



REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-03-28

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

The Steering Committee convened at 5:00PM, 24th of March 2019 in the SSMU Boardroom.

Attendance

Present: President Mansdoerfer, Speaker Jamal, Parliamentarian Haward, Councillor Buraga (Senate Caucus), Councillor Frenette (Engineering)

Regrets: Speaker Dolmat, Councillor Cossette (PT/OT)

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.
 - Motion Regarding Changes to the Legislative Council Standing Rules 2019-03-28
 - Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2019-03-28
 - Notice of Motion Regarding Policy on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority 2019-03-28
 - Notice of Motion Regarding Plan on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority 2019-03-28
 - Motion Regarding First Year Council Elections Fall 2019 2019-03-28
 - Motion Regarding Public Consultation For Plans For the Royal Victoria Hospital Project 2019-03-28
 - Motion Regarding Interim Provisions for Internal Regulations, Policies, and Plans 2019-03-28



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 Changes to the Internal Regulations of Governance 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Finance 2019-03-14
 - Motion Regarding Support of the SPF for the Bike Centre Project Operations 2019-03-14

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.

Confidential Session

Councillors should be aware that there will be confidential session this evening.



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Respectfully submitted,

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