



Motion to Amend the Fine Arts Council By-Laws

Whereas the FAC is mandated to fund a range of entities and individuals according to specific guidelines, and on merit;

Whereas members of the affiliate classification have undergone organizational changes year-to-year which would require frequent re-assessment, running contrary to the stated purpose of the program;

Whereas the affiliate program detracts from the FAC's mission to provide oversight and foster growth in the McGill fine arts community;

Be it Resolved, the AUS Legislative Council approves the changes to the FAC by-laws as follows:

~~4.6 The FAC shall work to support its affiliate(s) as defined in Article 9 and project(s) that it funds.~~

5.1 The Committee shall consist of ten (10) members:

5.1.1 The two (2) Fine Arts commissioners

5.1.2 The Vice-President Finance of the AUS;

5.1.3 The Vice-President Communications of the AUS;

5.1.4 A representative of each of the following fine arts disciplines:

5.1.4.1 Dance FAC Representative

5.1.4.2 Literary FAC Representative

5.1.4.3 Music FAC Representative

5.1.4.4 Theatre FAC Representative

5.1.4.5 Visual Arts FAC Representative

5.1.5 The FAC Representatives outlined in Article 5.1.4 will be selected by the ~~Fine Arts Commissioners, on the advice of the AUS VP Communications~~ **AUS VP Communications, with advice of the Fine Arts Commissioners.**

5.1.6 The remaining members, referred to as Independent Members, shall be from the McGill Fine Arts community.

5.1.6.1 These members will be by application and approved by the others members of the Committee

5.1.6.2 These members will undertake the responsibilities of sponsorship, advertising, organizing any FAC events and acting as an informational resource

5.1.6.3 These seats may be forfeited if new affiliates are granted seats. 5.1.6.4 The Independent Member(s) may be chosen during the application and interview process for the two (2) Fine Arts Commissioners.

5.2 The Fine Arts Commissioners shall share the following responsibilities:

~~5.2.1 Organize, facilitate and chair meetings;~~

~~5.2.2 Be responsible for the agenda before each meeting;~~

5.2.3 Liaise with applicants for funding.

5.2.4 Liaise with McGill and other AUS entities;

5.2.5 Prepare regular reports for ratification for AUS Council;

5.2.6 Liaise with Fine Arts Groups;

5.2.7 Update FAC every week on general progress;



5.2.8 Be responsible for the public image of the FAC.

Article 6 – Meetings of FAC

6.1 Quorum shall be six of ten members of the FAC.

6.2 Meetings shall be chaired by the **AUS VP Communications** ~~Fine Arts Commissioners~~.

6.3 Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the **AUS VP Communications** ~~Fine Arts Commissioners~~.

6.4 The FAC may invite funding applicants to prepare a presentation for the FAC.

Article 7 – Applicants for Funding ~~and affiliate budgets~~

7.1 Applications for funding ~~and affiliate budgets~~ must be passed by a majority vote of FAC.

7.1.1 Members who are involved in the project or budget must declare conflict of interest and refrain from voting.

7.2 To be considered, an applicant must fill out the application for funding in full.

7.3 The FAC may award funding in full, in part or deny funding entirely.

7.4 The FAC is encouraged to give feedback and support on applications.

7.5 All decisions of the FAC shall be brought to the AUS Legislative Council for ratification.

7.5.1 No funding regarding an application shall be distributed until such time that the AUS Legislative Council ratifies the allocation, if it should choose to do so.

7.6 The FAC shall allocate funding to the projects it deems worthy in considering the reach of project, qualification of applicant, viability of project, contribution to the annual Nuit Blanche event, and any other criteria the FAC deems relevant.

~~7.6 The affiliates' allocations shall be as follows:~~

~~7.6.1 STEPS will be funded \$550 per issue for 2 magazines of the FAC's budget each year.~~

~~7.6.2 AUTS will receive \$500 of the FAC's budget each year.~~

~~7.6.3 The Fridge Door Gallery will receive \$750 of the FAC's budget each year.~~

~~7.6.4. The VEG will receive \$550 per issue for 2 magazines of the FAC's budget each year.~~

~~7.6.5 Leacock's will receive \$750 of the FAC's budget each year.~~

~~7.7 This funding will be guaranteed provided that it does not create a surplus in the Affiliate Member's budget.~~

7.7 The FAC shall give priority for funding to applicants internal to, or affiliated with the AUS.

7.7.1 Second priority shall be given to applicants primarily serving Arts students.

7.7.2 All other applications shall be considered only after prioritized applicants.

7.7.3 Allocations to any applicant without a primary focus on Arts students shall not exceed ten percent of the Fine Arts Council's funding budget.

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Article 9 ~~Affiliates of the FAC~~

~~9.1 The FAC shall officially recognize and finance these Fine Arts endeavours as official FAC affiliates:~~

~~9.1.1 Steps Magazine~~

~~9.1.2 Arts Undergraduate Theatre Society (AUTS)~~

~~9.1.3 Fridge Door Gallery~~

~~9.1.4 The VEG~~

~~9.1.5 Leacock's~~



~~9.2 The FAC shall adopt the budgets of the affiliates on a per-semester basis and amend them if they deem necessary.~~

~~9.3 Any affiliate will receive additional funding at the discretion of the FAC.~~

~~9.4 Groups will be invited to become affiliate members of the Committee based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:~~

~~Involvement in the arts community outside of the group's interests~~

~~Acting as an informational resource for others~~

~~Distinct contribution to the Fine Arts Council~~

~~Cooperation and involvement with FAC~~

~~Demonstration of fiscal responsibility~~

~~Beneficial to at large AUS Members at large~~

~~Showing interest in maintaining long term viability~~

Be it further resolved, that the striking of the affiliates clause in Article 9 be delayed in effectiveness until February 1st, 2018.

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