

Between Queer McGill and the Trans Patient Union at McGill

Adopted and ratified April 1, 2023





Queer McGill - The Trans Patient Union at McGill Located on Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, traditional territories



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1. Legal Disclaimer

1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding, while entered into in good faith by all participants, is not legally binding and places no legal obligation on the participants.

2. Introduction

- 2.2. This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by;
 - 2.2.1. Queer McGill, an autonomous service of the Students' Society of McGill University, represented by its Coordinating Committee; and
 - 2.2.2. The Trans Patient Union at McGill, an autonomous Group of Queer McGill, represented collectively by its Coordinators.

3. Objectives and Scope

- 3.1. This Memorandum of Understanding serves to establish a greater relationship between the Trans Patient Union at McGill and Queer McGill, as represented by its Coordinating Committee.
- 3.2. The Trans Patient Union at McGill serves to extend the mandate of Queer McGill, in its efforts to advocate for improved standards of health care for trans and nonbinary patients and provide mutual aid and resources for trans and nonbinary people navigating the legal, institutional, and medical difficulties of transitioning.
 - 3.2.1. As such, Queer McGill endeavors to support the Trans Patient Union at McGill, both materially and immaterially, in the fulfillment of this mandate for the foreseeable future.

4. Organization and Management

- 4.1. It is understood by all participants that, while the Trans Patient Union at McGill enjoys Group status, as outlined by the Constitution of Queer McGill, the Trans Patient Union remains an independent organization, outside of the authority of Queer McGill.
 - 4.1.1. As such, the Trans Patient Union, as an organization, will not be dissolved should the General Assembly of Queer McGill exercise its exceptional authority to revoke the Group status of the Trans Patient Union.
 - 4.1.2. Further, the Trans Patient Union at McGill reserves the right to modify its relationship with Queer McGill, including the renouncement of its Group status, according to its own internal procedures.



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4.1.3. In the event that the relationship between the Trans Patient Union at McGill and Queer McGill is modified, this Memorandum of Understanding will remain in force, and will be duly amended, as necessary, to reflect any changes to the Group status of the Trans Patient Union.

5. **Financial Arrangements**

- 5.1. In recognition of the services rendered by the Trans Patient Union at McGill, in the fulfillment of its joint mandates with Queer McGill, Queer McGill endeavors to support the Trans Patient Union financially.
- 5.2. As such, Queer McGill will allocate \$1000.00 CAD of its yearly operating budget, to be utilized by the Trans Patient Union at McGill.
 - 5.2.1. For greater certainty, this allocation will be held by Queer McGill, until its utilization.
 - 5.2.2. The Trans Patient Union at McGill can, at its discretion, request that this budgetary allocation be employed, in whole or in part, in the issuance of honoraria to its members, in recognition of their services rendered in the fulfillment of its mandate.
 - 5.2.3. For this allocation to be made, it is understood that the Trans Patient Union at McGill will prepare its own operating budget demonstrating its full intended usage of this budgetary allocation, to be approved by the Queer McGill Finance Coordinator.
 - 5.2.4. Further, the allocated amount can be increased, within the limitations imposed upon Queer McGill by Students' Society of McGill University, with the approval of the Queer McGill General Assembly.
- 5.3. Notwithstanding, the Trans Patient Union at McGill can request that Queer McGill provide for incidental costs in excess of the prior budgetary allocation, at the discretion of the Finance Coordinator.

6. Settlement of Disputes

6.1. Any disputes regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved only by consultation among the participants and will not be referred to a third party for settlement.



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7. Amendments

- 7.1. This Memorandum of Understanding can be jointly amended with the mutual consent of the participants.
 - 7.1.1. Any amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding will enter into effect after having been ratified by both the Queer McGill General Assembly and the collective of coordinators of the Trans Patient Union at McGill.

8. Duration, Withdrawal and Termination

- 8.1. This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect indefinitely.
 - 8.1.1. Notwithstanding, this Memorandum of Understanding can be terminated at any time, with the mutual consent of both the Queer McGill General Assembly and the collective of coordinators of the Trans Patient Union at McGill.
- 8.2. Any participant can withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding, according to their own internal procedures, upon presentation of a written notice.
 - 8.2.1. Should Queer McGill elect to withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding, the budgetary allocation of the Trans Patient Union at McGill will remain in place and accessible for the remainder of the budgeted term.



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Adoption and Ratification 9.

- 9.1. The undersigned and duly authorized representatives of Queer McGill and the Trans Patient Union at McGill confirm that this Memorandum of Understanding has been adopted and ratified by their respective organizations according to their own internal procedures on the dates indicated below.
 - 9.1.1. It is understood that this Memorandum of Understanding will enter into effect immediately upon its adoption and ratification by all participants.

In Montreal, this April 1, 2023

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Brooklyn Frizzle, Queer McGill Administrative Coordinator

McGill External Coordinator