REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-11-14

Submitted for: November 11, 2019

The Steering Committee of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) convened at 11:30 AM, 8th of November 2019 at the SSMU Offices, Montréal, QC.

Attendance

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

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 concernant la Loi resserrant l’encadrement du cannabis 2019-11-14

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 Amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference 2019-10-24
Steering Committee Business

- The Steering Committee unanimously approved a new format for motions to commence in the Winter 2020 term. Effective as of the 2020-01-16 meeting, all motions must comply with the new format or they will be rejected by the Steering Committee. A copy of the template is attached as Appendix A. Councillors should familiarize themselves with the new format.
  - The rationale for this change is to ensure that Councillors are presented with a consistent set of information when considering motions and to eliminate the barrier of needed to create “Whereas” clauses and instead provide a checklist set of information to be included.
  - The Governance Manager and Communications Department are thanked for their assistance with this project.

Confidential Session

Councillors should be aware that there will be a confidential presentation delivered during the “Guest Speakers” portion of the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Husayn Jamal, Speaker of the Legislative Council
# MOTION REGARDING [LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET] YYYY-MM-DD

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**Issue**

Brief summary of issue.

(max. 4 sentences)

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**Background and Rationale**

Include a summary of key points required in support of discussion and/or a decision. Include information about when the issue was last discussed (as relevant) the reference numbers of previous documents, and/or approvals by Council/Board (as relevant).

Include the rationale for why this issue requires this motion and why the SSMU should adopt this position or take this action over alternatives.

(max. 300 words)

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**Alignment with Mission**

Briefly explain how the proposed motion aligns with the SSMU Mission (Service, Representation, Leadership) or other relevant Policies (e.g., Equity Policy, Indigenous Solidarity Policy, etc.).

(max. 2 sentences)
### Consultations Completed

Before bringing this motion to the floor, it is expected that you consult with the relevant Commissioner(s)/Committee(s)/Officer(s). Explain these consultations here.

Motions pertaining to finances must have been discussed with the Vice-President (Finance) in advance.

*(max. 150 words)*

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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Comment specifically on risk factors that taking this decision poses, including any human resource, finance, or other resource implications as well as communications/optics issues.

*(max. 5 sentences)*

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### Sustainability Considerations

Have sustainability implications been taken into consideration in the development of this proposal and, if pertinent, what impacts (social, economic, environmental) will proposed actions have on SSMU’s sustainability efforts?

*(max. 4 sentences)*

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### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

The action that will be taken if the proposed resolution or recommendation is approved. If required, provide a communications strategy, including details as to when this matter can be made public or if it is to remain confidential.

Specifically note which Commissioner/Committee/Officer is being assigned a mandate and the timelines for that mandate (if applicable).

*(max. 200 words)*

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### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Examples:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the Policy in Appendix A.
Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2020 referendum period:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve, and recommend to the Board of Directors for approval, the report in Appendix A.

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Appendix A : Relevant Appendix