



Motion Regarding Amending Voting Procedure After Re-allocation of Senate Seats

Whereas SSMU Council passed a motion on February 7, 2013 regarding Increasing Diversity in Senate Representation which respectively amended or added Article 4.3 and Article 4.3.1 in Part II of the SSMU By-Laws Book I-7 and Article 6.3.2.1 in Part III of the SSMU By-laws Book I-1 such that students in the programs of School of Physical/Occupational Therapy, Nursing, or Social Work, or the Interfaculty of Arts and Science would be allotted dedicated conditional Senate representation;

Whereas there was no article adopted to clarify the procedures on voting, should a senate seat re-allocation to students of School of Physical/Occupational Therapy, Nursing, or Social Work, or the Interfaculty of Arts and Science take place;

Whereas there was confusion about the voting rights of students of School of Physical/Occupational Therapy, Nursing, or Social Work, or the Interfaculty of Arts and Science;

Whereas the SSMU Winter Referendum 2013 allowed faculty may choose candidates representing their faculty but those with their dedicated candidates of the listed schools or interfaculty program may not;

Whereas the confusion may result in spoiled ballots and a lack of legitimacy to the election results of respective student Senate candidates in Arts, Science, and Medicine;

Be it resolved that Article 20.6 of Part V of the SSMU By-laws Book I-1 be added to read as follows:
20.6 Students of the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy, Nursing, or Social Work, or the Interfaculty of Arts and Science may only vote for students in their own school or interfaculty program. Should there be vacant Senate seats at the end of the nomination period, they shall be allotted to these schools or interfaculty program.

Moved by:

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