McGill Residences’ Tabling and Postering Policies

Avant Propos: Although students living in McGill Residences constitute an attractive market for many commercial interests, their Residence Hall is first and foremost their home. URC has a responsibility to protect the privacy and peaceable enjoyment of the premises of all students living in McGill residences, including their right to be free from solicitation. This must be balanced with their rights as students to be informed about the various activities and services offered at McGill. However, no one may promote any event in a Hall that conflicts with an event planned by that Hall's Councils or the Inter Residence Council.

Tabling or Poster by a Hall's Council or Academic Staff in their own Hall or by Inter-Residence Council in any Hall do not require any approval. A Hall Council or Academic Staff seeking to table or poster in another Hall must get approval from that Hall's Council.

The Residence Life Office may approve, on behalf of URC, any request for postering or tabling providing that all of the following conditions are met:

1. The request comes from a student organization recognized by SSMU.
2. The date of the tabling or the event being advertised does not conflict with an IRC event or an event of the Council of the Hall involved.
3. The posters and tabling follow University alcohol policy guidelines.
4. The posters or tabling does not raise any questions of respect.
5. That a reasonable attempt is made to reach all students living in residences.

Any approval of tabling or poster under these guidelines should be communicated forthwith to the members of URC. All other requests must be referred to the next meeting of the URC.

The Residence Life Office may disapprove, on behalf of URC, any request for postering or tabling providing that all of the following conditions are met:

1. The request does not come from a student organization recognized by SSMU.
2. The poster or tabling is of a commercial or money-making nature.

Any disapproval of tabling or poster under these guidelines should be communicated forthwith to the members of URC. All other requests must be referred to the next meeting of the URC.
Tabling:

- All parties wishing to table in Residence should submit the Tabling in Residences Form.
- Any Council wishing to table in a residence other than their own must also submit this Tabling in Residences Form.

Event Permits for students living in residences only:

- Applicants must fill out an Event Permit form and submit it to the Residence Life Manager for approval.

Postering:

- All posters, with the exception of Rez Council posters, those from Academic Staff and those pre-approved by Elections McGill (see next page), must be approved and stamped by the Residence Life Office before distribution to Residences.
- The Residence Life Office reserves the right to refuse any posters, limit the number of posters that can be hung, or to defer a decision on approval to the URC.
- Flyers, pamphlets or 4x6-inch or smaller stiff cards are not permitted.
- Stamped posters will be assigned an expiry date. It will be the responsibility of the group postering to take down by that date.
- In keeping with McGill’s General Regulations Concerning the Use of Alcohol on Campus, posters (including those for Rez Council events) cannot feature the fact that alcoholic beverages are served or sold at the event.
- Unstamped posters not obviously belonging to Councils can be removed and disposed of.

Guidelines for Candidates Campaigning for Faculty and SSMU Elections in McGill Residences

Political hopefuls to get their message to the voters versus the right of McGill resident students’ to privacy and peaceful enjoyment of premises in their home was held.

It was generally agreed that:

- We want resident students to be aware of the political issues on campus, to hear the various candidates’ positions on the issues, to get involved in the debates and ultimately, to exercise their right to vote.
- While it is important to have resident students meet the candidates, become aware of the issues and get involved in the electoral process and voting, this must be done keeping in mind our overriding principle of.
RESPECT

RESPECT means:

i. Candidates must ask Hall Council Executives for permission to enter the hall/building

ii. A Hall Council Executive must accompany candidates while in the hall/building

iii. Candidates are allowed to post one poster per floor/wing and one in the lobby

iv. Candidates must not touch other candidate’s posters

v. There must be NO knocking on door or entering a resident’s personal space without a prior invitation

vi. There will be NO campaigning in cafeterias

- These guidelines will be distributed to the University Residence Council, the dons, MORE and floor fellows, faculty and SSMU returning officers at the beginning of February each year
- Hall Council Executives and dons/MORE and floor fellows may remove any posters in their buildings that exceed these guidelines
- Candidates who violate these guidelines will be reported to the appropriate returning officer