



Submitted for: September 27th, 2018

## **Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations 2018-09-27**

**WHEREAS**, the Society's Internal Regulations have not been significantly revised.

**WHEREAS**, multiple sections in the Internal Regulations do not reflect practices in the recent years of the Society.

**WHEREAS**, basic changes are being proposed to have our Internal Regulations match our current practices.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 5 "Legislative Council" of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by removing article 2.2.b:

b) Members of the Legislative Council may not transfer their voting rights to any other person or body. Voting rights are conferred on each member of the Legislative Council individually and cannot be transferred under any circumstances.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 5 "Legislative Council" of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 4.2 to:

4.2 **PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SPEAKER.** ~~Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a Speaker by the end of each academic year,~~ **Should the Speaker be unavailable for a meeting, the President shall act as the Speaker. Should the President act as Speaker, they are not entitled to vote.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 5 "Legislative Council" of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 6.4 to:

6.4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING RULES.** Standing Rules adopted by the Legislative Council may be suspended by a ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ **three-fourths (3/4)** vote of the Legislative Council.



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**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 8.1 to:

**8.1 ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The order of business for any regular meeting of the Legislative Council shall be as follows;

- a) Call to Order;
- b) Land Acknowledgment;
- c) Approval of Minutes;
- d) Adoption of the Agenda;
- e) Report of the Steering Committee;
- f) Guest Speakers;
- g) Question Period;
- h) Announcements
- i) Old Business
- j) New Business;
- k) Committee Reports;
- l) Councilor Reports;**
- m) Officer Reports;
- n) Confidential session; and
- o) Adjournment.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 5 “Legislative Council” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 11.1 to:

**11.1 GENERAL.** All motions to adopt a particular resolution shall be made in writing and forwarded to the **Speaker at 11:59 p.m. the night before the Steering Committee** meets prior to the relevant meeting of the Legislative Council. ~~In the case of regularly scheduled meetings of the Legislative Council being held on Thursday, this shall mean the Thursday prior to Council.~~

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 7 “General Assembly” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 1.1 to:

**1.1 GENERAL.** The order of business for any regular General Assembly of the Society shall be as follows:

- a) Call to Order;



- b) Land Acknowledgement;
- c) Approval of Minutes;
- d) Approval of the Agenda;
- e) Question Period;
- ~~f) Old Business;~~
- g) New Business, which shall include, when necessary:
  - i) Ratification of Nominations of the Auditors; and
  - ii) Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements;
- h) Report of the Board of Directors;
- i) Report of the Executive Committee;
- j) Officer Reports;
- k) Adjournment.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 7 “General Assembly” of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by modifying article 5.2 to:

**5.2 DEADLINE.** Motions in advance must be submitted to the Speaker at least ~~three~~ **two (2)** weeks in advance of the General Assembly.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 2 “Undergraduate University Representation” of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy be amended by modifying article 6.1 to:

6.1 The membership of the Senate Caucus shall consist of:

- a) thirteen (13) Student Senators; and
- b) The University Affairs Secretary General (non-voting).
- ~~c) The Academic Research Commissioner (non-voting)~~

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 2 “Undergraduate University Representation” of the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy be amended by modifying article 8.3 and 8.4 to:

**8.3 REALLOCATION OF VACANT SEATS.** Seats left vacant after the end of the nomination period will be reallocated first to programs not already allocated a seat, including the Schools

of Physical/Occupational Therapy and Social Work, and the ~~Faculties~~ **Faculty** of Dentistry and Religious Studies, in descending order according from the program with the most students



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enrolled to the program with the least, then to Faculties already allocated seats, in the same fashion according to figures provided by the Registrar of McGill University.

8.4 DOUBLE REPRESENTATION. Should a vacant seat be re-allocated to the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy or Social Work, or the ~~Faculties~~ Faculty of Dentistry and ~~Religious Studies~~, students in these programs would not be permitted to run for seats in faculties other than the re-allocated seat.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 2 “General” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 4.1 and 4.2 to:

4.1 ELECTIONS. Elections for the following positions shall be conducted under the auspices of Elections SSMU:

- a) the Officers;
- b) the executive members of the First Year Council;
- c) the two (2) Councillors representing the Society’s Clubs;
- d) the one (1) Councillor representing the Society’s Services;
- e) the two (2) undergraduate representatives to CKUT; and
- f) any of the eleven (11) undergraduate student Senators, if requested by the respective Faculty Association; and
- f) any special Election provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.

4.2 REFERENDA. Elections SSMU shall administer the following Referenda:

- a) the Fall Referendum, which shall take place during the fall academic semester;
- b) the Winter Referendum, which shall take place during the winter academic semester; and
- c) ~~the Referendum Respecting the Election of Councillors to the Board of Directors, which shall take place during the month of April; and~~
- c) any other special Referenda provided for in the Governance Documents or those which are assigned to Elections SSMU by the Legislative Council.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 2 “General” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 6.4 to:



6.4 DURATION. The Electoral Periods shall consist of a Nomination Period that is at least ten (10) days, an extended Nomination Period, if necessary, of **at least** forty-eight (48) hours twenty-four (24) of which shall be on a business day, a Campaign Period of at least ten (10) days, and a Polling Period of at least three (3) consecutive days. The Campaign Period and Polling Period may overlap. The required duration for the periods may be suspended by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council and approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 3 “Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 1.1 to:

1.1 EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD. Where one or fewer Members declare themselves as candidates for an elected position, nominations for the vacant position shall be extended by **at least** forty-eight (48) hours regardless of the scheduled Campaign Period. Appropriate public notice must be made of the extended Nomination Period.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 2.1 and 2.5 to:

2.1 GENERAL. ~~Three (3)~~ **Two (2)** Councillors shall be elected to represent the undergraduate student members of Senate, from among the Elected Undergraduate Senators, in accordance with the Constitution, at a meeting attended by the Undergraduate Senators who shall be represented by the Councillors in question. This meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President (University Affairs) (either current or incoming), who shall be assisted by the Chief Electoral Officer or any other Electoral Officer

2.5 ROTATING SEAT. Where there are not ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** or more Elected Undergraduate Senators who wish to serve as Councillors representing the undergraduate student members



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of Senate, there shall be one (1) rotating seat on the Legislative Council. The Elected Undergraduate Senators shall attend meetings of the Legislative Council on a rotating basis to ensure that this rotating seat is always occupied, and that the Senate Caucus is properly represented.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7 to:

5.1 GENERAL. ~~Nine (9)~~ **Four (4)** Councillors shall be elected to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution. ~~The number of Councillors to be elected to the Board of Directors may be increased in accordance with the Constitution.~~

~~5.2 NOMINATION. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Legislative Council for ratification the names of the Councillors nominated to serve as Directors in accordance with the Internal Regulations.~~

**5.2 ELECTION. Following ratification by the Legislative Council, the nomination of Councillors to serve as Directors shall be ratified by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.**

~~5.4 TIMING. The Referendum question shall be put to the Society in April of the year in which the Councillors are to begin their terms as Directors, as part of the Referendum Respecting the Election of Councillors to the Board of Directors. Following approval by the Legislative Council, the Referendum question may be immediately put to the Society, in accordance with the exception to the twenty one (21) day deadline for approval of Legislative Council initiated Referendum questions contained in these Internal Regulations.~~

~~5.5 REFERENDUM QUESTION. The President shall draft a proposed Referendum question based on the nominations ratified by the Legislative Council. The Referendum question must be voted on by the Legislative Council at the latest by the last meeting of the Legislative Council in April, the whole in accordance with these Internal Regulations. An emergency meeting of the Legislative Council may be called if necessary. The final wording of the question must be approved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Legislative Council.~~



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5.6 REFERENDUM COMMITTEES. Members may form “Yes” or “No” committees for the Referendum question.

5.7 SUMMER AVAILABILITY. The members of the Board of Directors must be available to participate in at least three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors from May 1st to August 31st in the year in which they are elected. This participation may be by way of technical means in accordance with the Constitution. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the summer availability of the Councillors it selects as candidates for ratification at the Legislative Council.

- a) Failure on the part of a Director contemplated by this section to make themselves reasonably available for meetings of the Board of Directors from May 1st to August 31st constitutes a violation of the Internal Regulations.
- b) In accordance with the Constitution, any violation of the Internal Regulations may result in removal from office.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by modifying article 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 to:

**6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6.1 GENERAL. ~~Six (6)~~ **Four (4)** Officers of the Society shall be elected to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution.

6.2 ELECTION. Every candidate for Officer shall be listed simultaneously as a candidate for Director on the election ballot. **The one additional Officer elected to the Board of Directors by Legislative Council will be elected to the Board of Directors at the first Legislative Council**

6.3 EXCEPTION. Candidates for Officer shall not be listed simultaneously as a candidate for Director on the election ballot if they do not meet the qualifications set out in the Constitution. In that event, the number of Councillors elected to the Board of Directors shall be adjusted in accordance with the Constitution and the Internal Regulations.

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be amended by adding articles 7, 7.1, 7.2 as:



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## **8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**8.1 GENERAL.** Four (4) Members of the Society who are not members of the Legislative Council or are Officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors.

**8.2 ELECTION.** The election of the Members nominated to serve as Directors shall be submitted for ratification by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

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