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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted for: 2020-01-30

Dear Councillors,

On Thursday, January 23rd, 2020, the Board of Directors held their regular biweekly meeting. During the Confidential session of the meeting, the Board of Directors discussed and debated the Report of the Accountability Committee 2020-01-23.

The Accountability Committee is made up of various voting and non-voting members. These include voting members-at-large and certain Directors of the Board, as well as non-voting members including: the Speaker of Council, Parliamentarian and University Affairs Secretary General. No single member was able to decide upon the recommendation in the report, but rather, it was agreed upon by the Committee as a whole. Members of the Legislative Council and the student body should not conflate a recommendation made by the Accountability Committee with that of the Speaker of Council.

The Accountability Committee recommended that the Board of Directors suspend the Vice-President (University Affairs) for non-compliance with regards to the Motion Regarding Acceptable Communications Practices, which was passed during the Legislative Council meeting of November 28th, 2019, and ratified by the Board of Directors on December 2nd, 2019.

The Report in question was presented during Confidential session, as it deals with an accountability complaint against an Officer of the Society, as stated in the report. As previously noted with prior Board of Directors decisions, the Board has the power to amend any recommendations as it sees fit. As Accountability Committee reports are not binding until amended or ratified by the Board of Directors, they are presented in Confidential session.

After a lengthy debate among the Directors, multiple amendments were approved, including: striking certain details from the report and amending the suspension of the Vice-President (University Affairs) for five (5) days without pay, to a suspension of her SSMU social media privileges for three (3) business days.

The Board of Directors regrets any adverse effects that the leak of confidential documents may have caused to the Speaker of Council in both their professional and personal capacities.

Best regards,

The SSMU Board of Directors