



MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO WINTER 2020 REFERENDUM DATES 2020-02-27

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| Seconded by: | Michael Rhamey <i>Environment Representative</i> | | |

Issue This motion seeks to extend the fee question deadline for the Winter 2020 Referendum Period by two weeks.

Background and Rationale The current fee question deadline for the Winter 2020 Referendum Period is today, February 27, 2020. For the reasons below, it would be prudent to extend this deadline to March 12, 2020:

- The February 27 fee question deadline was not advertised on the [Elections page](#) on the SSMU website, which had led to confusion among a few individuals wishing to put forward fee questions for the Winter 2020 referendum
- Extending to March 12 would allow incumbent executives to meet with their respective incoming executives and consult them on any fees they are hoping to pass to allow them to carry out their platform goals

Alignment with Mission Allows for more effective communication, service, and representation.



Consultations Completed Consulted with SSMU VP Finance, SSMU President, and Elections SSMU. Confirmed feasibility with the Office of Student Life and Learning (OSLL).

Risk Factors and Resource Implications Less time for corrections to fee questions to be made by the OSLL and incorporated on the ballot, yet this has been discussed with both the OSLL and Elections SSMU. The fee questions will be sent, at the latest, to the OSLL on the morning of March 13.

Sustainability Considerations Consistent communication about dates and incorporation of incoming Executive goals contributes to institutional sustainability.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps The SSMU Elections and Referenda website will be updated to reflect the new fee question deadline. Current executives will be responsible for consulting with their newly elected successor and the VP Finance regarding desired fees pertaining to their goals and bringing these fee questions to the March 12 meeting of the Legislative Council.

Motion or Resolution for Approval Examples:
 Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the amendment of the Elections SSMU timeline as follows:

 Winter 2020 Referenda
 Nomination Period for Council-Initiated Questions: January 6, 2020 - March 12, 2020 at 10:00 PM
 Nomination Period for Student-Initiated Questions: January 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM to March 12, 2020 at 10:00 PM
 Fee Questions Due: **February 27 March 12,** 2020 at 10:00 PM
 Meeting for Committee Chairs: March 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM
 Campaign Period: March 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM - March 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM
 Polling Period: March 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM - March 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM
 Results Announcement: March 27, 2020 at approximately 6:00 PM

Results of the Vote

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| In favour | (13) |
| Opposed | (3) |
| Abstain | (6) |