



Submitted for: November 29th, 2018

Motion Regarding Amendments to the Accountability Committee Terms of Reference 2018-11-29

WHEREAS, the Accountability Committee has undertaken its mandated task of conducting a performance evaluation of Councillors and Officers for the Fall 2018 semester;

WHEREAS, the Accountability Committee believes its current mandate outlined in the Committee Terms of Reference is unproductive and unconstructive in providing meaningful feedback to Councillors and Officers;

WHEREAS, the Accountability Committee's objective should be to hold Councillors and Officers accountable, not to publicly degrade Councillors and Officers who may not feel comfortable participating during Legislative Council;

WHEREAS, the Accountability Committee has proposed the following amendments to its Terms of Reference to better position it to hold Councillors and Officers accountable in a fairer and more equitable manner;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council adopt the revised Accountability Committee Terms of Reference in Appendix A.

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Appendix A

1. ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

1.1 OVERSIGHT. The Accountability Committee shall be a Committee of the Board of Directors.

1.2 GENERAL. The Accountability Committee shall hold Officers, Senators, Directors and Councillors accountable to their obligations and responsibilities under the Constitution, Internal Regulations, Policies (except where adherence to a Policy is already supervised and administered by a Committee of the Legislative Council or the Board of Directors), and formal mandates.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES. The Accountability Committee shall:

- ~~a) conduct performance evaluations for Officers, Directors, Senators and Councillors once per semester;~~
- a) facilitate the collection of complaints, concerns, and comments from Officers, Senators, Directors and Councillors on an ongoing basis throughout the year and raise these concerns privately with the individual(s) concerned to address issues of accountability as they arise, except where the complaint falls within the purview of an existing Policy per 1.2;
- b) consult representatives from ~~other governance bodies~~ clubs, services, and other stakeholders for the purpose of performance evaluations, excluding those representatives under review at the time;
- c) monitor the adherence of Officers, Directors, Senators and Councillors to the Constitution, Internal Regulations, and their relevant mandates, including but not limited to attendance of Legislative Council, attendance of committee meetings, and fulfilment of other activities;
- d) inform Officers, Directors, Senators and Councillors when their actions conflict with or violate the Constitution, Internal Regulations or their relevant mandates;
- e) collect complaints from Members and bring them to Officers, the Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors;
- f) preserve the anonymity of complainants unless it is waived by the complainant; ~~and~~
- g) present a report at the end of each semester to the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors on the number of complaints received and how they were addressed; and
- hg) review and make recommendations to the Accountability Committee's terms of reference at the end of the year.



1.4 MEMBERSHIP. The Accountability Committee shall consist of:

- a) the Speaker (Committee Co-Chair, non-voting);
- b) the Parliamentarian (Committee Co-Chair, non-voting);
- c) the University Affairs Secretary General (non-voting);
- d) the Speaker on Call (non-voting);
- e) ~~three (3)~~ two (2) Directors, who may not be Councillors; and
- f) ~~four (4)~~ five (5) Members at Large, who may not be Councillors or Directors.

1.5 MEETING. The Accountability Committee will meet bi-weekly, unless an exception is made by the Speaker or Parliamentarian.

1.6 QUORUM. The quorum for the Accountability Committee is a simple majority of the voting members.

1.7 REPORTING. The Accountability Committee will report to the last Legislative Council meeting in the fall semester and the third Legislative Council meeting of the winter semester. The Accountability Committee will ~~report to the Board of Directors at the~~ submit its written report to the Board of Directors meeting ~~directly or~~ preceding the Legislative Council dates.

1.8 COMMITTEE SPECIFIC

~~1.8.1 EVALUATION. The process for evaluation shall consider resources, but not limited to the:~~

- ~~a) Executive Mandates;~~
- ~~b) Articulated goals; and~~
- ~~c) Reports to the Legislative Council, and the Board of Directors.~~

1.8.21 RECRUITMENT. The Committee Chairs shall be responsible for advertising openings for Member at Large positions not after the second week of September.