REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-10-24

Submitted for: October 24, 2019

The Steering Committee of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) convened at 11:30 AM, 18th of October 2019 at the SSMU Offices, Montréal, QC.

Attendance

Present: Speaker Jamal, Parliamentarian Wong, Speaker On-Call Lee, Councillor Franceschini

Regrets: President Buraga

Guest Speakers

- There were no guest speakers at this committee’s session.

New Business

- There were no items of new business submitted for this evening’s meeting by the submission deadline of October 17, 2019 at 11:59 PM and as such, the Steering Committee did not have the opportunity to review any of this evening’s late motions for appropriateness, format, or styling. This review will be conducted after this evening’s meeting and will result in a significant delay in posting motions publicly.
- A note to Councillors on the late submission of motions to remind that this practice is highly discouraged as it is disrespectful to not only the dais as it requires additional time outside of Steering Committee to review and format motions but also to fellow members of the Legislative Council as motions submitted late do not have the time for Councillors to consult with their constituents and appointing bodies.
- The late submission of motions is also disrespectful to the student body at large as it does not afford them the opportunity to see motions for debate in advance, to appropriately mobilize to be present at meetings to participate and ask questions, and results in significant delays for campus publications in accessing the material.
- The Steering Committee takes this opportunity to remind all Councillors and the Executives in particular that the submission of late motions should not become institutional practice. In the event of urgent or pressing business, electronic motions can be submitted to the attention of the Speaker of Council.
Business Arising

- The following motions were presented as Notices of Motion at the previous meeting of the Legislative Council and are returning as motions to be duly scrutinised, questioned, debated, and voted upon.
  - Motion Regarding Committee Allocations 2019-10-10
  - Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2019-09-26
  - Motion Regarding Adoption of an Events Management Policy 2019-10-03
  - Motion Regarding the Creation of an Affordable Student Housing Committee 2019-10-10
  - Motion Regarding Development and Implementation Process for Policies and Plans 2019-09-26

Confidential Session

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

Respectfully submitted,
Husayn Jamal, Speaker of the Legislative Council