4:



"There may only be one YES and one NO committee formed for each referendum question."

VII. Article 6 -- Withdrawals

- (a) Article 6.1 permits withdrawal of candidates up to 24 hours before the advance poll. Is this meant to imply that the name of a withdrawn candidate shall not appear on the ballots?

VIII. Article 7 -- Campaigning

- (a) Article 7.1 ought to be changed (regardless of its relation to proposed Article 1.9). We propose changing the word "EC" with "CRO" and replacing "...to the last meeting of the fall term of Council" with "...by the last autumn meeting of Council".

- (b) Article 7.4.1 restricts handbills to those distributed by the candidate. We propose establishing a limit on the number of handbills allowed.

- (c) In the interests of providing an appropriate setting for academic studies, we propose that videos prepared by candidates or campaign groups be disallowed inside classrooms. This new addition should form part of the already existing Article 7.4.2. We propose amending 7.4.2 in order that it reads:

"No paper campaign materials or videos may be distributed, affixed or publicly shown in classrooms or within the theft security perimeters of McGill libraries."

- (d) Candidates are already under the onus of removing their posters before the opening of the regular polls. A specific time should be fixed for this removal. Furthermore, it is appropriate that this obligation be applied to referenda campaign groups as well, for all the reasons that make it reasonable and fair for candidates. We therefore propose amending Article 7.4.5 to read:

"Candidates and referenda committees are responsible for the removal of all campaign posters before 24h00 on the day preceding the opening of the regular polls."

- (e) Privacy is an important concern for students. Following the insertion of Article 7.15 in order to protect students' privacy from intrusion, we propose amending Article 7.15 to read:



"No candidate or referenda committee may send unsolicited electronic mail for the purpose of campaigning. Unsolicited telephone campaigning shall likewise be forbidden."

IX. Article 11 -- Scrutineering

- (a) Interference with the functioning of the polls is a grave matter. Scrutineers, while necessary, should not be allowed to interfere with general polling operations. We propose replacing Article 11.2 with the following, amended version:

"A scrutineer is entitled to object to the conduct of the poll, but not to interfere in its operations. All objections should be made directly to the CRO."

- (b) Candidates are indirectly responsible for the actions of their scrutineers, for it is the candidates that appoint and select their own scrutineers. Therefore, in order to act as a restraint on overly ~~jubilant~~ or zealous scrutineers, we propose that the candidates and campaign groups be held responsible for continued misconduct on the part of their scrutineers. We propose the following new Article (11.3.1):

"Candidates and referenda committees shall be indirectly responsible for the conduct of their scrutineers. Continued abuse of scrutineers or disruption of the polls from one particular group of scrutineers may lead to disqualification of the candidate or referenda group in question."

X. Article 12 -- Voting

- (a) We propose modifying Article 12.1 so that the first sentence shall read *"The date, time and location of the regular polls will be published no later than 24 hours after the first advance poll."*
- (b) In order to reduce extraneous records, we propose adding to Article 12.6 the phrase: *"This record shall be kept for fourteen (14) days."*
- (c) Article 12.10 differentiates between "voting text" and "voting information". What is the difference?



XI. Article 13 -- The Count

- (a) In order to prevent questions of interpretation and judgement vis-à-vis valid and spoiled ballots, we propose amending the first point only so as to read:

"-there is no clear indication of preference for a single candidate or referendum question, as per the standards established by current Elections Canada procedure;"

XII. Article 14 -- Tie Votes

- (a) Article 14.1 mentions the possibility of a tie. Except for a perfect tie, there is no definition of what constitutes said tie. We propose creating a new Article (14.2). Two suggestions include:

"The term tie vote is understood to mean a situation where the number of spoiled ballots for a particular race is greater than the difference between the two leading candidates."

-OR-

"The term 'tie vote' shall be understood to mean a situation wherein the difference between two candidates is known to be less than 30 votes."

XIII. Article 15 -- Announcement of Results

- (a) Suggest replacing the term "EC" in Article 15.1 with "CRO". Furthermore, in lieu of writing "...on the following business day.." we propose the amended version which reads "...within the 3 business days following the tabulation of results."

Drew Cormack

SSMU Chief Returning Officer, 1998-99

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CC: SSMU Council

March 15, 1999

Mr. Brisebois,

It is a great pleasure to announce to you the official results of the 1999 spring elections, held this past week on March 9-10-11.

I would like to draw your attention to two matters. First, although the McGill Students' Fund referendum met required quorum (3,000 votes cast where quorum was 1,554) and was passed by the student electorate, it is nonetheless currently the subject of an inquiry at the Judicial Board. Secondly, there are, following standard regulations of Senate seat distribution, two Arts Senators. All other faculties have their requisite single seat.

You will find attached a breakdown of the election results. I trust this approach meets with your approval. In summary:

SSMU positions:

President: Mr. A. Tischler

VP Clubs & Services: Ms. S. Gross

VP Communications & Events: Mr. M. Wyndowe

VP Community & Government Affairs: Mr. W. Baraniak

VP University Affairs: Mr. X. Van Chau

VP Operations: Mr. K. McPhee

Senate seats:

Arts (2): Mr. J. Feiner, Ms. S. Clarke

Management: Mr. A. Silber

Science: Ms. K. Pelley

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Board of Governors: Mr. D. Reid

CKUT Board of Directors: Ms. L. MacNeil

MSF Referendum: YES victory

FERC Board of Directors: Mr. J. Antao, Mr. V. Cheli, Ms. C. Garden, Mr. S. Kamhawi

<u>Plebiscite Questions:</u>	1.	Smoking : Non-smoking	21.02% : 78.98%
	2.	FYSA Yes : No	38.56% : 61.44%
	3.	Security Yes : No	54.07% : 45.93%

Please note that the VP Communications & Events as well as the Management Senate seat were recounted at the written request of the relevant candidates. The recount occurred on Saturday, 13 March 1999. The initial outcomes obtained on 11 March stood after the recount.

Furthermore, the discrepancies noted vis-à-vis the total number of voters in comparative races is the direct result of scrutineer interference error. At its greatest extent the interference error is four (4) votes; the marginal variation between candidates is sufficiently large to make a systematic correction negligible and without benefit.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elections McGill as soon as possible.



Drew Cormack
SSMU Chief Returning Officer



Timothy Shrigley
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<u>SSMU</u>																
<u>President</u>	Kochar	67	17	86	66	63	50	26	30	62	50	46	26	28	31	648
	Pallet	88	21	22	72	50	36	26	47	52	20	27	28	12	23	524
	Stein	143	40	13	76	50	43	19	43	62	18	49	24	17	23	620
	Tischler	140	78	21	133	55	72	30	98	55	24	67	46	28	34	881
	spoiled	36	4	7	30	22	58	15	43	12	22	20	18	10	10	307
<u>VP C/S</u>	Gross	293	73	78	186	112	123	55	132	127	47	113	66	45	59	1509
	Ki	126	71	43	123	83	74	36	70	91	59	65	47	33	38	959
	spoiled	55	17	28	68	45	62	25	58	30	28	31	29	17	24	517
<u>VP C/E</u>	Morrow	168	79	74	154	99	106	42	84	85	60	92	51	42	42	1178
	Wyndowe	239	68	51	168	52	79	50	119	119	30	78	62	38	62	1215
	spoiled	67	14	24	55	89	74	24	57	44	44	39	29	15	17	592
<u>RECOUNT</u>																
	Morrow	169	78	74	151	99	124	42	80	85	58	92	52	42	42	1188
	Wyndowe	239	68	51	172	89	95	50	116	119	31	78	61	37	62	1268
	spoiled	66	14	24	51	52	40	24	65	44	45	39	29	15	17	525
<u>VP C/G</u>	Baraniak	255	101	60	202	86	129	56	129	113	40	110	70	39	60	1450
	Noormahomad	61	20	25	50	62	26	19	33	53	27	23	20	18	16	453
	Roberts	97	25	34	74	49	39	16	49	47	29	39	27	21	28	574
	spoiled	61	14	30	51	43	65	25	49	35	38	37	25	17	17	507
<u>VP UA</u>	Qureshi	169	58	56	151	92	74	47	102	80	36	80	48	43	36	1072
	Van Chau	233	83	58	158	88	109	41	95	132	52	84	64	31	60	1288
	spoiled	72	20	35	68	60	77	28	64	36	46	45	30	21	25	627
<u>MSF Ref.</u>	YES	294	112	85	214	123	149	60	161	148	35	91	82	55	60	1669
	NO	166	45	58	151	121	105	57	81	88	97	100	50	39	61	1219
	spoiled	17	4	6	11	6	9	5	20	11	5	6	9	1	2	112

spring electoral events

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<u>BoG</u>	Boelman	154	43	35	131	88	99	46	91	74	47	75	67	25	35	1010
	Reid	275	93	84	179	115	127	47	106	143	48	101	55	53	66	1492
	spoiled	49	24	27	65	28	25	2	61	16	39	30	20	14	19	419
<u>Senate</u>																
	Clark	136	36	19	131	18	76	16	92	13	1	26	12	2	13	591
	Feiner	186	24	23	141	15	75	17	102	18	1	36	8	1	16	663
	Sagel	50	33	29	83	12	36	9	45	9	0	19	2	1	7	335
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	Pelley	38	11	13	27	31	33	13	13	3	1	54	42	6	9	294
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	NO	146	58	60	124	79	91	35	80	91	23	75	56	32	43	993

campaign reimbursement requests

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>SSMU President</u>	Tamana Kochar	146.39	
	Melissa Pallet	150.96	150
	Jamie Stein	140.66	
	Andrew Tischler	143.62	
<u>VP Government</u>	Wojtek Baraniak	141.9	
	Ali Noormahommad	103.8	
	Jeff Roberts	153.65	150
<u>VP UA</u>	Jawad Qureshi	89.28	
	Xavier Van Chau	129.98	
<u>VP Communication</u>	Jo Morrow	97.42	
	Matt Wyndowe	104.54	
<u>VP Clubs</u>	Sam Gross	148.39	
	John Ki	122.58	
<u>VP Operations</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	
<u>Board of Governors</u>	Cyrus Boelman	91.77	
<u>Arts Senators</u>	Sarah Clarke	16.1	
	Jeffrey Feiner	136.59	
	Fred Sagel	122.81	
<u>Science Senators</u>	Ambereen Hussain	15.57	
	Karen Pelley	56.32	
	Sarah Fienberg	54.86	
<u>Mgmt. Senators</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	
<u>Referendum</u>	YES committee	243.71	
<u>FERC advisors</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	
<u>CKUT McGill</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	

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Guy Brisebois
General Manager
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3480 McTavish
Montreal, Quebec H3A 1X9

CC: SSMU Council

March 15, 1999

Mr. Brisebois,

It is a great pleasure to announce to you the official results of the 1999 spring elections, held this past week on March 9-10-11.

I would like to draw your attention to two matters. First, although the McGill Students' Fund referendum met required quorum (3,000 votes cast where quorum was 1,554) and was passed by the student electorate, it is nonetheless currently the subject of an inquiry at the Judicial Board. Secondly, there are, following standard regulations of Senate seat distribution, two Arts Senators. All other faculties have their requisite single seat.

You will find attached a breakdown of the election results. I trust this approach meets with your approval. In summary:

SSMU positions:

President: Mr. A. Tischler

VP Clubs & Services: Ms. S. Gross

VP Communications & Events: Mr. M. Wyndowe

VP Community & Government Affairs: Mr. W. Baraniak

VP University Affairs: Mr. X. Van Chau

VP Operations: Mr. K. McPhee

Senate seats:

Arts (2): Mr. J. Feiner, Ms. S. Clarke

Management: Mr. A. Silber

Science: Ms. K. Pelley

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Board of Governors: Mr. D. Reid

CKUT Board of Directors: Ms. L. MacNeil

MSF Referendum: YES victory

FERC Board of Directors: Mr. J. Antao, Mr. V. Cheli, Ms. C. Garden, Mr. S. Kamhawi

<u>Plebiscite Questions:</u>	1.	Smoking : Non-smoking	21.02% : 78.98%
	2.	FYSA Yes : No	38.56% : 61.44%
	3.	Security Yes : No	54.07% : 45.93%

Please note that the VP Communications & Events as well as the Management Senate seat were recounted at the written request of the relevant candidates. The recount occurred on Saturday, 13 March 1999. The initial outcomes obtained on 11 March stood after the recount.

Furthermore, the discrepancies noted vis-à-vis the total number of voters in comparative races is the direct result of scrutineer interference error. At its greatest extent the interference error is four (4) votes; the marginal variation between candidates is sufficiently large to make a systematic correction negligible and without benefit.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elections McGill as soon as possible.



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<u>SSMU</u>																
<u>President</u>	Kochar	67	17	86	66	63	50	26	30	62	50	46	26	28	31	648
	Pallet	88	21	22	72	50	36	26	47	52	20	27	28	12	23	524
	Stein	143	40	13	76	50	43	19	43	62	18	49	24	17	23	620
	Tischler	140	78	21	133	55	72	30	98	55	24	67	46	28	34	881
	spoiled	36	4	7	30	22	58	15	43	12	22	20	18	10	10	307
<u>VP C/S</u>	Gross	293	73	78	186	112	123	55	132	127	47	113	66	45	59	1509
	Ki	126	71	43	123	83	74	36	70	91	59	65	47	33	38	959
	spoiled	55	17	28	68	45	62	25	58	30	28	31	29	17	24	517
<u>VP C/E</u>	Morrow	168	79	74	154	99	106	42	84	85	60	92	51	42	42	1178
	Wyndowe	239	68	51	168	52	79	50	119	119	30	78	62	38	62	1215
	spoiled	67	14	24	55	89	74	24	57	44	44	39	29	15	17	592
<u>RECOUNT</u>																
	Morrow	169	78	74	151	99	124	42	80	85	58	92	52	42	42	1188
	Wyndowe	239	68	51	172	89	95	50	116	119	31	78	61	37	62	1268
	spoiled	66	14	24	51	52	40	24	65	44	45	39	29	15	17	525
<u>VP C/G</u>	Baraniak	255	101	60	202	86	129	56	129	113	40	110	70	39	60	1450
	Noormahomad	61	20	25	50	62	26	19	33	53	27	23	20	18	16	453
	Roberts	97	25	34	74	49	39	16	49	47	29	39	27	21	28	574
	spoiled	61	14	30	51	43	65	25	49	35	38	37	25	17	17	507
<u>VP UA</u>	Qureshi	169	58	56	151	92	74	47	102	80	36	80	48	43	36	1072
	Van Chau	233	83	58	158	88	109	41	95	132	52	84	64	31	60	1288
	spoiled	72	20	35	68	60	77	28	64	36	46	45	30	21	25	627
<u>MSF Ref.</u>	YES	294	112	85	214	123	149	60	161	148	35	91	82	55	60	1669
	NO	166	45	58	151	121	105	57	81	88	97	100	50	39	61	1219
	spoiled	17	4	6	11	6	9	5	20	11	5	6	9	1	2	112

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<u>BoG</u>	Boelman	154	43	35	131	88	99	46	91	74	47	75	67	25	35	1010
	Reid	275	93	84	179	115	127	47	106	143	48	101	55	53	66	1492
	spoiled	49	24	27	65	28	25	2	61	16	39	30	20	14	19	419
<u>Senate</u>																
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cro report to council

11 february, 1999

spring referendum

In addition to the report already made regarding By-Law no.1, I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming referenda in the spring electoral period.

There were no student-initiated referenda petitions submitted to Elections McGill. There was one Council-initiated question submitted, received in good standing on 08 February 1999.

There shall therefore be one, and only one, referendum question presented to the McGill undergraduate electorate during the upcoming electoral period (March 09-10-11).

There has been certain controversy over the nature of this question, however. I have listed below some of the key points relating to this question; by addressing these issues, I hope to dispel some of the misunderstandings and abounding rumors surrounding the referendum entry.

- the Council-initiated referendum question dealing with the MSF was submitted directly to the CRO by the General Manager of SSMU. This was done in the presence of both the SSMU President and the Recording Secretary
- upon receipt of the question, I quickly perused the text and was surprised to see the phrase located directly above the final rephrasing of the question, namely "Any student will be able to opt out of the McGill Students' Fund for a full refund."
- knowing of the events which had transpired within Council on the evening of 04 February, 1999, I asked Mr Reid about the inclusion of the above-mentioned phrase. In particular, I remarked that I had been lead to believe that Council had removed the possibility of opting out from the question.
- Mr Reid, after examining the paper, replied that he thought it had indeed been struck. We then turned to the Recording Secretary and asked her to verify the amendments passed by Council. Ms. Le Normand verified her documents and confirmed that while the final clause of the rephrased question had been struck, mention of the opt-out clause had been left intact within the body of the question itself.
- certain arguments have appeared regarding the spirit of Council's actions on 04 February, 1999. The advocates of this line of reasoning claim that while a clerical oversight had

been made, the intent of Council was clear and that therefore the question should be adjusted in order to fully represent Council's intentions.

- unfortunately, this line of thought is both groundless and injudicious. Elections McGill is not charged with prioritizing between Council's wishes and its acts, nor even is it within our bailiwick to question the relative harmony between Council's intents and deeds. If internecine strife and political interest colour the workings of Council, they do not do so within Elections McGill. It is our strict function to deal with resolutions passed, not those that "ought to have been passed had we not been in error." The internal workings of SSMU Council are its own affair and do not concern the smooth functioning of impartial elections insofar as they do not breach or violate the SSMU Constitution or By-laws.
- given that the question itself is not in self-contradiction despite these modifications, I accepted the referendum question as it was passed by Council. As this was the only question produced by Council before the deadline of 09 February 1999, this shall remain the only referendum question presented at the polls.

I attach herewith the two (2) relevant documents relating to the receipt of question.

I trust that this explanation renders the decision to accept the question more clear. I welcome any additional, relevant inquiries that may concern you.

Faithfully,



Drew Cormack
SSMU Chief Returning Officer, 1998-99

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DEAN CORNER, CRO

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Brigitte Le Normand
Recording Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MARCH 4, 1999

February 15, 1999

1) The EC divvied up who was going to figure out who represents the SSMU on the advisory committees to select the Deans of Management, Dentistry, Arts, Medicine, and Science. Their terms all come up in 2000. That's going to be a pretty considerable shift, given that we're already in the process of replacing the Deans of Engineering and Law. Additionally, the Dean of Students and VP Research and Grad Studies terms are coming to an end. With the new VP Academic (Luc Vinet), the Principal and VP's Heaphy and Drummond are the only senior administrators around for continuity. There's already been tons of interest shown in the Med committee; if anyone is interested in the academic committees, talk to Sam. The VP FGSR Committee will be assigned by me or PAC, and I will serve on the Dean of Students committee.

2) The EC Approved a list of plebiscite questions to go to the polls:

i) If the SSMU were able to provide more non-smoking or more smoking space within the William Shatner University Center, which would you prefer?

- a) More non-smoking*
- b) More smoking*

ii) Do you believe that first-year students should contribute a nominal one-time fee to go to the First Year Students' Association (FYSA)?

iii) Do you feel that the level of safety provided by McGill Security on main campus is adequate?

iv) Did you know that Lorenzo Pederzani, VP Finance and Operations, does not have a date for the Red & White?

Unfortunately, the CRO ruled that #4 was invalid. The VP Finance might argue differently, but it saved the EC the trouble of pulling the question later anyways.

February 19, 1999

The EC approved \$1800 to assist in the funding of the upcoming *McGill Francais* reflection. The EC believes this event will provide interesting insights and generate worthwhile debate for the McGill community.





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

April 26, 1999

Rosalie Jukier
Dean of Students
Office of the Dean of Students

McGill University
Powell Student Services Building
3637 Peel Street
Montréal, PQ H3A 1X1

Dear Dean Jukier,

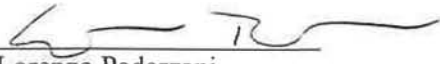
Please be advised that the collection of fees towards the McGill Students' Fund was recently approved in a referendum during the Winter referendum period. Exactly 3000 votes were cast meeting the Quorum requirement of 1554 votes. The official results indicated 1669 YES votes, 1219 NO votes and 112 SPOILED ballots. Please review the attached letter from the Chief Returning Officer for detailed electoral results. A copy of the referendum question has also been attached.

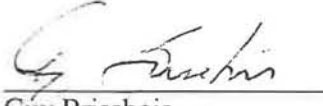
The fee shall be levied for five (5) years commencing during the Fall 1999 semester and ending during the Winter 2004 semester. The fee shall constitute a thirty-eight dollar (\$38) per semester (excluding summer semesters) increase for full-time students and nineteen dollar (\$19) per semester increase for part-time student. These fees are to be collected as part of the 'Society Fee' in McGill account 305-65-00.

Be it further advised that students shall have the ability to opt-out of the Fund at the beginning of the Fall and Winter semesters. According to recent discussions with the Student Accounts Office we hope - by September of this year - to establish a system with the University by which opt-outs will be re-credited to the students' accounts. The SSMU shall be responsible for processing the opt-outs and providing the University with accurate information thereof.

Thank you in advance for incorporating the McGill Students' Fund levy into the Society Fee in the upcoming semesters.

Sincerely,


Lorenzo Pederzani
SCMU, VP Finance and Operations


Guy Brisebois
SCMU, General Manager

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March 15, 1999

Mr. Brisebois,

It is a great pleasure to announce to you the official results of the 1999 spring elections, held this past week on March 9-10-11.

I would like to draw your attention to two matters. First, although the McGill Students' Fund referendum met required quorum (3,000 votes cast where quorum was 1,554) and was passed by the student electorate, it is nonetheless currently the subject of an inquiry at the Judicial Board. Secondly, there are, following standard regulations of Senate seat distribution, two Arts Senators. All other faculties have their requisite single seat.

You will find attached a breakdown of the election results. I trust this approach meets with your approval. In summary:

SSMU positions:

President: Mr. A. Tischler

VP Clubs & Services: Ms. S. Gross

VP Communications & Events: Mr. M. Wyndowe

VP Community & Government Affairs: Mr. W. Baraniak

VP University Affairs: Mr. X. Van Chau

VP Operations: Mr. K. McPhee

Senate seats:

Arts (2): Mr. J. Feiner, Ms. S. Clarke

Management: Mr. A. Silber

Science: Ms. K. Pelley

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Board of Governors: Mr. D. Reid

CKUT Board of Directors: Ms. L. MacNeil

MSF Referendum: YES victory

FERC Board of Directors: Mr. J. Antao, Mr. V. Cheli, Ms. C. Garden, Mr. S. Kamhawi

<u>Plebiscite Questions:</u>	1.	Smoking : Non-smoking	21.02% : 78.98%
	2.	FYSA Yes : No	38.56% : 61.44%
	3.	Security Yes : No	54.07% : 45.93%

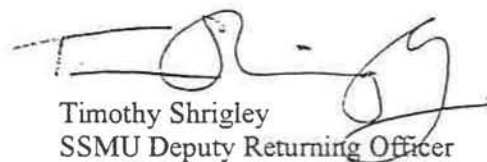
Please note that the VP Communications & Events as well as the Management Senate seat were recounted at the written request of the relevant candidates. The recount occurred on Saturday, 13 March 1999. The initial outcomes obtained on 11 March stood after the recount.

Furthermore, the discrepancies noted vis-à-vis the total number of voters in comparative races is the direct result of scrutineer interference error. At its greatest extent the interference error is four (4) votes; the marginal variation between candidates is sufficiently large to make a systematic correction negligible and without benefit.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elections McGill as soon as possible.



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<u>SSMU</u>																
<u>President</u>	Kochar	67	17	86	66	63	50	26	30	62	50	46	26	28	31	648
	Pallet	88	21	22	72	50	36	26	47	52	20	27	28	12	23	524
	Stein	143	40	13	76	50	43	19	43	62	18	49	24	17	23	620
	Tischler	140	78	21	133	55	72	30	98	55	24	67	46	28	34	881
	spoiled	36	4	7	30	22	58	15	43	12	22	20	18	10	10	307
<u>VP C/S</u>	Gross	293	73	78	186	112	123	55	132	127	47	113	66	45	59	1509
	Ki	126	71	43	123	83	74	36	70	91	59	65	47	33	38	959
	spoiled	55	17	28	68	45	62	25	58	30	28	31	29	17	24	517
<u>VP C/E</u>	Morrow	168	79	74	154	99	106	42	84	85	60	92	51	42	42	1178
	Wyndowe	239	68	51	168	52	79	50	119	119	30	78	62	38	62	1215
	spoiled	67	14	24	55	89	74	24	57	44	44	39	29	15	17	592
<u>RECOUNT</u>																
	Morrow	169	78	74	151	99	124	42	80	85	58	92	52	42	42	1188
	Wyndowe	239	68	51	172	89	95	50	116	119	31	78	61	37	62	1268
	spoiled	66	14	24	51	52	40	24	65	44	45	39	29	15	17	525
<u>VP C/G</u>	Baraniak	255	101	60	202	86	129	56	129	113	40	110	70	39	60	1450
	Noormahomad	61	20	25	50	62	26	19	33	53	27	23	20	18	16	453
	Roberts	97	25	34	74	49	39	16	49	47	29	39	27	21	28	574
	spoiled	61	14	30	51	43	65	25	49	35	38	37	25	17	17	507
<u>VP UA</u>	Qureshi	169	58	56	151	92	74	47	102	80	36	80	48	43	36	1072
	Van Chau	233	83	58	158	88	109	41	95	132	52	84	64	31	60	1288
	spoiled	72	20	35	68	60	77	28	64	36	46	45	30	21	25	627
<u>MSF Ref.</u>	YES	294	112	85	214	123	149	60	161	148	35	91	82	55	60	1669
	NO	166	45	58	151	121	105	57	81	88	97	100	50	39	61	1219
	spoiled	17	4	6	11	6	9	5	20	11	5	6	9	1	2	112

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STATION		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL
<u>BoG</u>	Boelman	154	43	35	131	88	99	46	91	74	47	75	67	25	35	1010
	Reid	275	93	84	179	115	127	47	106	143	48	101	55	53	66	1492
	spoiled	49	24	27	65	28	25	2	61	16	39	30	20	14	19	419
<u>Senate</u>																
	Clark	136	36	19	131	18	76	16	92	13	1	26	12	2	13	591
	Feiner	186	24	23	141	15	75	17	102	18	1	36	8	1	16	663
	Sagel	50	33	29	83	12	36	9	45	9	0	19	2	1	7	335
	spoiled	33	9	7	46	3	33	5	58	2	1	13	7	0	3	220
<u>Manage.</u>																
	Chhatwal	11	9	14	5	3	0	0	4	85	0	1	0	1	1	134
	Silber	22	11	3	6	1	5	0	2	85	0	1	2	0	2	140
	spoiled	8	3	3	5	0	1	0	0	23	0	4	0	0	1	48
<u>RECOUNT</u>																
	Chhatwal	10	9	14	5	3	0	0	4	87	0	1	0	1	1	135
	Silber	22	11	3	6	1	5	0	2	82	0	1	2	0	2	137
	spoiled	8	3	3	5	0	1	0	0	24	0	4	0	0	1	49
<u>Science</u>																
	Fienberg	17	4	3	20	18	10	9	3	0	0	19	18	1	6	128
	Hussain	10	9	18	15	8	14	8	9	0	0	15	21	1	4	132
	Idiong	13	5	7	11	4	4	5	2	0	0	13	9	1	5	79
	Pelley	38	11	13	27	31	33	13	13	3	1	54	42	6	9	294
	spoiled	18	12	9	14	3	14	9	8	1	0	12	20	2	9	131
<u>Plebiscite</u>																
<u>No. 1</u>	Smoking	90	23	16	68	35	41	11	47	39	9	18	8	7	14	426
	Non-smoking	215	88	90	226	108	185	68	43	163	40	134	96	56	89	1601
<u>No. 2</u>	YES	111	35	36	103	61	78	31	80	76	16	87	41	24	38	817
	NO	182	77	74	179	101	143	49	114	118	34	66	64	39	62	1302
<u>No. 3</u>	YES	163	54	47	168	90	135	44	117	106	29	80	47	33	56	1169
	NO	146	58	60	124	79	91	35	80	91	23	75	56	32	43	993

campaign reimbursement requests

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>SSMU President</u>	Tamana Kochar	146.39	
	Melissa Pallet	150.96	150
	Jamie Stein	140.66	
	Andrew Tischler	143.62	
<u>VP Government</u>	Wojtek Baraniak	141.9	
	Ali Noormahommad	103.8	
	Jeff Roberts	153.65	150
<u>VP UA</u>	Jawad Qureshi	89.28	
	Xavier Van Chau	129.98	
<u>VP Communication</u>	Jo Morrow	97.42	
	Matt Wyndowe	104.54	
<u>VP Clubs</u>	Sam Gross	148.39	
	John Ki	122.58	
<u>VP Operations</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	
<u>Board of Governors</u>	Cyrus Boelman	91.77	
<u>Arts Senators</u>	Sarah Clarke	16.1	
	Jeffrey Feiner	136.59	
	Fred Sagel	122.81	
<u>Science Senators</u>	Ambereen Hussain	15.57	
	Karen Pelley	56.32	
	Sarah Fienberg	54.86	
<u>Mgmt. Senators</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	
<u>Referendum</u>	YES committee	243.71	
<u>FERC advisors</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	
<u>CKUT McGill</u>	<i>nothing submitted</i>	0	

Xavier Van Chau

From: Mark Cormier [mark.cormier@su.ualberta.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 1999 6:23 PM
To: ua@ssmu.mcgill.ca
Subject: Academic Affairs Job Description (U of A S.U.)

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From XJC



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Hi Xavier Van Chau:

I am Mark Cormier, the Academic Affairs Coordinator for the U of A S.U. I understand from Peter that you would like to see a copy of my job description; I have enclosed my job description and copied it to this email in case you cannot access my enclosure.

Take a look at it, and if you have any questions then just get in touch with me.

Sincerely,

Mark

ALBERTA STUDENT UNION

Bylaw 1020

A Bylaw Respecting the Academic Affairs Coordinator of the Students' Union

Short Title 1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Academic Affairs Coordinator" Bylaw.

Mandate 2. The Mandate of the Academic Affairs Coordinator will be to:

- a. assist the Vice-President Academic in the investigation of current academic issues and developments;
- b. promote cooperation and coordination between the Students' Union and General Faculties Council Student Caucus, as a non-voting member of the Student Caucus; and,
- c. promote cooperation and coordination between the Students' Union and the Council of Faculty Associations.

Start-up 3. a. The Academic Affairs Coordinator will be appointed in accordance with Bylaw 2050 (Nominating Committee), and subject to agreement to and signing of an employment contract with the Students' Union.

b. The selection process will be completed by April 1, and the appointment of the Coordinator will be ratified at the first Students' Council meeting in April.

Term 4. a. The Academic Affairs Coordinator will serve for the term of one (1) year, commencing May 1 of each year, until April 30 of the following year.

b. The incoming Coordinator will be given a thorough orientation to the position and the Students' Union, and where possible will work with the outgoing Coordinator from April 1 to April 30.

5. The Academic Affairs Coordinator must be registered in the equivalent of at least one (1) course for credit at the University of Alberta during each term of the Winter Session of their term of office, and must be a full Students' Union member.

Conduct of Business 6. a. Throughout their term of office, the Coordinator will hold a minimum of 20 hours per week in office time. b. The Academic Affairs Coordinator will report to the Vice-President Academic.

Responsibilities 7. The Academic Affairs Coordinator will be responsible for: a. serving as a non-voting member and as secretary of the Academic Affairs Board;

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- b. serving as a non-voting member and attending meetings of the Council of Faculty Associations (COFA);
 - c. acting as a liaison between the faculty associations and the Academic portfolio, f. encourage communication between student representatives on General Faculties Council or GFC Standing committees and the office of the Vice-President Academic;
 - g. fulfill any duties as outlined in the job description of the Academic Affairs Coordinator; and,
 - h. performing such other functions as are assigned by the Vice-President Academic. Final Report 8. The Coordinator will annually submit to Students' Council, prior to April 30, a final written report of activities and recommendations.
 - a. The Coordinator will report monthly to the Executive Committee, and quarterly to Students' Council.

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Schedule A

Document: PC 96/97 D-2

Presidents' Council Terms of Reference

1.0 Name

- 1.1 The name of this body shall be the Presidents' Council.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 Abstention: any member present who votes neither yes nor no.
- 2.2 Simple majority: more than fifty percent of the members who vote, excluding abstentions.
- 2.3 Special majority: two thirds of the members present who vote, excluding abstentions.
- 2.4 Academic day: a day in the Academic year in which classes are regularly scheduled
- 2.5 Academic year: the regularly scheduled fall and winter semesters, as scheduled by the McGill University administration.
- 2.6 Written Notice: communication of fax, e-mail or written letter.

3.0 Membership

- 3.1 The presidents of the following associations, societies, and councils shall be members of the Presidents' Council:

Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society
Macdonald College Students' Society
McGill Association of Continuing Education Students
Post Graduates Students' Society
Students' Society of McGill University
Architectural Undergraduate Society
Arts Undergraduate Society
Computer Science Undergraduate Society
Dental Students' Society
Education Undergraduate Society
Engineering Undergraduate Society
Law Students' Association
Management Undergraduate Society
Medical Students' Society
Music Undergraduate Society

Nursing Undergraduate Society
 Physical & Occupational Therapy Undergraduate Society
 Religious Studies Undergraduate Society
 Social Work Undergraduate Society
 Science Undergraduate Society
 Inter-Residence Council
 Inter-Greek Letter Council

and shall each have one vote.

- 3.2 Any member may delegate his/her vote on Presidents' Council to any representative that belongs to the body of which the member is president.
- 3.3 Any individual President, for the duration of their term, may renounce their membership in Presidents' Council by written notice to the speaker, or by failing to send representation to three (3) consecutive meetings.

4.0 Objectives

- 4.1 To encourage and facilitate communication between the members of Presidents' Council;
- 4.2 To discuss issues concerning *and* reasonably thought to be relevant to the McGill student body at large or to Presidents' Council members;
- 4.3 To offer consultation to the McGill Administration, in an effort to promote Student causes and concerns;
- 4.4 To receive information and presentations from McGill administrators or outside groups who wish to communicate with "the student leaders of McGill."

5.0 Meetings

- 5.1 Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month during the academic year;
- 5.2 The date and time of a meeting shall be set at the beginning of a preceding meeting;
- 5.3 The rules governing the meeting shall be the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order (revised);
- 5.4 Minutes of meetings shall be distributed to members at a following meeting, and once approved, shall be made available without restriction;
- 5.5 A simple majority of the members shall constitute quorum. In the case of a special meeting, all four (4) members must be present to constitute quorum;
- 5.6 If quorum is not achieved within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the meeting, the meeting shall be cancelled.
- 5.7 The Agenda:

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- 5.7.1 Items to be placed on the agenda shall be submitted to the Speaker, along with any supporting documents, at least five Academic days prior to the meeting where the item is to be addressed;
- 5.7.2 Only items reasonably thought to be relevant to all the members may be initially placed on the agenda. Any "non-global" items must be placed on the agenda at the meeting by presenting a debateable motion;
- 5.7.3 The agenda shall include place for each member to make short announcements. These announcements should pertain to events and not to issues.
- 5.8 Special meetings may be called by the Speaker, on written notice specifying the business of the meeting and submitted three academic days before the requested date of the meeting. Such a meeting may only be called upon written notice of four members.

6.0 Actions

- 6.1 The following actions may be taken by Presidents' Council:
 - 6.1.1 A notice of "Unanimous Endorsement" may be issued. This notice shall state the position of the members of Presidents' Council and shall indicate that the members unanimously endorse this position.
 - 6.1.2 A notice of "Endorsement" may be issued. This notice shall state the position of the majority of the members of Presidents' Council and shall indicate that a simple majority of its members endorse this position. *This action may not be taken if any dissenting member objects to this particular action.*
 - 6.1.3 A notice of "Dissenting Endorsement" may be issued. This notice shall state the position of the simple majority of the members of Presidents' Council, and shall also state that other members have a dissenting position. The dissenting members and endorsing members may be identified if they so wish.
 - 6.1.4 A resolution of individual endorsement may be passed, whereby individual members agree to bring a motion of Presidents' Council to their respective councils for approval.
 - 6.1.5 A notice of "Invitation" may be issued. This notice shall invite a group or individual to address the Presidents' Council at a designated date and time.
- 6.2 The Signing Officer shall write, sign and distribute any notices as per Article 6.1. The final version of any document to be sent shall be approved by a simple majority of Presidents' Council.

7.0 Speaker

- 7.1 The Speaker shall:
 - 7.1.1 Preside over meetings of the Presidents' Council
 - 7.1.2 Collect items for and create the agenda

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7.1.3 Be responsible for the administrative duties relating to Presidents' Council including:

7.1.3.1 Coordinating the activities of Presidents' Council

7.1.3.2 Maintaining close contact with member organizations

7.1.3.3 Compiling documents and information that may be of interest to the members

7.1.3.4 Assisting in relevant research and information gathering

7.1.3.5 Distributing the Minutes

7.1.3.6 Being chief Signing Officer

7.1.4 Be directly responsible to Presidents' Council

8.0 Amendments

8.1 A quorum of two-thirds of the members shall be required to put forth a motion to amend the Terms of Reference.

8.2 The Terms of Reference may be amended by the Presidents' Council at any meeting complying with Article 8.1 by a special majority vote.

1. There shall be a body called the President's Council.
2. The P.C. shall be ~~fully independent~~ of Council.
3. The P.C. shall set, amend + repeal its own terms of reference.
4. ^{Declarations of 3.1 the terms of reference shall be provided in schedule A.} The P.C. shall not be binding on Council or on the Students Society.
5. The SSMU shall not assume responsibility for any obligations that are incurred or assumed by the P.C.

A By-law Concerning the Academic Research Officer Draft Version

V.1.0

Article 1 – General

- 1.1 The purpose of the Academic Research Officer (“ARO”) shall be to ensure cohesiveness and continuity in undergraduate University representation.
- 1.2 The ARO shall function ~~as~~ as
 - 1.2.1 archivist;
 - 1.2.2 manager of University Affairs databases; and
 - 1.2.3 researcher for the Vice President, University Affairs, Senators and Committee Representatives.

Article 2 – Duties

- 2.1 The ARO shall
 - 2.1.1 report at least once a week to the Vice President, University Affairs;
 - 2.1.2 prepare a monthly report on University representation;
 - 2.1.3 present each semester a report on databases and archives;
 - 2.1.4 consult regularly with the Political Research Officer; — when there is one.
 - 2.1.5 perform ~~searches~~ ^{research} at the request of the Vice President, University Affairs on topics relating to the McGill Senate and its bodies and academic issues in general;
 - 2.1.6 inform the Senate Committees Coordinator on issues concerning University representation;
 - 2.1.7 make a record of ~~his or her~~ expenses and submit it to the Treasurer;
 - 2.1.8 present an end-of-year report to the Vice President, University Affairs on what has been accomplished by the ARO, on what remains to be done by the office and any advice or suggestions for the incoming ARO; and
 - 2.1.9 generally perform all the duties incidental to the office of ARO and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Vice President, University Affairs.

Archive —
database

~~Collect~~
+
Redact
University
Student
Committee
Reports

Article 3 – Selection Process

- 3.1 The ARO shall be appointed on a yearly basis.
- 3.2 The process shall generally occur when the Society appoints its commissioners.
- 3.3 The Vice President, University Affairs in conjunction with his or her University Affairs Committee shall appoint the ARO.

- 3.3.1 Council must ratify selection(s).
- 3.4 Candidates for ARO
 - 3.4.1 must possess strong research and database skills;
 - 3.4.2 must remain students at McGill throughout their terms of office;
 - 3.4.3 need not be undergraduates; however, preference may be given to upper year undergraduate students; and
 - 3.4.4 must reside in the Montreal area throughout their terms of office.

Sept - May

Article 4 – Compensation

- 4.1 The Vice President, University Affairs shall submit each year to the Financial Affairs Committee a report outlining the duties of the ARO and the time commitment required to perform them.
- 4.2 The Financial Affairs Committee shall set and adjust the annual stipend accordingly.

Vince Escanlar
SSMU Elections Co-ordinator
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Tel: 398-7441

Guy Brisbois
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November 16, 1998

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Nov 16, 98 - 15.30

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SSMU CRO



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Andrew Cormack
Chief Returning Officer
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Room B01B Tel: 398-7441

Karen Pelley
VP Internal Affairs
Students' Society of McGill University

CC: Duncan Reid, Olga Patrizi, the *Tribune*, the *McGill Daily*

November 12, 1998

Ms Pelley,

As per your request, I am pleased to provide you with the definition of "quorum" that will be used when counting the referenda ballots this evening (for the Nov 10-12 electoral period). For your own information, the counting will begin at 18h00 in B09/10.

After consultation with my Deputy Returning Officer and following precedence as set by Elections Canada, we have arrived at a definition that we believe is just and equitable to both the electorate and the spirit of the referendum period.

Quorum, as such, is set at 10% of the membership of the SSMU. This is explicitly stated in Article 15.7 of the existing Constitution. As there are 16,051 eligible undergraduates students enrolled at McGill, quorum shall be set at 1,605 students.

15,510 (SSMU)

Furthermore, I appreciate your concern with regards to spoiled ballots and abstentions. It should be noted that such ballots are included when forming quorum; by casting a ballot, a student is considered to have voted and thus contributed towards quorum. The content of his/her vote, be it in the affirmative, negative or even absent or spoiled should not detract from the fact that he/she has participated in the referendum.

Finally, I would like to remind you that under Article 10.2 of the same Constitution, referenda shall be passed by simple majority.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Faithfully,

Drew Cormack
SSMU Chief Returning Officer

Witnessed: Tim Shrigley
SSMU DRO

Vince Escanlar
SSMU EC

Craig Symington
Impartial Observer

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1998-99 SSMU Council
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Dear SSMU Council,

I would like to thank all of you for the confidence shown in confirming my appointment as your Chief Returning Officer for the current academic year.

I am sure that all of you are looking forward to a year free of electoral hassles and constitutional conflicts. I would like to assure you that, along with increasing voter turnout during both the referenda and electoral periods, these are among my principal aims.

I welcome you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, either by telephone or via email.

Cordially,



Drew Cormack
Chief Returning Officer (1998-99)
SSMU

09/28/98
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ARO #1

Aug 5th

from XVC

Political Research Officer

Job Description and Manual

Prepared by Aphrodite Sahlas, SSMU PRO 1998-1999

December 1998

HISTORY OF THE POSITION AND IDEAL CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The position of Political Research Officer (PRO) has been filled somewhat erratically since the first PRO, Alex Usher, was here in the early 1990s. Since then, each PRO approached the job with different objectives in mind. The focus of the job changes when executives turn over, when new governments are elected (at all levels), and even when ~~things happen in~~ other universities across Canada. Therefore, perhaps the most important quality for a PRO to ~~have~~ is flexibility.

The malleability of the position has also been the source of some discontent for PROs in the past. Because of the high turnover rate of executives in the office, it is up to the PRO to be proactive rather than reactive. Namely, it is crucial for the PRO to come up with ~~their~~ own projects and present them to the executives, if only to spur the executives on to use your services to the fullest. At the same time, it is important to remember that the PRO-executive relationship is made up of several partnerships – consequently, the PRO must be able to take direction from the executives and/or the general manager effectively.

Apart from the functions listed in this document, the PRO is expected to fill an advisory role on issues from policy to communications. This may change from person to person, for example, because of my experiences in the media; I concentrated a bit more on this area – especially when it came to the differential tuition fee suit. Other PROs may have been more oriented towards archiving or policy writing.

The important thing to remember is that as PRO, you ^{act} serve as the information hub of SSMU. Get acquainted with everything you can in office files and on the shelves. Keep up to date with what's going on in post-secondary education and around McGill. Make sure you communicate well with your executives, general manager and office staff – each one plays an important role at SSMU and each one means something different to you.

What follows is a draft of what I believe would be a reasonable job description. Granted, there are several ways the description may be interpreted – some things may become a priority, others may be put on the back burner. Again, a lot depends on the Executive of the day and their needs.

Lastly, if you would like to contact other student union researchers, I have included the email addresses of a few I worked with over the past year – I would suggest contacting Avvey at Waterloo in particular. Most of all, have a good time with it! It has the potential to be a fantastic job for the right person.

Best of luck,



Aphrodite Sahlas

GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE JOB

1. Act as an all-purpose resource person who serves not only the research analysis and special project needs of the SSMU, but also serves the information and general assistance needs of the student body, the university community and the external community.
2. Provide record, library and documentation collection, management and retrieval functions for the SSMU to support transition, continuity, general information requirements and historical perspective.
3. Liaise with the student body, university administration and the community at large to remain current in affairs affecting the campus community.

RESEARCH FUNCTIONS

4. Aid in special projects for the Executive and particularly, but not exclusively, for the offices of the President, the Vice-President University Affairs and the Vice-President External Affairs.
5. Assist in the formulation and preparation of research documents, parliamentary briefs, etc.
6. Recommend to the Executive that specific research projects be established and supervise those projects.
7. Look for opportunities for project funding from government and other sources.
8. Compile and maintain extensive files on student affairs and related topics.
9. Reads numerous newspapers/minutes/periodicals and maintains files on relevant topics.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

10. Establish and maintain a general resource centre, which will include a library, general access file and computer filing system of relevant materials.
11. Peruse the daily newspapers and compile articles that are of interest and relevance to the Students' Society – put hard copies in the 'News Clips' binder (baby blue binder).
12. Run information sessions with the Executive members as often as is necessary.
13. Draft press releases on behalf of the SSMU.

DECISION-MAKING FUNCTIONS

14. Provide information, precedents, advice and policy alternatives to Executive, Council and others without unduly affecting the decision-making process.
15. Draft policy and/or correspondence on behalf of the Executive when issues are very volatile, the public image of the SSMU is at stake and the press is involved.

16. Remaining current in the information arena in order to respond to the plethora of wide-ranging issues/information which are brought to SSMU by the Executive or the student body at large.
17. Adapting to the yearly turnover of Executives and adjusting to differing styles of management and expectations.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Receives general direction from the Executive and General Manager through frequent discussions and meetings. The general manager and the executive will conduct occasional review of work. The PRO will plan his/her own methods to carry out directions within established procedures and/or policy.

SUPERVISION GIVEN

PRO will supervise employees assisting in research projects.

WORKING CONDITIONS

1. Physical Demands: work pace is hectic, job is very demanding.
2. Weekly hours of Work: Work schedule as required by the executive, up to but not exclusively 40 hours per week. Evenings and weekends on occasion.
3. Office space, computer, telephone line, and use of photocopier, fax machine and all SSMU office equipment.

BACKGROUND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bachelor degree (minimum).
2. One to three years experience in public policy research or related activity, preferably in the university sector.

SPECIAL SKILLS

1. Extensive and demonstrable written and oral communication skills.
2. Excellent interpersonal skills; ability to develop a quick rapport with student leaders and to communicate effectively.
3. Ability to work with little direction.
4. Understanding of press relations.
5. Good research and records management techniques.
6. Current computer word processing and data base abilities.
7. Analytical skills with ability to synthesize information into draft reports, policy, etc.

SSMU PRO COMPUTER FILES

There are several computer files available to the next PRO, they may be accessed on the E drive of my old computer under "My Documents."

VARIOUS PRO SALARIES

(These places have PRO's with very similar job descriptions to the one listed above)

Queen's	\$35,000-\$40,000
Waterloo	\$32,000
Calgary	\$38,000 (official salary grid is: \$28,000-\$32,000)
UBC	\$33,500
McMaster	\$30,000-\$35,000 (starting at \$25,000-\$30,000)
U of T	\$30,000 - \$35,000
McGill	\$25,000

CASA MEMBER SCHOOLS – RESEARCHERS

Waterloo	Avvey Peters	a2peters@uwaterloo.ca
UBC	Desmond Rodenbour	policyan@ams.ubc.ca
Queen's	Greg McKellar	info@ams.queensu.ca
Calgary	Hamish MacAulay	hmacaula@acs.ucalgary.ca
McMaster	Shaun Young	syoung@msu.admin.mcmaster.ca
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CASA	Leanne Wright	Pro@casa.ca
Alberta	Ken Blonski	kblonski@su.ualberta.ca

The Francophone issue

In an attempt to identify what is thought of as the Francophone issue in the context of McGill University and in relation to the Students' Society, I have asked many people, who are involved, what they consider the major cause for concern is for the Francophone population. I discovered that most propositions for the enhancement of Francophone Students are flavored with question marks. Will this really help? Is the problem internal or external to the organization? Etc... For that reason, I think that the most pressing task for the Society, in relation to the Francophone community, is to define the problems that plague the Francophone community and diminishes the academic and non-academic quality of life at McGill for these students.

Are there any pointers? When we look at other minority segments of the Student Body such as the international students we can define points of special need. International students need additional orientation to adapt to the Canadian environment. International students need a support network of their cultural peers. Etc...What do Francophone students need?

If I were to make suggestions I would start by looking at the list below:

- Communication provided in French to welcome Francophone Students into the community.
- Academic advising and orientation specifically for CEGEP students.
- Conveying to Francophone Students what living within the community offers.
- Immersion programs and language programs
- Cultural events
- The feeling that representation within the Society is being provided.
- Appropriate pressure to involve and organize their community niche.
- Ensuring that they are getting their money's worth. e.g. Do Francophone students use Off Campus Housing?

The Francophone Commissioner

At the Society our focus on the Francophone issue has lead to the creation of the position of the French Commissioner. In of and on his own our French Commissioner has helped the Executive circle the Francophone issues and define it a little bit better in our own minds. The Francophone Commissioner has organized events and opened a channel of dialogue with the Administration. Yet much more needs to be accomplished. For the 12% of international students the Students' Society and the Student Services provides more services and dedicates more funding then is done for the over 20% of Francophone students. Are the Francophone Students getting their money's worth?

We need to provide more resources to our focus on dealing with the Francophone issue. The first step in this direction is considering what the structural constraints are for the position of the French Commissioner. In the Constitution, the duties of the office include:

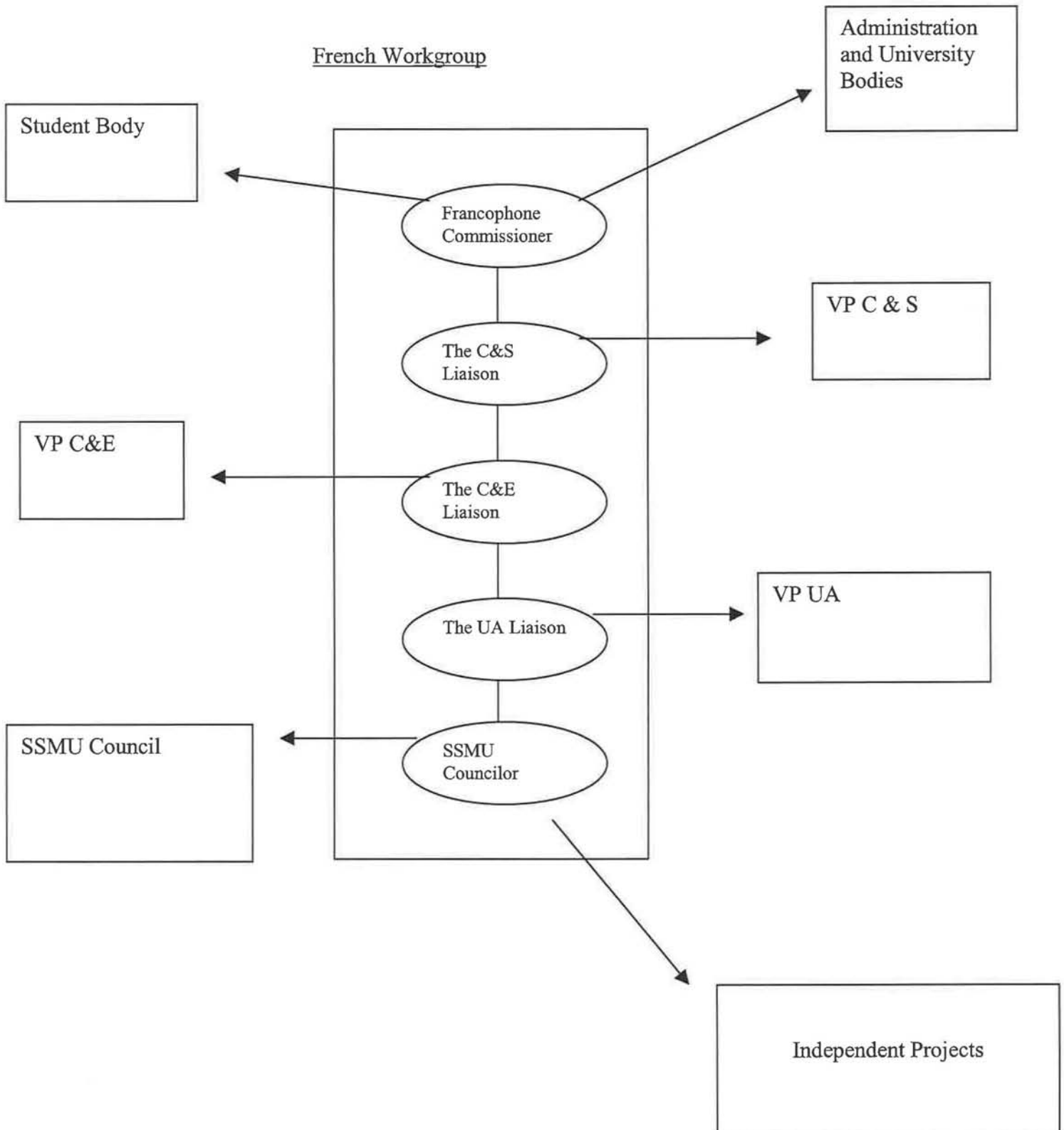
1. Communicating, informing and relaying information between the Student's Society and the Francophone population.
2. Communicating with the Executive and informing them of the Francophone perspective, especially the VP C&S, VP C&E and the VP UA
3. Communicating with Council and informing them of the Francophone perspective.
4. Organizing Francophone events
5. Maintaining a dialogue with the Administration.

This is too much for one student to accomplish, especially if he is not to be remunerated. Also the office of the French Commissioner is fragile. The office has no internal team. No teamwork means poorer planning, lack of resources, no breeding ground for future French Commissioners. What can be done to improve this situation?

- Create a Francophone Workgroup, that is affiliated within the Society under the direction of the French Commissioner.
- The Committee will be composed of five members, including the French Commissioner.
- The composition will be as listed:
 - The French Commissioner,
 - One SSMU Councilor,
 - The C&S Liaison,
 - The C&E Liaison,
 - The UA Liaison.
- The duties of the French Commissioner will include:
 - Overseeing the relations and projects of the Francophone Workgroup
 - Maintaining relations with the Administration and other University Bodies
 - Maintaining a strategy for the development of communication with the Francophone Student Body
 - Maintaining relations with the Society at all levels.
 - Creating a working budget for the Francophone Workgroup
- The Duties of the SSMU Councilor will include:
 - Working on projects organized by the Francophone Workgroup
 - Relaying information between Council and the Workgroup
- The Duties of the C&S Liaison will include:
 - Working on projects organized by the Francophone Workgroup
 - Relaying information between the VP C&S and the Workgroup
- The Duties of the C&E Liaison will include:
 - Working on projects organized by the Francophone Workgroup
 - Relaying information between the VP C&E and the Workgroup

- The Duties of UA Liaison will include:
Working on projects organized by the Francophone Workgroup
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The Francophone Workgroup



A By-law Concerning the McGill Student Fund Draft Version

Article 1 – General

- 1.0 In order to improve libraries at McGill, make vital renovations to the Shatner Student Centre and give support to fellow students in financial need, the membership of the Students' Society of McGill University has by referendum created McGill Students' Fund ("MSF").

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