



Motion Regarding the Establishment of the Ad-Hoc Electoral Reform Committee

WHEREAS, the Fall 2015 Referendum and By-Election period was heavily criticized for the unprecedented degree of personal attacks during campaigning;

WHEREAS, in response to the conduct of candidates and voters in the Fall 2015 Referendum and By-Election, many members of the SSMU have called upon the SSMU to investigate electoral reform;

WHEREAS, controversial elections in recent years have led to disillusionment with SSMU Elections among the student body, generating questions about the effectiveness of the current electoral structure;

WHEREAS, SSMU should make an effort to respond to the concerns of its membership through seeking improvement to its electoral processes;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate and propose alternative electoral formats with the following terms of reference:

GENERAL. The Ad-Hoc Electoral Reform Committee shall review the current structure of SSMU elections and propose amendments to the Internal Regulations of the Presidential Portfolio in order to create a more functional and fair electoral system.

FUNCTIONS. The Ad-Hoc Electoral Reform Committee shall:

- (a) review and evaluate the current procedures for SSMU elections and identify areas for reform;
- (b) investigate ways in which to adjust the internal structure of Elections SSMU to facilitate faster response to issues during the election period;
- (c) conduct consultation from the student body on desired changes to the current electoral format;
- (d) propose alternative electoral structures that aim to improve the functionality of elections and reduce the personal nature of campaigning;
- (e) spearhead the writing of new internal regulations governing elections in collaboration with the Ad-Hoc Internal Regulation Review Committee;

MEMBERSHIP. The Ad-Hoc Electoral Reform Committee shall consist of:

- (a) the President [Advisory, voting]
- (b) the Vice-President (Clubs and Services) [Advisory, voting]
- (c) the Vice-President (Finance and Operations) [Advisory, voting]
- (d) the Vice-President (University Affairs) [Advisory, voting]
- (e) the Vice-President (Internal) [Advisory, voting]
- (f) the Vice-President (External Affairs) [Advisory, voting]
- (g) the Internal Regulation Review Commissioner
- (h) Councillors (4)



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(i) Members-at-Large (5)

CHAIR. The Committee Chair shall be selected by an internal vote of the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU Legislative Council will appoint [insert names] as the Councilors to fill this Committee.

Moved by:

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FOR APPROVAL