

## Office of the Speaker Bureau de Président du Conseil

## **Report of the Steering Committee**

Submitted for: Feb 25th 2016

- 1. Eleven motions were submitted
- 2. Minor modifications were requested for some of them (references, reformulations, etc.)
- 3. Motion re: Gerts was not accepted by the Steering Committee
  - a. The allocation of perks to councillors by councillors was considered a conflict of interest by the Steering Committee
  - b. Usually, this would result in consultation with the board of directors. However, that would also result in a conflict of interest.
  - c. Consequently, only a higher body could consider this motion, i.e. a General Assembly or a referendum
  - d. If Council wishes to debate this motion, it can still elect to do so by amending the agenda drafted by the Steering Committee
- 4. Motion re: Leap Manifesto
  - a. As per the IR of the Presidential Portfolio-04 art. 1.3 b), the Steering Committee shall consider if a motion is external and divisive.
  - b. The Steering Committee has considered the motion "external" as it partakes to "an issue that is primarily external to McGill"
  - c. The Steering Committee has considered the motion "divisive" as it partakes to "an issue that one could reasonably expect significant opposition to. "
  - d. Council may elect to add this motion to the agenda by a 2/3 majority vote.
  - e. Where such a vote is passed, the Legislative Council may subsequently debate and vote on the issue such a vote shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass.
- 5. Notice has been given to the Steering Committee regarding upcoming late motions. No issues were raised.