

Constitution of the Physiology Undergraduate League of Students (PULS)

Article I: Name

1. The Physiology Undergraduate League of Students (PULS) shall be the name of the organization.

Article II: Policy

1. The members of this organization shall include and be limited to all students registered in the undergraduate programs offered by the Physiology Department at McGill University. (Students in the Interdepartmental Honours in Immunology program are included so long as they were registered in Physiology during their U1 year, or years preceding their entrance into the I.H.I. program.)
2. Executives and officers shall preside over PULS.
3. The primary concerns of PULS shall be to:
 - a) Represent the undergraduate student body of the Physiology department of McGill University by upholding the following responsibilities:
 - i. Serve as a forum for open discussion among undergraduate students of the department of Physiology of McGill University regarding all aspects of student life.
 - ii. Advocate on behalf of McGill Undergraduate Physiology Students.
 - b) Provide services for students
 - c) Provide a means for the students and faculty to meet and interact with one another.
 - d) Provide opportunities to students with the goal of contributing positively to their involvement with school life, extra-curricular activities, volunteer activities, physical health or any other activity they may wish to be involved in.

Article III: Membership

1. The PULS council shall consist of the Executive members and Officers.
2. The executive members shall consist of three elected U3 or U2 students for the positions of
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Vice President of Finance & Records/VP Finance
3. The officers of the organization shall consist of:
 - a. Seven elected U2 or U3 students for the positions of:
 - a) VP Academic
 - b) VP Social
 - c) VP Athletics & Publicity
 - d) 2 U3 representatives
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 - b. One appointed U1, U2 or U3 student for the position of Charity Director

- c. One appointed U1, U2 or U3 student for the position of Computer Director
- d. Two appointed U1 students for the positions of U1 Representatives
- e. One appointed U2 or U3 student in the I.H.I. program for the position of I.H.I

Representative

4. Students must have held a council position in the previous academic year to be eligible for the position of President and Vice President.
5. The executives and the officers shall appoint the Computer Director, the Charity Coordinator, and any unfilled positions after the election period either directly following the election period or at the commencement of the following academic year, as per the discretion of the President and Vice President.
6. The executives and the officers shall appoint the two U1 representatives at the commencement of the following academic year.
7. If, under extraordinary circumstances, a member is unable to fulfill their position on council for the upcoming academic year, the following procedures shall be implemented based on the position of the departed member. Afterwards, the resolution must be voted upon by the Physiology student body with at least 15% voter participation and 50%+1 approval required to pass.
 - a. President:
 - a) The remaining executives and officers shall vote, with a 2/3rd majority required to pass, on whether the position of President will be filled by the incoming Vice President, or the President and Vice President portfolios will be consolidated and divided into two Co-President positions, to be filled by two eligible students.
 - b. Other Executive Member:
 - a) The remaining executives and officers shall appoint an eligible replacement prior to the commencement of the following academic year.
 - c. Officer:
 - a) The remaining executives and officers shall appoint an eligible replacement at the commencement of the following academic year.

Article IV: Responsibilities

1. The President shall:
 - Preside over all official functions
 - Direct all business at all council meetings
 - Act as the SUS representative
 - Act as the liaison between staff and students
 - Be responsible for the overall efficiency of the council
 - Act as the liaison between PULS and any outside sponsorship organizations
 - Be responsible for the Alvin Shrier Scholarship awarded to U1, U2, and U3 students
 - Coordinate with the Physiology Department in organizing the U2 Professorial Mentoring Program
2. The Vice President shall:
 - Assume duties of the President at any function which the President is unable to attend
 - Assist the President in presiding over all events
 - Attend all SUS General Council meetings

- Be responsible for the Teacher of the Year Award (The Dr. Ann Wechsler Award for Excellence in Teaching of Physiology)
 - Be responsible for handling student-professor grievances
 - Be responsible as the liaison between PULS and any outside sponsorship organizations
 - Maintain online social media (e.g. PULS Facebook page and Twitter account)
 - Record minutes at all PULS council meetings
3. The Vice President of Finance and Records/VP Finance shall:
- Deal with all PULS finances
 - Be responsible for the collection of funds for PULS sponsored charities
 - Be responsible for the annual publication of the PULS report
4. The VP Academic shall:
- Organize all academic events and services (i.e. academia day, graduate school seminars, lecture series, tutoring, etc...)
 - Be responsible for the publication of the Physiology Student Handbook, which is to be updated once every four years.
 - Be responsible for the production of the Physiology Undergraduate Research Journal
5. The VP Social shall:
- Organize the annual Physiology Ski Trip
 - Organize the Professor Auction/Wine and Cheese Event
 - Host one pizza and beer event per semester for all of the Physiology students
 - Organize a U1 Breakfast at the beginning of the year for the incoming students
 - Host the annual PULS Welcome Back BBQ
6. The VP Athletics & Publicity shall:
- Organize all sports events and intramural teams representing the Department of Physiology.
 - Be responsible for the advertisement of all PULS sponsored events
 - Be responsible for the design, coordination, and sale of all Physiology clothing and memorabilia
 - Be responsible for PULS' Social media presence through regular posts on social media
7. The Charity Director shall:
- Organize and supervise volunteer opportunities of the choice of the council
 - Be responsible for choosing and orchestrating one special charity project each year
 - Be responsible for choosing and organizing a subcommittee if they desire
 - Be responsible for events related to the Science Undergraduate Society's annual Charity Month
8. The Computer Director shall:
- Be responsible for the design and maintenance of the PULS web page
 - Be responsible for the setting up of the PULS auction
 - Be responsible for the composition and distribution of the weekly PULS newsletter, the 'Beat'
 - Be responsible for the coordination of the online polling during election period
 - Be the official liaison between PULS and external parties (not pertaining to other council members' events), especially responding to PULS email and Facebook messages.
9. The Physiology Undergraduate Student Representatives shall:
- Serve as liaisons between the PULS council and its student body
 - Be responsible for the advertisement of all PULS sponsored events

- Be responsible for all class notes and NTCs
 - Organize year-specific events
 - Create and or manage a Facebook group associated with their respective graduating class.
 - The U3 Student Representatives shall be responsible for organizing the annual U3 Graduation Dinner and Coordinate the Synapse program.
 - The U2 Student Represenatatives shall ensure that the following courses are, at minimum, audio recorded: PHGY 311, 312, 313, and 314.
10. The I.H.I. Student Representative shall:
- Serve as a liaison between the PULS council, the I.H.I. Representatives of the BUGS and MISA councils, and the I.H.I. student body
 - Promote I.H.I. student involvement within PULS and PULS-organized events
 - Participate in the organization of I.H.I.-specific events
11. All members shall:
- Advertise, attend and participate in all PULS sponsored events
 - Complete their office hours (2 hours/week for the Executive positions, Academic Director, Social Director, and 1 hour/week for all other members)
 - Fulfill their courier responsibilities
 - Participate in the maintenance of the PULS office
 - Advise students on their Undergraduate experience in the Department of Physiology to the best of their abilities.”

Article V: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held on a weekly basis and shall be open to all Physiology students.
2. Attendance by all council members is mandatory.
3. The President may call a special meeting for urgent business at any time. However, only the business of the meeting shall be transacted.
4. Minutes shall be distributed to all council members after each meeting.
5. Minutes shall be made available to all students by being uploaded to the PULS website after every meeting.

Article VI: Voting

1. At least two-thirds of the council must be present for any vote.
2. All members shall receive only one vote.
3. Voting shall be either by a show of hands, or by secret ballot at the request of at least two members.
4. Fifty percent plus one of the voting body shall be required to carry a motion.
5. The executives shall exercise their veto power when equality of votes occurs (Must be $\frac{2}{3}$ majority).

Article VII: Elections

1. Elections shall be held in March, for which council members shall decide upon an

exact date.

2. Any returning student registered in the Department of Physiology as a full-time student for both semesters (including present council members) may be nominated for executive or officer positions. For the I.H.I. representative position, any returning student registered in the I.H.I. who will take or has taken at least one 300-level or above Physiology course may be nominated.
3. Nominations for executive positions require 50 signatures, and nominations for non-executive positions require 30 signatures of students registered in Physiology for the endorsement of a candidate.
4. A mandatory meeting to be attended by all candidates will be called by PULS; the rules of the election shall be stated at this meeting.
5. Nomination forms must be presented to the council at the mandatory meeting, which will take place at least two days before the scheduled date at which candidates may commence their campaigns. Campaigning shall only be done during the week prior to the election period.
6. Students running for any position cannot do so together. Each student must run separately for his or her position. Current PULS officers and acclaimed candidates may not contribute to another student's campaign.
7. All campaign posters must be removed by midnight the day before the election. Failure to do so shall lead to the disqualification of the candidate, unless he/she can show that the candidate was not at fault.
8. The Computer Director shall be responsible for coordinating the online polling.
9. Elections shall be decided by a majority of votes.
10. The new council shall take office on the day after the last day of scheduled exams.
11. Any vacancies occurring in the council shall be filled by new council appointment.
12. Students should not spend more than \$25 for campaigning purposes.
 - The use of any special authority or relationship to obtain campaign materials beyond the allotted amount is strictly prohibited
13. In the event of a tie, an emergency meeting shall be called for the soonest possible time. At this meeting the council will interview both candidates, and declare the winner by appointment. At least 2/3 of the council and both candidates must be present.
14. Internet campaigning is NOT allowed, and candidates may NOT advertise using PULS listserv/bounces or any other PULS resources.

Article VIII: Transition

1. All outgoing executives and officers must have at least one sit-down meeting with the incoming members prior to the end of the year.
2. All outgoing executives and officers must compile an exit report before the new members are instated.
3. All outgoing executives and officers must be available for consultation in the following year.

Article IX: Impeachment

1. Grounds for impeachment shall include:
 - a. Misuse of funds
 - b. Non-fulfillment of duties as outlined in Article IV
 - c. Absence of two meetings in one semester without a valid reason
 - d. Lateness of at least 15 minutes from the designated meeting time three times in one semester without a valid reason.
 - e. Absence from 3 PULS-related events in one semester without a valid reason.
2. Procedure for the impeachment of PULS members is as follows:
 - a. Decision to issue a formal warning for impeachment shall be rendered by two-thirds majority of the executive council
 - b. A formal warning shall be presented within one week of the decision to issue the warning
 - c. If grounds for impeachment persist, a meeting to impeach shall be convened
 - d. The council member in question shall be informed of the meeting for impeachment
 - e. All council members must be present at the meeting at which time the executives present a formal case for impeachment followed by the defense of the council member in question. Discussion by the council occurs. Decision to impeach will be made with a two-thirds majority secret ballot vote.
3. Failure of the council member in question to attend the meeting to impeach without a valid reason shall result in automatic impeachment of the individual.

Article X: Amendments

1. The constitution may be amended upon request at any council meeting. Amendments must be approved by at least two-thirds of council members.
2. Amendments shall be in agreements with the policy of the Physiology Undergraduate League of Students at McGill University.
3. The President and Vice-President are responsible for establishing a course of action for any proceedings not explicitly stated in the constitution.