POLICY ON VP INTERNAL INTOXICATION AND V.I.P CULTURE AT SSMU EVENTS

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Expires: 2023/05/01
Adopted Motion (Link)

WHEREAS, there has been an historical abuse of power in the portfolio of the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) that has normalized spending copious amounts of money on alcohol and other perquisites for those individuals planning SSMU’s drinking events.

WHEREAS, all members of the Students’ Society Programming Network (SSPN) must act as role models to event attendees.

WHEREAS, the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) is the highest authority at all events facilitated by the SSPN and, thus, must be in their optimal mental and physical state at all said events.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT SSMU funds must not be spent on alcoholic beverages exclusively for SSPN members or for any other individuals planning SSMU events;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) not become intoxicated at SSMU events of which they are in charge.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT this policy shall expire on May 1, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT any accusations from a SSMU member that the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) became intoxicated to the point that they were incapable of performing their duties at a SSMU event of which they were in charge be brought to the Accountability Committee for an initial investigation. This investigation shall be composed of interviews with the accuser, with witnesses, and with the Vice-President (Internal Affairs). Any of these people shall reserve the right to submit their testimony in writing. The Accountability Committee shall endeavour to provide support for all parties involved.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Accountability Committee shall submit its decision and reasons by means of report to the Board of Directors for review in confidential session.
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT should the case be referred to Legislative Council, a discussion and vote on possible disciplinary measures shall take place. These measures may include:

1. Formal reprimand
2. Suspension
3. An alternate penalty, at the proposal of a member of the Legislative Council

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