



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

Office of the Speakers  
Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

### Standing Rules of the Legislative Council

*Whereas*, the Legislative Council of the Students' Society of McGill University, hereafter SSMU, is permitted to create its own Special Rules of Order to facilitate the functioning of Council as per Article 5.3. of the Society's bylaws; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that this resolution defines the Special Rules of Order in Council which add to and supersede Robert's Rules of Order as specified in Article 5.1 of the Constitution of the Students' Society of McGill University;

*Resolved*, that the special rules outlined in this resolution may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of Council,

*Resolved*, that a motion to move into an unmoderated caucus may be defined by which assumes the same priority as a motion to Commit, requiring a predefined duration and topic of discussion when proposed, and requires a simple majority to be adopted by Council,

*Resolved*, that the adoption of the motion to move into an unmoderated caucus recesses Council for the predefined duration during which Councillors are encouraged to discuss only the predefined topic,

*Resolved*, that when Council moves into debate on a Main Motion the following procedural rules shall come into force:

- a) Councillors will be recognized on the floor alternating between for and against and may remain seated,
- b) The authors of the motion may be offered the floor to speak first,
- c) Any councillor having obtained the floor may choose to "yield" remaining time to a fellow councillor, questions, or the floor,

*Resolved*, that "friendly" amendments shall be an option during the debate wherein sponsors are asked by the Speakers if they are amenable to a change to their Main Motion; should they agree the amendment will pass through without a vote and if not will continue by Robert's Rules proceedings,

*Resolved*, that the Speakers of Council will endeavour to ensure that all councillors and constituencies are given equal opportunities to speak, with particular consideration for those underrepresented in debate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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