



Motion Regarding the Creation of Ad-Hoc Committees

Creation of the Ad-Hoc Club Consultative Committee

WHEREAS, in order to increase the involvement of Councillors and members in the decision-making of the Society, there is a need for an increase in space available for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the striking of Ad-Hoc Committees can allow for greater participation and oversight in areas of the Society traditionally left to the discretion of the executives;

WHEREAS, the establishment of Ad-Hoc Committees of Council will ensure that decision making processes in the areas listed above are undertaken in a more transparent and accessible fashion;

WHEREAS, consultation and the provision of venues for large-scale feedback from student groups have traditionally been a weak spot of the Clubs and Services portfolio and the portfolio would benefit from a committee tasked with this goal;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT an Ad-Hoc Club Consultative Committee be created with the following terms of reference:

GENERAL: The Purpose of the Ad-Hoc Club Consultative Committee of Council shall be to provide a venue for club executives to provide feedback on SSMU club policies and procedures.

FUNCTIONS:

- a. Provide feedback on the policies and practices of the Clubs and Services portfolio;
- b. Propose solutions to recurring issues facing clubs;
- c. Make recommendations on improvements to SSMU's current club structure;
- d. Provide feedback on policy proposals from the Vice-President (Clubs and Services) or the Club Representatives to Council; and
- e. Assist the Vice-President (Clubs and Services) in the design and implementation of large-scale consultation efforts among clubs.

MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Club Representatives to Council (2) [Co-Chairs]
- b. Vice-President (Clubs and Services) [Advisory]
- c. Representatives of Clubs (10)



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Creation of the Ad-Hoc Space Committee

WHEREAS, the development of the long-term vision of the William Shatner University Centre requires significant consultation and should include as many perspectives as possible from both Councillors and other members of the SSMU;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT an Ad-Hoc Space Committee be created with the following terms of reference:

GENERAL: The Purpose of the Ad-Hoc Space Committee is to consider the current use of space in the William Shatner University Centre and to make recommendations

FUNCTIONS:

- a. To assist the Vice-President (Clubs and Services) in the execution of a consultation campaign on the current and future use of space in the University Centre;
- b. To assess the needs of SSMU members with regard to space;
- c. To make recommendations on future features of and uses of space within the building; and
- d. To contribute to the establishment of a new long-term vision for the University Centre.

MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Vice-President (Clubs and Services) [Chair]
- b. Vice-President (Finance and Operations) [Advisory]
- c. Councillors (2)
- d. Members-at-Large (5).

Creation of the Ad-Hoc Internal Regulations Review Committee

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has the power to change and maintain the Internal Regulations of the SSMU;

WHEREAS, these Internal Regulations are currently under review;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT an Ad-Hoc Internal Regulations Review Committee be created with the following terms of reference:

GENERAL: The purpose of this ad-hoc committee is to review the Internal Regulations of the and to recommend to Legislative Council changes to both the regulations themselves and the structure of the regulations.



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MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Internal Regulation Review Commissioner [Chair]
- b. President [Advisory]
- c. Vice-President (Internal) [Advisory]
- d. Vice-President (External Affairs) [Advisory]
- e. Vice-President (University Affairs) [Advisory]
- f. Vice-President (Clubs and Services) [Advisory]
- g. Vice-President (Finance and Operations) [Advisory]
- h. General Manager [Advisory]
- i. Councillors (4).

Creation of the Ad-Hoc Student Engagement Committee

WHEREAS, a motion was passed during the 2014-2015 year to strike a Student Engagement Committee in order to “explore innovative ways to engage constituents;”

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT an Ad-Hoc Student Engagement Committee be created with the following terms of reference:

GENERAL: The purpose of this committee is to promote student engagement, assess and address student concerns with the SSMU, proactively consult and enhance channels of communications.

FUNCTIONS: To explore innovative ways to engage constituents, including, but not limited to:

- a. Identifying areas in which communication could be improved;
- b. Using consultative forums, town halls, and surveys to address student concerns;
- c. Amending the SSMU Communications Guide and Strategy to improve the SSMU's structure for online communication to bridge the gap between the SSMU and SSMU members; and
- d. Reporting to Legislative Council at least once per semester.

MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Vice-President (Internal) [Chair]
- b. Councillors (4)
- c. Members-at-Large (3)
- d. President [Advisory]
- e. Vice-President (External Affairs) [Advisory]
- f. Vice-President (University Affairs) [Advisory]
- g. Vice-President (Clubs and Services) [Advisory]
- h. Vice-President (Finance and Operations) [Advisory].



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Creation of the Ad-Hoc Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a Finance Committee formerly existed but was dissolved by Legislative Council during the 2013-2014 year;

WHEREAS, a Finance Committee will allow Councillors to participate more directly in the revision of the SSMU budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT an Ad-Hoc Finance Committee be created with the following terms of reference:

GENERAL: The purpose of this committee is to assist the Vice-President (Finance & Operations) with the budget revisions. In particular, this committee will review the budgets for programming activities and executive portfolios. The committee will also make recommendations regarding the long-term financial sustainability of the Society, as needed.

FUNCTIONS:

- a. Review departmental budgets as the Vice-President (Finance & Operations) prepares them;
- b. Identify areas in which the Society's revenues could be increased or expenses could be decreased and make recommendations to the Vice-President (Finance & Operations) accordingly;
- c. Review proposals by executives for funding of specific events or projects and make recommendations to the VP (Finance & Operations) regarding these proposals;
- d. Report to Legislative Council at least once per semester;

MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Vice-President (Finance & Operations) [Chair]
- b. Councillors (3)
- c. Members-at-Large (3)
- d. President [Advisory]
- e. Vice-President (External Affairs) [Advisory]
- f. Vice-President (Internal) [Advisory]
- g. Vice-President (University Affairs) [Advisory]
- h. Vice-President (Clubs and Services) [Advisory].



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Creation of the Ad-Hoc University Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, the University Affairs Committee that oversaw long-term advocacy and research of the Society formerly existed but was not included in the Presidential Internal Regulations approved by Legislative Council in the 2014-2015 year;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT an Ad-Hoc University Affairs Committee be created with the following terms of reference:

GENERAL: The purpose of this committee is to assist the VP University Affairs with matters of the University Affairs portfolio to increase visibility, consultation and accountability. The Committee also acts as a resource to the co-chairs of the Policy Advocacy & Resource Committee (PARC), an independent working group of the University Affairs Committee.

FUNCTIONS:

- a. Advise on matters of the University Affairs portfolio including but not limited to the SSMU's upcoming Memorandum of Agreement negotiations with the University;
- b. Make recommendations on future research projects to be commissioned by the SSMU and recommend the allocation of resources to forward long-term advocacy objectives in line with the values of the SSMU;
- c. Assist in outreach and consultation efforts as needed to improve communications with the student body with respect to the University Affairs portfolio; and
- d. Report to Legislative Council at least once per semester.

MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Vice-President (University Affairs)
- b. Academic Research Commissioner
- c. Policy Advocacy & Resource Committee Co-Chairs
- d. Councillor (1)
- e. Senator (1)
- f. Members-at-Large (2).

Creation of the Ad-Hoc Indigenous Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, the SSMU has a commitment to equity and raising awareness of equity issues including Indigenous issues;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT an Ad-Hoc Indigenous Affairs Committee be created with the following terms of reference.



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GENERAL: The purpose of this committee is to institutionalize and expand on current SSMU Indigenous solidarity and advocacy initiatives. The goal is create to a policy that encompasses these aims that will be brought for approval to Legislative by the winter semester.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Engage in advocacy for Indigenous solidarity initiatives and promote awareness and education of Indigenous issues;
- b. Identify the current policies, practices initiatives of the SSMU and the University with respect to Indigenous awareness and solidarity in comparison to peer institutions;
- c. Develop a policy with concrete objectives in partnership with key stakeholders in the McGill and local community; and
- d. Report to Legislative Council at least once per semester.

MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Vice-President (University Affairs) [Advisory]
- b. Equity Commissioners [Advisory]
- c. Academic Research Commissioner
- d. Councillor (1)
- e. Members-at-Large (5)

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