



Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules

Whereas, Robert's Rules requires a bit of tailoring to best facilitate the Legislative Council.

Be it resolved, that SSMU Council adopt the Standing Rules as outlined below.

Reports

1. All Councillors must send in a report detailing their activities relating to SSMU since the last Council meeting before noon (12:00PM) on the Monday before Council. Failure to submit three (3) reports will result in suspension as outlined in By-Law I-2 17.4
 - 1.1 Late reports will count as submitted, but consistent tardiness may also result in suspension.

Speaking

1. To speak, Councillors should raise their placards vertically to alert the Speaker's attention. Any other gesture will be ignored. When chosen, the speaker should use the microphones provided unless the Council is in Confidential Session.
2. There will be a default speaking time of one (1) minute.
 - 2.1 There is no limit to how often one may speak, but the Speaker will always do their best to ensure everyone gets the chance to speak.
3. Councillor reports will have a time limit of three (3) minutes.
4. Committee and Executive reports will have a time limit of five (5) minutes.
5. These time limits can be motioned to be extended by Council by a simple majority.
6. Points and motions will be entertained after every five (5) speakers to ensure equal opportunity to speak.

Amendments

1. Friendly Amendments are allowed so long as they are accepted by all the movers. They will not be voted upon for inclusion.
2. All other amendments require a simple majority for inclusion.
3. All amendments must be submitted to the parliamentarian in writing (parliamentarian@ssmu.mcgill.ca). The parliamentarian will notify Council of new amendments immediately.

Voting

1. Motions pertaining to voting (i.e. motion to divide the question) can only be made once the council has voted to move into voting procedure.



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4.1 Motions for a roll call vote will be entertained by the speaker so long as Councillors remember that this motion should be used as a measure of accountability.

Be it resolved, that the Standing Rules be published on the SSMU website.

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APPROVED