



Motion Regarding By-Law on Provincial Representation

Whereas, the March 14, 2013 SSMU Legislative Council included the appointment of two “SSMU TaCEQ delegates” to attend TaCEQ meetings for the rest of the 2012-13 academic year in conjunction with the Vice-President (External Affairs) and help promote TaCEQ meetings among SSMU members,

Whereas, further clarity is required regarding the duties and reporting structure of TaCEQ delegates,

Whereas, no mention of TaCEQ is to be found in the SSMU bylaws as they currently exist, despite the role it plays as a mechanism for representation of SSMU members on the provincial level,

Resolved, that the following Articles be added to the SSMU Bylaw Book I.

Resolved, that the current By-law I-8 and onward be renumbered accordingly.

Moved by:

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By-law I-8 Provincial Representation

Part I: General

Article 1 – Purpose

1. The purpose of TaCEQ, TaCEQ Delegates and the External Affairs Committee is to ensure that the interests of SSMU members are communicated and represented at the provincial level.

Part II: SSMU TaCEQ Delegates

Article 2 – Definition

2.1 SSMU TaCEQ Delegates are members of the Society elected to, under the Vice-President (External), represent SSMU's interest at TaCEQ Table of Association meetings and General Assemblies as well as assist in promoting TaCEQ to SSMU members.

2.1.1 As many delegates shall be elected as are needed in accordance with the TaCEQ bylaws and policies.

2.1.2 TaCEQ delegates shall be elected by referendum before October 15 of every year, as per SSMU Bylaw I-1

Article 3 – Duties of SSMU TaCEQ Delegates

3.1 The duties of SSMU TaCEQ Delegates shall be to:



3.1.1 Attend TaCEQ Table of Association meetings and General Assemblies with the SSMU Vice-President (External Affairs)

3.1.2 Attend External Affairs Committee meetings

3.1.3 Inform members of SSMU on projects and issues being pursued by TaCEQ

3.1.4 Gather the opinions of members of the SSMU in relation to issues being pursued by TaCEQ

3.1.5 Represent the needs and opinions of SSMU members to TaCEQ Table of Association meetings and General Assemblies

3.1.6 Assist in carrying out projects which TaCEQ is pursuing. This includes but is not limited to: conducting research into issues related to post-secondary education in Quebec, writing content for the TaCEQ newsletter, TaCEQ bylaw review, contributing to TaCEQ policy, promotion of TaCEQ elections, ensuring translation of documents related to TaCEQ

3.1.7 Report to SSMU Legislative Council at least once per semester.”

3.2 Failure to fulfill these duties, as determined by the External Affairs committee and recommended to Council, or as measured by one (1) unexcused absence or two (2) excused absences (as determined by External Affairs committee), will result in a vacancy and appointment to fill the seat from Council if after, by referendum before the final submission date for the near SSMU Referendum period. If all referendum periods have passed, all vacancies will be filled by appointment by Legislative Council at the recommendation of the External Affairs Committee

Article 4 - Reporting and Voting

4.1 Reporting and voting by SSMU TaCEQ Delegates will be carried out through the following mechanisms:

4.1.1 TaCEQ Delegates, in collaboration with the Vice-President (External Affairs) and the External Affairs Committee, will compile a report of issues being discussed by TaCEQ following every TaCEQ meeting, to be brought for discussion to the following SSMU Council meeting.

4.1.2 If the issues being discussed at TaCEQ require a vote from SSMU, the External Affairs Committee will include a recommendation for a position in their report., but will include information relating to all possible positions on the issue.

4.1.3 Following a vote at SSMU Council, the TaCEQ delegates will be bound to vote with the same position at the next TaCEQ meeting at which it is discussed.