



Legislative Council – January 25th, 2017

Motion to Hold the Winter 2018 General Assembly After the SSMU Elections

Whereas, as per the Québec Companies Act, we are required to hold at least one General Assembly a year;

Whereas, 13.2 of the Constitution calls for “a regular General Assembly to be held once during each Fall and Winter semester”, but neither the Constitution nor the IRs specify when during these semesters the GA must be held;

Whereas, the SSMU for quite a few years has been experiencing a lack of accountability to its members and therefore a low membership participation in governance due to mistrust;

Whereas, this Legislative Council has committed to looking into reform that would better the Society, specifically when it comes to member participation and representation in the union;

Whereas, moving the Winter GA to after next year’s executive has been elected would allow for an opportunity for the Officers-elect to be accountable to priorities, informed by the elections campaigns, set by the membership for the following year;

Be it Resolved, that the Winter 2018 General Assembly be moved from February 26th, 2018 to Monday, March 26th, 2018.

Be it further Resolved, that the 2017-2018 Executive Committee with the incoming Executive be mandated to prepare a draft set of priorities and goals to present to the membership for discussion and approval at the Winter 2018 General Assembly.

Be it further Resolved, that an informal consultative forum with Executives and Councillors present still be held on February 26th as a town hall on reform the membership wishes to see.

Moved by,

Connor Spencer, Vice President (External Affairs)

Jennifer Chan, Arts Representative

Vivian Campbell, Engineering Representative