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Motion Regarding Internal Regulation Updates 2018-11-1

WHEREAS, the motion regarding changes to the Internal Regulations passed in Legislative Council on October 11th was put back to the council by the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, clarifications around the Board of Directors elections needed to match language used in the constitution;

WHEREAS, the approved motion can be linked [here](#);

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT section 8 “Special Elections” of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda be as follows with the removal of all articles from 5 to 7.

5.1 GENERAL. Four (4) Councillors shall be nominated to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Constitution.

5.2 RATIFICATION. Following nomination by the Legislative Council, the nominated Councilors to serve as directors shall be ratified by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

6.2 RATIFICATION. Officers nominated to serve as Directors shall be submitted for ratification by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

7.1 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.



7.2 RATIFICATION. Members nominated to serve as Directors shall be submitted for ratification by way of Referendum or approved by General Assembly.

7.3 REPLACEMENT. Members at large can be selected by Nominating committee and ratified by the Board of Directors to fill vacant seats of the Board of Directors.

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.

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 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 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

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