



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

Submitted for: October 10, 2019

**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 any social media platforms for the purpose of campaigning, so long as it does not constitute "spam" (eg. posting multiple times in a group of over 100 members). What constitutes "spam" will be at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer. Additionally, Candidates and Campaign committee members may not send unsolicited messages to listservs of which they were automatically included, such as Student Association listservs.

**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 ROTATING SEAT.** In the event that, after the end of the electoral period, one or more of the Senate Caucus seats on Legislative Council remains vacant, this/these seat(s) shall become rotating positions. Where there are not two (2) or more Elected Undergraduate Senators who wish to serve as Councillors representing the undergraduate student members of Senate, there shall be one (1) rotating seat on the Legislative Council. The Elected Undergraduate Senators shall attend meetings of the Legislative Council on a rotating basis, to be decided amongst themselves, to ensure that this rotating seat is always occupied, and that the Senate Caucus is properly represented.

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