



# Report of the Electoral Reform Committee

## Meetings

- Committee has met weekly this semester every Sunday
  - Initial Meeting January 11th
    - Elected Committee Chair Adam Templer
    - Reviewed purpose of committee for members-at-large
    - Reviewed issues to be scheduled on committee timeline
  - January 24th
    - Ratified Committee Chair Adam Templer
    - Approved Minute-Taker VP (Clubs and Services) Bialik
    - Discussed online campaigning
    - Discussed fliers and posters
    - Discussed campaign budgetary limits
  - January 27th
    - Met with Internal Regulations Review Commissioner to discuss how to process the amendments
    - Discussed electoral regulations at other universities including University of Toronto and University of British Columbia
    - Set next meeting for Feb. 17th
  - January 31st
    - Reviewed notes from Committee Chair - Internal Regulations Review Commissioner Meeting
    - Discussed the preparation of candidates and available mental health resources during campaign periods
    - Discussed regulations regarding campaign censure
    - Approved adding demerit system to the committee timeline
  - February 7th
    - Elections SSMU Chief Electoral Officer Geoffrey Nicholson was present to answer questions and give his perspective in discussions regarding powers of the Elections SSMU CEO
    - Discussed demerit and sanction system
    - Discussed the appointment, removal and supervision of Elections SSMU CEO
    - Discussion regarding goals of this committee
      - Originally to present a report with recommended changes to the last Council of the 2015/2016 academic year
      - However, after speaking VP Bialik and VP Houston suggested drafting new Electoral IRs on March 12th based on conclusions of the committee and presenting them to this Council for approval - committee members will still be allowed to submit dissenting conclusions to Council alongside proposed Electoral Internal Regulations



## Timeline

Electoral Reform Committee Timeline		SSMU Meeting?
<b>Jan. 18th - 24th</b>	- Online Campaigning	- Posters and Flier Guidelines No
<b>Jan. 25th - 31st</b>	- Candidate Preparation - Mental Health Resources for Candidates	- Process of Candidate Censure Yes. - Jan. 28th
<b>Feb. 1st - 7th</b>	- Duties and Powers of Elections CEO	- Appointment and Supervision of Elections SSMU No
<b>Feb. 8 - 14th</b>	- Elections CEO Guidebook - Removal of Elections CEO	- Responsibilities of SSMU Staff Yes. - Feb. 11th
<b>Feb. 15th - 21st</b>	- Process of Elections	- Demerit System No
<b>Feb. 22nd - 28th</b>	- Slate Campaigning	- Other Electoral/ Campaign Styles Yes. - Feb 25th
<b>Feb. 29th - Mar. 6th</b>	Reading Week	
<b>Mar. 7th - 13th</b>	- Second Round Elections	Yes. - Mar. 10th
<b>Mar. 14th - 20th</b>	- Review of Electoral Internal Regulations	- Review of Concluded Elections No
<b>Mar. 21st - 27th</b>	- Drafting Committee Recommendations	Yes. - Mar. 24th
<b>Mar. 28th - Apr. 3rd</b>	- Review of Committee Recommendations	No
<b>Apr. 4th - 10th</b>	- Presentation of Committee Recommendations	Yes. - Apr. 7th

A Town Hall will be scheduled to gather student feedback on conclusions of the committee - after the drafting of new Electoral IRs during the week of Mar. 14th - 20th



## Attendance

	Jan. 11th	Jan. 24th	Jan. 31st	Feb. 7th
Kareem Ibrahim	Regrets	Regrets	Regrets	Resigned
Chloe Rourke	Attended	Attended	Regrets	Attended
Kimber Bialik	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Zacheriah Houston	Regrets	Regrets	Attended	Attended
Emily Boytinck	Attended	Regrets	Attended	Regrets
Omar El-Shawary	Regrets	Regrets	Attended	Regrets
Gabriel Ning	Attended	Attended	Regrets	Attended
Lexi Michaud	Absent	Attended	Regrets	Attended
Becky Goldberg	Attended	Absent	Regrets	Resigned
Matthew Satterthwaite	Absent	Absent	Attended	Regrets
Joshua Chin	Regrets	Absent	Attended	Regrets
Alexei Simakov	Attended	Attended	Absent	Regrets
Ellen Chen	Attended	Attended	Attended	Regrets
Emma Sutherland	Regrets	Attended	Attended	Attended
Eric Taylor	Regrets	Attended	Regrets	Attended
Natalie Del-Rossi	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Jit Kanetkar	Absent	Absent	Absent	Removed
Stephanie Feldman	Regrets	Regrets	Regrets	Regrets

**Note** - Standing rules regarding absences began Jan. 24th after Committee Chair selection. Some discrepancies with minutes will be corrected before approval at next meeting.

## Membership

- Currently there is one open Member-at-Large position and one open Councillor position

Minutes available on request.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Adam Templer, Arts Representative (Committee Chair)