



**Motion Regarding the Adoption of Standing Rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly**

WHEREAS, Council may elect to pass standing rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly;

WHEREAS, these standing rules are intended to make the processes of the General Assembly more accessible to students;

WHEREAS, these standing rules may not change any of the rights of an individual or group of the assembly;

WHEREAS, these standing rules shall be interpreted as either supplementing or reaffirming some of Robert's rules;

WHEREAS a successful General Assembly requires that decorum prevails;

WHEREAS, dilatory motions that seeks to obstruct or thwart the will of the assembly shall not be allowed;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the following standing rules be adopted for the Winter 2015 General Assembly:

1. A default speaking time of one (1) minute shall be enforced; speaking limits for reports shall be five (5) minutes.
2. Amendments considered 'friendly' to all movers of a motion will be automatically incorporated without requiring a vote.
3. Members who wish to address the assembly shall wait in line at one of the microphones to be recognized by the Speaker and be granted speaking rights..
4. Every 5 members speaking on a given question, the Speaker shall entertain subsidiary and privileged motions (e.g. motions to amend, call the question, recess or adjourn).
5. Before entering voting period on substantive motions, the speaker shall allow time for all members currently waiting to enter the room to be given voting cards.
6. Members addressing the assembly shall address the speaker, stay on subject and refrain from personal attacks. Courtesy shall be strongly enforced by the Speaker.



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7. Motions to table or postpone indefinitely will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Council reaffirm the role of the Speaker as the arbiter of the General Assembly, responsible to prevent members from misusing the legitimate forms of motions, or abusing the privilege of renewing certain motions, merely to obstruct business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT Council reaffirm the role of the Steering Committee as having reviewed and confirm the procedural integrity of the main motions presented at the General Assembly as in line with the governing documents of SSMU.

Moved by,

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APPROVED