



Motion Regarding the by-laws governing the Election of Councillors representing Clubs & Services and Senate Caucus

Whereas, the current bylaws regarding the Election of Councillors representing Clubs & Services and Senate Caucus—Articles 22 and 23 in By-Law Book I-1—are extremely specific as to the timeline and period in which the elections must occur;

Whereas, this specificity in practice has been more restrictive than beneficial;

Whereas, these by-laws are almost never upheld or generally ignored;

Whereas, by violating the by-laws in the past, the integrity of these seats of representation have been compromised;

Whereas, the by-laws should act as guiding principles that empower and govern the activities of the Society, rather than be a detriment or burden to the Society;

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council adopt the changes to Articles 22 and 23 proposed by Elections SSMU (see Appendix A).

Moved by,
Katie Larson, President
Stefan Fong, VP Clubs and Services
Joey Shea, VP University Affairs



Appendix A

Article 22 – Election of Councillors Representing the Society's Activities, Productions, Media, Services and Interest Groups

22.1. Three (3) councillors shall be elected annually, with two (2) representing the Society's clubs, and one (1) representing the Society's services. This election will be held via an electronic voting system and is to be held before the end of the academic year, with polling lasting for at least five (5) business days. Public notice shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the first day of polling.

22.1.1. The above provision shall not apply to interim status groups or any Independent Student Groups (ISGs).

22.2. A clubs councillor elections ballot and a service councillor elections ballot will be sent to all full status clubs and services, respectively, based on the executive contact sheet provided by the Vice- President (Clubs and Services). Each club will be able to vote for two candidates.

22.2.1. The list of clubs and services that voted will be published along with the results.

22.2.2. The Society's clubs and services may not endorse or publicly support any candidate.

22.3. The quorum for the clubs councillor elections is ten percent (10%) of the Society's clubs, and the quorum for the services councillor is thirty percent (30%).

22.4. Students must declare their candidacy for Clubs or Service Representative to the Chief Electoral Officer by a time determined by Elections SSMU and the Vice-President (Clubs and Services); detailed instructions will be sent out by Elections SSMU via listservs

22.4.1. There will be no extended nomination period for these positions; if there are not enough candidates, the elections process will resume in September of the next academic year.

22.4.2. All candidates are entitled to submit a pensketch, a picture, or a video pensketch, which shall be submitted along with the declaration of candidacy.

22.4.3. Candidates may campaign during the polling period, subject to the same campaigning regulations as the Society's elections and referenda.

22.4.4. Candidates must not seek endorsements from any of the Society's clubs or services.

22.5. A councillor elected under this article may be removed from office by a special assembly called for that purpose if duly authorized delegates representing ten percent (10%) of the Society's clubs so request, in writing, to the Vice-President (Clubs and Services). Public notice of such an assembly shall be given at least seven (7) days in advance. The same procedure is to be followed for the services representative, but the assembly is to be called by delegates representing at least fifty percent (50%) of the services.



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22.6. If a councillor elected under this article resigns or is removed from office before January 31st, an election for a replacement shall be held within three weeks, not including holidays and exam periods, of the date of resignation or removal according to the above procedures.

Approved



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Article 23 – Election of Councillors Representing the Senate Caucus

23.1. Three (3) councillors shall be elected at a meeting attended by undergraduate student member-select of Senate. This meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President (University Affairs), who shall be aided by the CEO and EC. This meeting is to be held before the first council of the year.. Public notice shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

23.2. The quorum for this meeting shall be 50% of the members-elect.

23.3. The President and Vice-President (University Affairs) may vote at the meeting.

23.4. Should any member-elect be unable to attend the meeting, the incumbent from that constituency shall be entitled to vote in this meeting.

Approved