



# MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING RULES 2019- 03-14

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society")'s Legislative Council has meetings that can last up to four hours in duration;

**WHEREAS**, while these meetings are shorter than in years past, inefficiencies still exist in the system;

**WHEREAS**, limiting speaking times during the Legislative Council when it is not constructive to engaged debate can help meetings run more efficiently;

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council retains the right to suspend the Standing Rules should the following provisions be deemed intrusive;

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the Society amend the *Standing Rules for the 2018-2019 Legislative Council* to add the following:

5.7 Prior to the start of Old Business, the Speaker shall request a motion for a five (5) minute recess to allow Councillors to vote on all motions inscribed on the agenda using the prescribed electronic means with two options: Approve or Debate.

5.7.1 Should any motion not receive unanimous consent on the "Approve" side, the motion shall be subject to the regular course of question period, debate, and vote as set out in the Internal Regulations of Governance and these Standing Rules.

5.7.2 A motion receiving unanimous consent shall be approved without question period, debate, or a formal vote and shall be listed as a consent motion in the public voting record and in the minutes.



5.7.3 The specific votes of Councillors on consent items will not be shared publicly. The regular voting record for formally questioned, debated, and voted on motions will continue to be published.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the changes stipulated above shall only apply to the Legislative Council meeting on March 14, 2019 and shall subsequently expire after the adjournment of that meeting.

Moved By:

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APPROVED