



Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations on Strike General Assemblies 2018-09-27

WHEREAS, the Quebec Tuition strikes of 2012 were an important time for student associations to strike;

WHEREAS, the 2012 Quebec Student Strikes demonstrated the need for clarity when the Society or its derivative faculty associations are given a strike mandate;

WHEREAS, it is important to have a strong, engaged membership when utilizing a Society Strike;

WHEREAS, the Society's current Internal Regulations on Strike General Assemblies are not very thorough;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT section 7 "General Assembly" of the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by repealing article 9:

9. STRIKE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

~~9.1 **GENERAL.** A Strike General Assembly shall be any General Assembly considering a motion to strike.~~

~~9.2 **QUORUM.** The quorum for a Strike General Assembly applies only to the motion to strike and not to any other agenda items.~~

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Internal Regulations of Governance be amended by adding the following articles under Section 7 "General Assembly":

9. STRIKE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PART I: PROCEDURE

9.1. **GENERAL.** A Strike General Assembly shall be any General Assembly considering a motion to strike.

9.2. **REGULATIONS.** A Strike General Assembly shall follow the Internal Regulations set out in Section 7: General Assembly unless specified otherwise in this



section. Any regulations set out in this section supersede those set out in Section 7: General Assembly if it is a Strike General Assembly.

9.3. MOTION.

9.3.1. **SIGNATURES.** A motion to strike shall require the signatures of two hundred fifty (250) Members with Members from at least six (6) faculties and no more than twenty percent (20%) of signatures coming from any one (1) faculty. Petitions to place items on the agenda shall require the name, signature, faculty, and student number of all Members signing the petition in support of placing the motion on the agenda. A motion to strike may also be placed on the agenda by a resolution of the Legislative Council.

9.3.2. **REQUIREMENTS.** A motion to strike shall require:

- a) the reasons that the Society should go on strike,
- b) the individual or body authorized to call the strike (the President, the Executive Committee, the Legislative Council, etc.),
- c) the conditions that would necessitate the suspension of a strike.

9.3.3. **TRANSLATION.** The motion will be subsequently translated and published in both English and French.

9.4. **DEADLINE.** The Speaker shall receive motions to strike up to two (2) weeks in advance of a regular General Assembly. The Speaker shall not receive motions to strike after this deadline.

9.5. **SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY.** The Speaker shall call a Special General Assembly to consider a motion to strike if requested to do so by a resolution of the Legislative Council, or in writing by at least two hundred fifty (250) Members with Members from at least six (6) faculties and no more than twenty percent (20%) of signatures coming from any one (1) faculty.

9.6. **CONCURRENT MOTIONS.** A regular General Assembly considering a motion to strike may consider other motions at the same General Assembly. A motion to strike shall take precedence over all other motions under consideration.

9.7. **QUORUM.** Quorum for a motion to put the Society on strike shall be five hundred (500) Members of the Society. The quorum for a Strike General Assembly applies only to the motion to strike and not to any other agenda items.

9.8. **VOTE.** A motion to strike submitted and accepted for a General Assembly must be decided upon by a vote of the Members present at the meeting by secret ballot.



- 9.9. **ONLINE VOTE.** A motion on the floor of the Strike General Assembly to hold an online vote on a motion to strike shall not be in order.

PART II: RATIFICATION

- 9.10. **GENERAL.** After a motion to strike has been adopted in a Strike General Assembly, subsequent Strike General Assemblies must take place in the undergraduate associations of faculties and schools before a final online vote by all Members for ratification.
- 9.11. **FACULTY/SCHOOL STRIKE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.**
- 9.11.1. **CONDITIONS FOR RATIFICATION.** Motions to strike must be adopted and ratified either by at least fifty percent (50%) of the undergraduate associations of faculties and schools with representation on the Legislative Council that represent at least fifty percent (50%) of the Members of the Society, or any number of the undergraduate associations of faculties and schools with representation on the Legislative Council that represent at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Members of the Society.
- 9.11.2. **PROCEDURE.** After a motion to strike has passed in a Strike General Assembly, subsequent Strike General Assemblies must take place in the undergraduate associations of faculties and schools according to the regulations set out in these Internal Regulations and in accordance with the Constitutions of each faculty and school's undergraduate association.
- 9.11.2.1. **DEADLINE.** Faculty and school Strike General Assemblies must take place within two (2) weeks of a motion to strike being adopted by a Society Strike General Assembly.
- 9.11.2.2. **ASSISTANCE.** Officers, Councillors, and Senators must aid their respective faculties and schools in the organization of their Strike General Assembly.
- 9.11.2.3. **VOTE.** A motion to strike submitted and accepted for a General Assembly must be decided upon by a vote of the Members present at the meeting by secret ballot.
- 9.11.3. **RATIFICATION.**
- 9.11.3.1. **ONLINE VOTE.** After a motion to strike has passed in a faculty or school Strike General Assembly, an online vote for ratification



must take place within one (1) week of a motion to strike being adopted.

9.11.3.2. **QUORUM.** Quorum for ratification shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members of that faculty or school.

9.11.3.3. **FAILURE TO REACH QUORUM.** Should an online vote for ratification not reach quorum, another online vote for ratification must be held within one (1) week of the closure of the voting period. Should a second online vote for ratification pass but not reach quorum, the motion to strike shall be deemed ratified, so long as it reaches the quorum for online ratification set out in the General Assembly section of the Constitution of the respective faculty or school's undergraduate association.

9.12. **RATIFICATION.** Within seven (7) days of the conditions for ratification being fulfilled, Elections SSMU shall distribute the electronic ballot to ratify the motion to strike adopted at the Strike General Assembly.

9.12.1. **DURATION.** The voting period will last a minimum of three (3) days.

9.12.2. **QUORUM.** Quorum for ratification shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members.

9.12.3. **FAILURE TO REACH QUORUM.** Should an online vote for ratification not reach quorum, another online vote for ratification must be held within one (1) week of the closure of the voting period. Should a second online vote for ratification pass but not reach quorum, the motion to strike shall be deemed ratified, so long as it reaches the quorum for online ratification set out in the General Assembly section of the Society's Constitution.

9.12.4. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS.** Elections SSMU will announce the results by electronic mail sent to all Members.

9.13. **OPT-OUT.** The Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Dentistry, and the School of Nursing may opt-out of taking part in a Society Strike by not adopting a motion to strike in their undergraduate association's Strike General Assembly. Other faculties and schools may not opt-out of taking part in a Society Strike.

PART III: STRIKE ACTION

9.14. **CALLING OF STRIKE.** Once a motion to strike has been adopted and ratified, the individual or body authorized to call a strike shall have the prerogative to call a



strike when they deem it necessary. They must send a strike notice to the Members by electronic mail at least forty-eight (48) hours before the strike is to begin. They must also give written notice to the University at least forty-eight (48) hours before the strike is to begin.

- 9.15. **ENFORCEMENT OF STRIKE.** Once a strike has been called, all Members shall be obligated to take part in the strike. The Executive Committee shall coordinate the formation of picket lines, demonstrations, and other activities related to the strike. Members are explicitly prohibited from using violence or harassment to enforce the strike.
- 9.16. **SUSPENSION OF STRIKE.** The individual or body authorized to call a strike shall have the prerogative to suspend a strike when they deem it necessary or when the conditions that would necessitate the suspension of a strike are present. They shall have the prerogative to suspend a strike notice when they deem it necessary or when the conditions that would necessitate the suspension of a strike are present.

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