



MOTION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF GOVERNANCE 2019-03-14

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

WHEREAS, the Internal Regulations of Governance should be revised to accurately reflect the functioning of the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society");

WHEREAS, changes are necessary to clarify differences between the Society's Constitution and the Internal Regulations of Governance;

WHEREAS, changes are necessary to reflect best practices regarding policies and plans;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society's Legislative Council amend the Internal Regulations of Governance as outlined in Appendix A.

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APPENDIX A

Current Internal Regulations of Governance

(Part:Article)	Old	New	Rationale
1:1	Internal Regulations of Governance-01 shall apply to all Internal Regulations unless otherwise stated.	Internal Regulations of Governance- 01 shall apply to all Internal Regulations unless otherwise stated.	
2:2.1	2.1 CONSULTATION. The Board of Directors shall be the highest governing body of the Society, and should consult the Legislative Council, the advisory body of the Society, whenever possible before making decisions.	Strike.	Repetition of art. 6.1 of the Constitution.
2:3.2	3.2 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. The Executive Committee shall submit to each regular meeting of the Legislative Council a report on all matters with which it has dealt with since the previous meeting of the Legislative Council. All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification by a resolution of the Legislative Council.	3.2 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. The Executive Committee shall submit to each regular meeting of the Legislative Council a report on all matters with which it has dealt with since the previous meeting of the Legislative Council.	Legislative Council does not ratify decisions of the Executive Committee as this power is reserved for the Board of Directors per art. 11.5 of the Constitution.
2:5.2	5.2 CONSTITUTING BODY. Affiliated Student Associations shall be	Strike.	The assets and liabilities of ASAs should not be those of the Society. This whole clause is



	considered constituting bodies of the Society and shall thus be subject to the rules laid out in the Constitution and Internal Regulations of the Society and their assets and liabilities shall be considered assets and liabilities of the Society.		dubious as to whether the Society can impose its Constitution and IRs on ASAs.
2:5.3	5.3 SERVICES. Affiliated Student Associations shall have insurance, accounting, and administrative services made available to them by the Society. The Society shall also undertake agreements with the University on behalf of Affiliated Student Associations.	Strike.	Insurance, accounting, administrative services are not provided by the Society to ASAs. ASAs also negotiate their own MoAs with the University and so this may not be appropriate to keep.
2:6.3	6.3 COMMISSIONERS. All Student Staff who are responsible for coordinating a committee shall be considered a Commissioner of the Society. Commissioners must report at least once per semester to the Legislative Council.	6.3 COMMISSIONERS. All Student Staff who are responsible for coordinating a committee shall be considered a Commissioner of the Society. Commissioners must report at least once per semester year to the Legislative Council.	Some Committees do not have tangible outcomes until the end of the year. While Commissioners can report per semester, the baseline should be less.
2:8.4	8.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. All minutes and documents of the Legislative Council shall be public documents, except for minutes and documents of confidential sessions.	8.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. All minutes and documents of the Legislative Council Society shall be public documents, except for minutes and documents of confidential	Currently, the FOI provision only applies to Legislative Council despite being under Part 2.



	Decisions and documents of the Executive Committee shall remain confidential until the end of that Executive Committee's mandate unless for an In-Camera meeting or otherwise released. A Member may request the minutes and documents of a previous Executive Committee from the current President, once the mandate of that Executive Committee has ended.	sessions. Decisions and documents of the Executive Committee shall remain confidential until the end of that Executive Committee's mandate unless for an In-Camera meeting or otherwise released. A Member may request the minutes and documents of a previous Executive Committee from the current President, once the mandate of that Executive Committee has ended.	
2:9.2	9.2 INABILITY TO SERVE. Should the President be unable to serve in this capacity, the Society shall appoint the Vice-President (University Affairs) in their place. Should the Vice-President (University Affairs) also be unable to serve in this capacity, the Senate Caucus and the Executive Committee shall jointly elect a representative.	9.2 INABILITY TO SERVE. Should the President be unable to serve in this capacity, the Society's Executive Committee shall jointly elect a representative on a per-meeting basis.	Update to reflect best practices.
5:1.1	1.1 JURISDICTION. The Legislative Council is the representative and political body of the Society.	Strike.	Repetition of art. 8.1 of the Constitution.
5:2.2c	Vacant.	c) Members of the Legislative Council shall be prohibited from the exercise of their duties unless they have signed and agreed to all documents stipulated by the Board of Directors.	Introduction of requirement for Councillors to sign a confidentiality agreement before being permitted to carry out their duties.



5:3.1d	<p>3.1 RESPONSIBILITIES. Councillors shall:</p> <p>d) submit a report of their activities to the Speaker or the Parliamentarian for all but the first meeting of the Legislative Council each year</p>	<p>3.1 RESPONSIBILITIES. Councillors shall:</p> <p>d) submit a report of their activities to the Speaker or the Parliamentarian once per semester to the Legislative Council</p>	<p>Once per Council is unrealistic as proven by experience, once per semester reports guarantees that reports will be submitted and that councilors are held to fair expectations.</p>
5:3.8	<p>3.8 VACANCIES. Vacant seats shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution.</p>	Strike.	Not required if procedure already provided for elsewhere.
5:4.2	<p>4.2 PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SPEAKER. Should the Speaker be unavailable for a meeting, the President shall act as Speaker. Should the President act as Speaker, they are not entitled to vote.</p>	<p>4.2 PRESIDENT TO ACT AS SPEAKER. Should the Speaker or Speaker On Call be unavailable for a meeting, the President shall act as Speaker. Should the President act as Speaker, they are not entitled to vote.</p>	Update to ensure governance documentation reflects current practice, re: Speaker/On Call.
5:10.2	<p>10.2 RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS. In general, decisions of committees detailed in committee reports do not need to be approved by the Legislative Council.</p>	Strike.	Repetition of 5:5.4 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.
5:11.3	<p>11.3 VOTING. For main motions and subsidiary motions of substance, as determined by the Speaker, a roll call vote will be considered the default voting method.</p>	<p>11.3 VOTING. For main motions and subsidiary motions of substance, as determined by the Speaker, an electronically recorded roll call vote will be considered the default voting method.</p>	Update to ensure governance documentation reflects current practice, re: voting forms.



5:11.4	11.4 EXCEPTION. For motions that are not considered divisive by the Speaker, the Speaker may waive the requirement for a roll call vote and inform Council when they are doing so. This includes the motions to call the question and to lay on the table.	Strike.	Provision no longer relevant with the default method being electronically recorded votes for main motions only. Subsidiary motions shall use placards as is the status quo per the Standing Rules.
5:13.1	13.1 GENERAL. The Legislative Council may resolve itself into an In-Camera Session by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council, at which only members of the Legislative Council may be present, except if an individual can provide important advice or information relevant to the agenda of the confidential session and their presence is approved by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council.	13.1 GENERAL. The Legislative Council may resolve itself into an In-Camera Session by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council, at which only members of the Legislative Council may be present, except if an individual can provide important advice or information relevant to the agenda of the In-Camera confidential session and their presence is approved by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Council.	Clarification between In-Camera and Confidential sessions.
8:6.3	Vacant	6.3 EXPIRY DATES. Policies and plans shall be structured with an expiry date of the policy or plan ending on either January 1st or May 1st within the maximum duration of the policy or plan.	Creates consistency for when policies/plans will expire and when councilors should be prepared for said expiry.
8:6.4	Vacant	6.4 MANDATE TO DISCUSS EXPIRING POLICIES AND PLANS. Any policy or	No policies/plans will expire without any consideration from Council.



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		plan that is set to expire in the current semester will be brought to the Legislative Council by the Officer under whose portfolio it falls to discuss its renewal or non-renewal.	
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