



Motion Regarding An Interim Provision for Student Initiated Referendum Questions

Whereas, SSMU has undertaken a multi-year Governance Document revision process with our legal counsel in order to ensure that our governance structure and processes are stable and legal,

Whereas, the SSMU Constitution was amended in Fall 2013,

Whereas, Article 27, included below, was removed from the Constitution, with the intention of moving it to By Law Book I:

Article 27.2 Any Member of the Society may initiate a Referendum by presenting a question to the Chief Electoral Officer who shall indicate to the Member within twenty-four (24) hours whether the proposed question respects the requirements of the Constitution and By Laws. The Member must then collect on a petition, clearly stating the referendum question at the top of each page, the signatures of five hundred (500) Members from at least seven (7) different faculties or schools, with not more than thirty percent (30%) from any one faculty or school. All signatures shall be collected in the academic year in which the Referendum is to be held.

Article 27.2 The Member shall submit the completed petition of signatures to the Chief Electoral Officer at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the opening of advanced polls.

Article 27.3 Student-initiated referenda may not alter the composition of the Society's staff or the membership fees or other financial matters of the Society."

Whereas, proposed By Law Book I amendments are being reviewed by the Ad Hoc By Law Review Committee and are planned come to the Legislative Council for implementation by the end of the Fall 2014 semester,

Whereas, until these amendments are in place, the only avenue for students to initiate referendum questions is through their councillors,

Whereas, the nomination period for student initiated referenda for the 2nd Fall referendum is October 6, 2014 to October 20, 2014.

Be it resolved, that the following provision be adopted in the interim:

Any Member of the Society may initiate a Referendum by presenting a question to the Chief Electoral Officer who shall indicate to the Member within twenty-four (24) hours whether the proposed question respects the requirements of the Constitution and By Laws. The Member must then collect on a petition, clearly stating the referendum



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Be it resolved, that the provision expire with the implementation of the proposed By Law Book I amendments.

Moved by,
President Ayukawa
VP Moustaqim-Barrette (External)
VP Bradley (Finance and Operations)

APPROVED