Resolution RE: Elections Posters

WHEREAS the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) is committed to sustainable practices and decreasing waste wherever possible, and;

WHEREAS each year election periods and campaigns use excessive amounts of resources in printing and postering, and;

WHEREAS all candidates must respect building regulations for postering, and;

WHEREAS the sum of all posters allowed in all buildings on campus, according to these regulations, adds up to just under 200 posters, and;

WHEREAS Bylaws I-1 of the SSMU Constitution states,

- 8.1 Nominations for executive officers, the SSMU representative to the Board of Governors, the Financial Ethics Research Advisors, the undergraduate student Senators and the executive board members of FYC, shall be open for at least ten (10) days.
- 8.3.2 seventy-five (75) for nominations for the undergraduate representative to the Board of Governors
- 16.5.1 During the campaign period all candidates running for Executive positions shall be entitled to post no more than **four hundred (400) posters** [emphasis added] during the campaign period of eight and half by eleven inches (8.5"x11") each. The CEO shall implement a secured system to ensure that no candidate will exceed this limit. No other type or size of poster shall be allowed.
- 16.5.2 All candidates running for the SSMU representative to the Board of Governors shall post no more than **two hundred and fifty** (250), **posters** [emphasis added] during the campaign period of eight and half by eleven inches (8.5"x11") each. No other type of poster shall be allowed.
- 16.5.3 During the campaign period all candidates running for the position of undergraduate Senate shall post no more than **one hundred (100) posters** [emphasis added] during the campaign period of eight and half by eleven inches (8.5"x11") each. No other type of poster shall be allowed.
- 16.5.4 During the campaign period all referendum committees shall be entitled to post no more than **four hundred (400) posters** [emphasis added] during the campaign period of eight and half by eleven inches (8.5"x11") each. The CEO shall implement a secured system to ensure that no committee exceeds this limit. No other type of poster shall be allowed.
- 17.2 All Executive, Board of Governors, Senate, and FYC candidates who receive at least ten percent (10%) of the total vote shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Society of the amount they have spent on campaign materials.

WHEREAS the limits contained within the Bylaws of SSMU are excessive and lead to overprinting and more waste every year, and;

WHEREAS the electoral By-Laws of the SSMU Constitution are out of date, and the Board of Governors representative is no longer elected, therefore;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the "Board of Governors" be stricken from Articles 8.1 and 17.2 of the By-Laws of the SSMU Constitution, and that the articles be reworded accordingly, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 8.3.2 and Article 16.5.2 of the By-Laws of the SSMU Constitution be stricken, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the By-Laws of the SSMU Constitution be amended, in accordance with the following:

16.5.1 During the campaign period all candidates running for Executive positions shall be entitled to post no more than *two hundred (200) posters* [emphasis added] during the campaign period of eight and half by eleven inches (8.5"x11") each. The CEO shall implement a secured system to ensure that no candidate will exceed this limit. No other type or size of poster shall be allowed.

16.5.3 During the campaign period all candidates running for the position of undergraduate Senate shall post no more than *fifty (50) posters* [emphasis added] during the campaign period of eight and half by eleven inches (8.5"x11") each. No other type of poster or size shall be allowed.

16.5.4 During the campaign period all referendum committees shall be entitled to post no more than *two hundred (200) posters* [emphasis added] during the campaign period of eight and half by eleven inches (8.5"x11") each. The CEO shall implement a secured system to ensure that no committee exceeds this limit. No other type of poster or size shall be allowed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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