



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

Office of the Speakers
Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

Motion Regarding By-Law I-4 Revisions: Speakers of Council

Whereas, the current bylaws do not present an exhaustive list of the Speaker(s)' potential responsibilities,

Whereas, changes to student staff job descriptions can be approved by the Executive Committee,

Whereas, the proposed changes are clearly outlined in the track changes document provided to Council,

Resolved, that Bylaw I-4 be replaced by the following text, effective May 1st, 2012.

Moved by:

Maggie Knight, President
Dylan Doyle, Arts Representative

By-law I-4 – SPEAKER(s) of Council

Part I: Definition and Function

Article 1 - Duties

- 1.1 The duties of the Speaker(s) of Council shall be:
 - 1.1.1 to open and preside over all meetings of Council in a fair and impartial manner in both official languages;
 - 1.1.2 to enforce the rules under which Council meets;
 - 1.1.3 to open and preside over all general annual meetings and general assemblies of the Society;
 - 1.1.4 to assist the President in organizing councillor orientation and Council retreat;
 - 1.1.5 to publicize the decisions of Council;
to notify the constituency should any member of Council miss three (3) meetings without sending regrets;
 - 1.1.8 to insert announcements of impending Council meetings in the campus media;
 - 1.1.9 to serve as Secretary for the Steering Committee; and
 - 1.1.10 to fulfil any other duties as determined in the Speaker of Council job description, as approved by the Executive Committee.
- 1.2 The incoming Speaker shall collect all available summer addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers for Councilors, to be submitted to the President by May 1st.

Article 2 - Selection

- 2.1 The Speaker(s) shall be selected by the Nominating Committee, upon recommendation from the outgoing and incoming Presidents, by the end of each academic year. The selection shall be ratified by Council.
- 2.2 Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a bilingual speaker who is otherwise qualified, the candidate may be recommended with the understanding that the candidate will attempt to acquire the skills to run council in both official languages.
 - 2.2.1 If a speaker selected without sufficient mastery of French, the SSMU council budget will pay for the Speaker to participate in a SSMU Mini-Course in French.



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2.3 Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a Speaker by the end of each academic year, the President shall act as Speaker until such selection occurs.

2.4 The Speaker who is acting as chair shall have final decision making authority until s/he relinquishes the chair.

Article 3 - Removal

3.1 A Speaker may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council.