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Office of the Speakers
Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

Motion Re: Standing Rules of the General Assembly

Whereas, the SSMU Legislative Council passed a motion entitled “Motion Regarding Reforming the General Assembly” which specifies that standing rules may be written for the General Assembly to facilitate an effective and accessible debate process;

Resolved, that this motion defines the Standing Rules of Order of the General Assembly, which add to and supersede Robert’s Rules of Order;

Resolved, that these standing rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly,

Resolved, that immediately following the reading of a main motion by its mover(s) the General Assembly will move into a five (5) minute question and answer period during which the mover(s) of the motion will answer any questions a member of the audience may pose,

Resolved, that only the time to answer each question will apply to the time limit of the question and answer period, and that upon expiry of the question and answer period an extension may be granted at the discretion of the Speaker of Council,

Resolved, that when the General Assembly moves into debate on a main motion the following procedural rules shall come into force:

- a) Those wishing to speak may approach one of any available microphones available on the floor
- b) The Speaker of Council will alternate between each microphone in recognizing those to speak

Resolved, that after a motion to amend a main motion, the Speaker of Council will:

- a) Call for any objections to the proposed amendment by any member of the General Assembly
- b) Open debate on the proposed amendment if there are any objections
- c) Resume debate on the main motion if there are no objections to the proposed amendment, which will automatically be applied to the main motion,

Resolved, that the Speaker of Council will endeavour to ensure that all members of the General Assembly and constituencies are given equal opportunity to speak, with particular consideration for those underrepresented in debate.

Respectfully submitted by the Speakers of Council

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