

McMaster Marching Band

The McMaster Marching Band is an MSU club formed in 2009. Our constitution has last been updated in 2013, and we have grown since then. Last year, the executive team made some changes to the constitution to reflect these changes and to promote a more inclusive community. At our last general meeting in March, the changes were presented and approved by 2/3 of the membership.

We have added a policy to provide a welcoming environment for members regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, LGBTQ+ status, or ability. We have also defined MSU clubs policy section 3 regarding non-MSU members. Occasionally high school students, grad students and alumni join our band, specifically over the summer months. No more than 1/3 of our members may be non-MSU students to comply with the MSU clubs policy.

Previously, our constitution referred to the MSU operating policy in the event of impeachment of an executive member. We have outlined this procedure more clearly, and taken precautions for worst-case scenarios. We believe this is a fair process, and to only be used in extenuating circumstances where the executive member maintaining their position may cause harm to the McMaster Marching Band..

As the McMaster Marching Band grows, we require non-executive student leadership positions. Drum majors are elected by the general membership at our annual general meeting. They are responsible for leading the band during events such as parades. Section leaders are nominated by the executive team, and elected by the returning members of their section. They are responsible for music distribution, and attendance in their respective section, as well as organizing an annual section social.

Finally, we have decided to hire a third instructor, specifically for woodwind instruments so that the section receive the same level of attention as brass instruments and drumline.

If there are any questions regarding these changes please do not hesitate to ask,

Regards,

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