



# MOTION REGARDING POLICY ON FINANCIAL MATTERS OF COUNCIL 2020-02-27

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**Issue** Many motions of council dealing with financial matters are introduced without providing Councillors with adequate understanding of where the money is going towards.

**Background and Rationale** Historically, many fees have been presented to Council and to the student body at-large in a referendum without a clear understanding of where the money is going. In order for Councillors to be able to accurately assess and vote on fees, financial information provided by the Vice-President Finance will help Councillor's understanding of the motion. Furthermore, the Vice-President Finance will be able to provide neutral information regarding the motion for Councillors, something that the motivator would otherwise not be able to provide.

**Alignment with Mission** This aligns with the Society's mission of being transparent with regards to Society finances. In particular, it fits in with 1.2.c of the Internal Regulations of Society's Finances for the duty of the Vice-President Finance to inform the Council of Financial Matters of the Society.



## Consultations Completed

As a motion pertaining to finances, this motion has been discussed with the Vice-President Finance in advance.

## Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If the Vice-President Finance is incapacitated or incompetent, there is a risk of Council being able to pass motions regarding Finance due to the lack of Fiscal Policy Note. However, if the Vice-President Finance cannot comment upon a Financial motion, it would seem inappropriate for the Council to intervene upon Financial matters.

## Sustainability Considerations

The breakdown of how fees will be used will make it easier for Councillors to assess if sustainability will be considered if the fee is enacted.

## Impact of Decision and Next Steps

The Steering Committee will refer all motions dealing with Society finances to the Vice-President Finance to write the Fiscal Policy Note. No motion of Council dealing Society finances shall be heard without the Fiscal Policy Note. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Vice-President Finance, the Steering Committee should ask the Executive as a whole to produce the Fiscal Policy Note.

## Motion or Resolution for Approval

Examples:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Council establish a Policy on Fees and Financial Matters of Council requiring that all motions of Council dealing with the Society's finance be introduced with a fiscal policy note in the Appendix written by the Vice-President Finance that includes the following information:

- 1) The effect on Society's finances
- 2) The effect on organizations affiliated with the Society
- 3) The effect on outside organizations
- 4) Expected revenue from implementation of the new fee
- 5) Breakdown of how the revenue from fees will be used
- 6) Details on plans should the new fee not be approved

Be it further resolved that this Policy remain in force until May 1, 2025.



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**Results of the  
Vote**

In favour (16)  
Opposed (0)  
Abstain (2)

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## Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

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