

Advocacy Affiliation

Rationale

SAMU may derive benefit from affiliation with advocacy organizations that share its, and its members', interests. Since affiliation represents a public recognition of alignment and may carry with it certain obligations to be carried out, Students' Council formally approves advocacy affiliation.

Definitions

Affiliation refers to formal alignment with, or membership within, an external organization that advocates at a municipal, provincial, or federal level.

Expectations

Scope

- 1 This policy governs SAMU's affiliation with external advocacy organizations that have as their object the advancement of the interests of post-secondary students.
- 2 Organizations that are not centred on the interests of post-secondary students are not within the scope of this policy. Executive Committee, in consultation with the General Manager and Students' Council, approves affiliation with such organizations.

Affiliation

- 3 Students' Council may approve SAMU's pursuit of affiliation with an organization by special resolution.
 - 3.1 Executive Committee carries out the process for affiliation, and adheres to any legal responsibilities arising from the particular affiliation.
- 4 To the extent possible, SAMU is an active participant in advancing the goals of organizations with which affiliation has been approved.
- 5 SAMU ensures its conduct is consistent with maintaining good standing expected as a result of affiliation.

Cessation of Affiliation

- 6 Students' Council may approve SAMU's intention to cease affiliation by special resolution.
- 7 Executive Committee carries out the process for cessation of affiliation, and adheres to any legal responsibilities arising from the particular affiliation.

Amendment

8 Amendments to this policy are made by special resolution.



Fact Sheet

Approvals:

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Related Documents and Forms:

Source and Updates:

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Source material drawn from *Policy 12 – Affiliation*.

October 20, 2021: *Advocacy Affiliation* approved by Students' Council motion 2021-10-20-7.3 on the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. Addition of 'municipal' to the affiliation definition and clarified that EC is responsible for carrying out the process of affiliation once approved by Students' Council.