MOTION REGARDING INTERIM PROVISIONS FOR INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA 2019-04-04

Submitted for: April 4, 2019

WHEREAS, Interim Provisions are necessary to facilitate a Special Referendum period on a Fall Reading Break plebiscite and membership fee increase;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council apply the following Interim Provisions for the following Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda:

Part 2: General

5.3 TRANSMISSION OF MOTIONS TO ELECTIONS SSMU. The Speaker, shall transmit all motions pertaining to Elections and Referenda to Elections SSMU no less than seven (7) days prior to the opening of polls. Any motion of the Legislative Council pertaining to Elections or Referenda that is not transmitted to Elections SSMU ten (10) or more days prior to the opening of polls shall be deemed spent and of no force or effect unless this requirement is waived by the Chief Electoral Officer.

6.3 SPECIAL REFERENDUM PERIODS. The Legislative Council may define special Referendum period by way of a resolution passed by a two-thirds (⅔) majority. Such periods must occur before the first and last day of classes of the fall or winter academic semester.

Part 4: Referenda

1.2 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL-INITIATED REFERENDUM QUESTIONS. The Legislative Council may initiate a Referendum question by way of a resolution. Any motion to place a question before the Society by the Legislative Council must be presented as a written motion signed by the number of Councillors stipulated in the Standing Rules, or where none exist, at least three (3) Councillors and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting of the Legislative Council. If passed, it will be put to Members during the following Referendum period. The working of the Referendum question must be approved by the Legislative Council fourteen (14) days prior to the opening of polls.

1.4 WAIVER OF DEADLINE. The fourteen (14) day deadline for approval of Legislative Council-initiated and student-initiated referendum questions may be extended for a question by a motion passed by a two-thirds (⅔) majority of the Legislative Council and approval by the
Chief Electoral Officer. If this deadline has been waived or postponed by the Legislative Council, there shall be a Public Notice indicating so, posted on the Society’s website and distributed via the Society’s listserv. Each question shall be considered separately, and a motion to waive or postpone this deadline shall only apply to one (1) question at a time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT these Interim Provisions take effect immediately until April 30, 2019.

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