



Legislative Council - November 30th, 2017

# Motion Regarding Modification of Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy

**Whereas**, faculties have their own internal procedures and practices that can be more familiar and engaging for their membership in comparison with SSMU processes;

**Whereas**, faculties often have the means to conduct their own by-elections;

**Whereas**, the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy are not clear in assigning responsibility between Senate Caucus and Faculties for the filling of vacant seats<sup>1</sup>;

**Be it Resolved**, that section 10 of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy read as:

## 10. FILLING OF VACANT SEATS

10.1 FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY The Faculty shall be responsible for filling their vacant seat, unless they notify Senate Caucus of their inability to do so, or ask for Senate Caucus to fulfill this duty according to section 10.3. Should the Faculty fail to initiate a process to fill their vacant spot within 20 days of gaining knowledge of the vacancy, the filling of the vacant seat will automatically fall to the process outlined in 10.5, unless Senate Caucus is given proper notification of a need to extend the process.

10.2 FACULTY ROLE. The Faculty whose seat has been vacated shall run a ten (10) day nomination period in which it shall publicize this event to its constituents, followed by a by-election or another appointment process according to its own regulations. This process will be outlined in writing and sent to Senate Caucus before the end of the nomination period. Upon the closing of the nomination period, the Faculty Association council shall send the name and contact information of the appointed senator to the Senate Caucus no later than two (2) days after the new senator is appointed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Internal-Regulations-of-Representation-and-Advocacy-2017-03-23.pdf#page=11>



10.3 DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY TO SENATE CAUCUS. Should the Faculty whose seat has been vacated fail to fill it within a reasonable time, the Senate Caucus shall follow the process outlined in articles 10.5.1 through 10.5.2.

10.3.1 ONE APPLICATION. Should there only be one (1) application, the candidate shall be deemed acclaimed.

10.3.2 SEVERAL APPLICATIONS. Should there be several applications, the applicants shall be interviewed at the next meeting of the Senate Caucus, and one applicant shall be selected by a simple majority vote (over 50%) of the Senate Caucus.

10.4 NO APPLICATION. If no candidate comes forward from the faculty, the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall reallocate the seat in accordance with the procedure for the reallocation of seats during a Senate election, outlined in these Internal Regulations.

10.5 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO BE INFORMED. Whether the seat is filled by the Faculty or the Senate Caucus, the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall inform the Legislative Council and the University of the name of the new Student Senator

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