



# MOTION REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

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## Issue

This motion stands in compliment to proposed amendments to the Internal Regulations of Governance. The two action items presented here are intended to render our governing documents more accessible to the general public.

## Background and Rationale

At some point this year, a decision was made to change the settings on SSMU's GSuite documents, disallowing the downloading or copy/pasting of the Legislative Council and Board of Directors files.

While the movers of this motion applaud the desire for a protection of sensitive information, the scope of protected documents is altogether too broad. There is no good reason that public documents of the Board and Council cannot be shared with constituents. Furthermore, writing motions becomes much more difficult when one cannot cite the wording of other motions.

In another sphere of accessibility, it is often important to have background when looking at positions or mandates taken up by the SSMU. Therefore, it is the proposal of the movers of this motion that hyperlinking "adopted motions" to the newly-created Positions Book would be highly beneficial.



	Where this relates to the conversion of old policies to positions, the policy as a whole should be linked to each position drawn from that policy.
<b>Alignment with Mission</b>	In our efforts to properly represent our Members, we rely on their ability to voice their concerns. These changes make it easier for Members to vocalize concerns and to have the necessary background to understand the rationale of Council.
<b>Consultations Completed</b>	N/A.
<b>Risk Factors and Resource Implications</b>	There is some labour required on the part of the Governance Manager (or a delegate) to hyperlink the policies into the positions book.
<b>Sustainability Considerations</b>	The completion of this work will improve the institutional sustainability and accessibility of the SSMU.
<b>Impact of Decision and Next Steps</b>	The Office of the Governance Manager will be tasked with carrying out the resolutions adopted.
<b>Motion or Resolution for Approval</b>	<p>Be it resolved that public documents of the Legislative Council and Board of Directors be available for download, copying, and printing.</p> <p>Be it further resolved that positions found in the Positions Book of the Society have embedded hyperlinks referring readers to the original motion wherein the position was adopted.</p>
<b>Results of the Vote</b>	<p>In favour ()</p> <p>Opposed ()</p> <p>Abstain ()</p>