SSMU also manages two major student-run operations:

**GERTS**
Gerts is your campus student bar! We provide a safe and accessible space for students, staff, and faculty to gather, host events, and foster a campus community. Student groups often host events and fundraisers at Gerts. We also offer daily specials that will help meet your budget, which makes us a pretty cheap place to drink and a fun place to hang out! For more information about Gerts Bar, visit us at gertscampusbar.ca, or find us on social media!

**THE SRC**
The Student Run Cafeteria (SRC) provides McGill students with high quality meals at an affordable price with a focus on environmental and social sustainability. It is located on the second floor of the SSMU building. The SRC’s menu provides something for everyone, whether you’re a vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or just love great food at an affordable price! We also offer catering services for any event within the SSMU building. For more information about the SRC, visit us at studentruncafeteria.ca, or find us on social media! #studentruncaf

University can certainly be stressful at times! It’s important to ensure you are taking good care of your physical and mental well-being and develop good self-care strategies that work for you. It’s also important to remember that there are many University and student-run services available to you if you are in need of additional support during your transition to life at McGill! A comprehensive summary of campus and community resources can be found at mcgill.ca/healthymcgill/get-support

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Good question! SSMU is a lot of things: your advocate to the administration, service provider, and your representation at the local and provincial level. SSMU is your opportunity to have your voice heard and to get involved with student life on campus. We have 6 Execs who work full-time and are part-time students, many permanent staff in the office and even more part-time student staff, doing everything from political campaigns to mental health work to ethical investments to graphic design.

WHAT WE DO

- Supports over 200 student clubs and 19 student-run services
- Employs over 150 undergraduate students
- Organizes social events including Orientation Week and Four Floors
- Advocates for student interests at the University-level
- Operates the University Student Centre (located on McTavish), which provides space for student activities
- Funds student research projects that advance the interests of the Society
- Partners with other student associations to support political campaigns against fossil fuels and austerity measures
- Sends out weekly Listservs to your McGill email accounts with updates on opportunities to get engaged on-campus and in the Montreal community

DECISION MAKING

Although the SSMU democratic process might seem intimidating and hard to navigate, it’s easier than you think. Take a look:

COMMITTEES

Both SSMU and the University have various committees on which there are student and staff seats. In both cases, a lot of grassroots work happens here and then goes to SSMU Council. Some examples of SSMU Committees include the Environment, External Affairs, Funding, Equity and Community Engagement Committee!

SSMU COUNCIL

SSMU Council is the legislative branch of SSMU. It is composed of 37 elected Councillors that meet every other week on Thursday evenings to discuss SSMU activities and vote on motions that guide the actions of SSMU. For example SSMU has adopted policies on Equity, Mental Health and Sustainability through Council. Every Faculty sends representatives to SSMU. Make sure to find out who your SSMU representatives are and ensure your voice is heard when these important decisions are being made!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Held at least semesterly, the GA is the largest body that debates and votes on motions that will affect SSMU and its members. Open to all SSMU members, the GA has the ability to override Council decisions. GA Motions often mandate SSMU to take a particular stance on a political issue and can lead to some spirited debates! At the GA, every student has an equal voice. Students must submit motions 2 weeks in advance. Stay tuned for deadlines and updates!

Whether you join one of our 200+ clubs, get involved with student mobilization movements, or sit on a SSMU committee there is no shortage of opportunities to get involved with SSMU! Just email an Exec if you have any questions.

Some avenues to get involved with SSMU include:
- Sitting on a Committee
- Applying for a job with SSMU
- Joining a student club or volunteering with one of our services
- Getting involved with political campaigns
- Attending our events