



REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-03-14

Submitted for: March 14, 2019

The Steering Committee convened at 5:00PM, 10th of March 2019 in the SSMU Boardroom.

Attendance

Present: President Mansdoerfer, Speaker Dolmat, Speaker Jamal, Parliamentarian Haward, Councillor Buraga (Senate Caucus), Councillor Cossette (PT/OT)

Regrets: Councillor Frenette (Engineering)

Guest Speakers

- There were no guest speakers at this committee's session.

New Business

- Motions reviewed by the committee are listed below. The committee undertook the formatting, stylistic, spelling, and grammatical changes it deemed necessary to all motions and notice of motions submitted by the deadline.
 - Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Governance 2019-03-14
 - Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of representation and Advocacy 2019-03-14
 - Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Finance 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding Space Fee Question for Winter 2019 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding SSMU Safety Service Fee Question for Winter 2019 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding SSMU Service Fees Question for Winter 2019 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding Support of the SPF for the Bike Centre Project Operations 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding Increase of the SSMU Membership Fee 2019-03-14



Old Business

- Motions postponed at the previous meeting of Legislative Council were approved to carry forward and inscribed on this meeting's agenda.
 - Motion Regarding Amendments to the Judicial Board Procedures 2019-02-28
 - Motion Regarding Provisions to the Internal Regulations of Student Groups 2019-02-21

Steering Committee Innovations

The Steering Committee has been contemplating ways to help make meeting of the Legislative Council more efficient while also building in greater mechanisms for consensus-based decision making. To this end, the Steering Committee is jointly proposing the additions to the Standing Rules provided in agenda item 6a.

With these changes, debate will be constrained and all motions on the agenda will be subject to a consent vote before question period, debate, and a formally recorded vote are held. We believe these changes will help to increase the efficiency of the Legislative Council by providing an expedited approval pathway for items not deemed contentious while also preserving the right of Councillors to debate motions should they wish to do so.

To prepare for this change, all Councillors should come to the Legislative Council having read and reviewed the motions in advance as motions adopted by consent will not have a reading during the Legislative Council, undergo question period or debate, or a formal vote.

We hope that Councillors will appreciate the efforts the Steering Committee is making to ensure that the Legislative Council adjourns at a reasonable hour. We welcome any comments or feedback in this regard.

Legislative Council Length 2019-03-14

The Steering Committee acknowledges that this evening's Legislative Council meeting is expected to run late due to the many items of business and guest speakers on the agenda. We regret the unfortunate nature of the scheduling in this instance but do wish to share with Councillors that all motions on this evening's agenda are pertinent and should be considered fully.



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Speaker Ruling, re: Modification of Votes

A member of the council may not individually retroactively alter their vote once a resolution has been settled as this can lead to resolutions that were decided by one vote the possibility of having a different outcome, and is consequently harmful to the transparency of the society. The ability to vote is an important matter and a responsibility that should be given deep thought. If a member does have second thoughts on a previously held vote they may do so through a motion to *Reconsider*, motion to *Rescind*, or a motion to *Amend Something Previously Adopted* depending on the previously held vote in question.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikolas Dolmat, Speaker of Council