



REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-09-10

Submitted for: September 10, 2019

The Steering Committee of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) convened at 9:00 PM, 7th of September 2019 at the Gault Nature Reserve of McGill University, Mont-Saint-Hilaire, QC.

Attendance

Present: President Buraga, Speaker Jamal, Parliamentarian Wong

Regrets: None

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 Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2019-2020 Legislative Council 2019-09-10
 - Motion Regarding Nominations to the Society's Board of Directors 2019-09-10
 - Motion Regarding Committee Allocations 2019-09-10

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 Plan on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority 2019-03-28
 - Motion Regarding Adequate Notice on Mandatory Club Workshops 2019-04-04



Standing Rules for the Legislative Council

The Steering Committee made minor revisions to prior years' Standing Rules for the Legislative Council by including the potential for Generative Discussion items, clarifying deadlines for motion submission, and strengthening the capacity of the Speaker to foster a safe and inclusive environment at the Legislative Council.

SSMU Retreat

Members of the Steering Committee delivered training workshops to Councillors and Senators at the 2019 SSMU Retreat. It was a pleasure to work with Councillors and Senators and the Committee hopes the trainings were helpful.

As a note, all Councillors should be aware of the newly implemented Conflict of Interest Policy and should submit their Conflict of Interest Disclosures if required to do so by the Policy.

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.

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.



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Confidential Session

Councillors should be aware that there will not be confidential session this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Husayn Jamal, Speaker of the Legislative Council