



MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA 2019-09-26

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WHEREAS, the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda should be revised to accurately reflect the functioning of the Society (revisions to Section 08, 2);

WHEREAS, the Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer have been consulted on these changes and have submitted proposed amendments of their own (revisions to Section 05, 5.3);

WHEREAS, all proposed deletions are represented as strikethroughs and proposed additions are highlighted in yellow;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT section 5.3 of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda-05 (Campaigning) be amended as follows:

ELECTRONIC MAIL. Candidates and campaign committee members may send unsolicited electronic mail or messages on social media platforms for the purpose of campaigning. Candidates and campaign committee members may not use distribution lists to this effect, unless such a distribution list was assembled for the purpose of campaigning and with the consent of its recipients, or unless they are otherwise authorized to do so by the Chief Electoral Officer. Electronic communications must not be abusive, and recipients must be able to refuse further communication of the type they have received. The first infraction of this article will warrant a warning to the relevant candidate or campaign committee member, and further infractions may be met with demerit actions

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT section 2 of the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda-08 (Special Elections) be amended as follows:

2. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING THE SENATE CAUCUS

2.1 GENERAL. Two (2) Councillors shall be elected to represent the undergraduate student members of Senate, from among the Elected Undergraduate Senators, in accordance with the



Constitution. at a meeting attended by the Undergraduate Senators who shall be represented by the Councillors in question. This meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President (University Affairs) (either current or incoming), who shall be assisted by the Chief Electoral Officer or any other Electoral Officer. This Election shall be initiated by the Vice-President (University Affairs) and held via an electronic voting system administered by Elections SSMU.

2.2 TIMELINE. This meeting shall be held before the first meeting of the Legislative Council of the year, and may be held prior to the commencement of the terms of the Undergraduate Senators who will be represented by the Councillors in question. Public Notice shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. This Election shall ideally be held before June 15, however in the event that vacant Senate Caucus seats are in the process of being filled, the Vice President (University Affairs) shall make considerable effort to postpone the election until such time as these seats have been filled. Notice of the election shall be given to Student Senators at least three (3) days prior to the start of the nomination period, and the electoral timeline chosen must account for an extended nomination period.

2.3 ELECTRONIC VOTING. Electronic voting may be used, administered by Elections SSMU.

2.4 QUORUM. Quorum for this meeting shall be fifty percent (50%) of the Undergraduate Senators. The outgoing President and Vice-President (University Affairs) may vote at the meeting. Should any Undergraduate Senator who will be represented by the Councillors in question be unable to attend the meeting, the incumbent from that constituency shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

2.5 VACANCIES The Senate Caucus, through internal mechanisms, must either fill any vacant seats by election, or otherwise designate Undergraduate Senators to fill them on a rotating basis, to ensure proper representation of the Senate Caucus.

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