



MOTION REGARDING AN INTERIM PROVISION FOR ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA TIMELINE 2020-2021 2020-08-21

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Seconded by:	Andre Lametti <i>Director</i>		

Issue

The Elections and Referenda Timeline 2020-2021 had been reviewed and finalized by the Elections SSMU team, in preparation of the beginning of the academic year. This timeline is typically approved at the first Legislative Council meeting. However, First Year Council (FYC) and Clubs and Services elections begin within the first few weeks of the beginning of the academic year. This Fall 2020, FYC and Clubs and Services elections will begin on September 2, which is a week before the first Legislative Council meeting.

Background and Rationale

The Elections SSMU team would need to approve these dates through an interim provision prior to the first Legislative Council meeting, and prior to the beginning of the academic year.

In order to hold a successful election for both representative seats, the Elections SSMU team will need sufficient time to prepare for these elections, especially this year, due to COVID-19, where more challenges may arise with regards to soliciting nominations, and lower voter turnout.



Alignment with Mission

Per section 06, article 1.6 of the Internal Regulations of Governance:

“Notwithstanding the regular requirements for the adoption of Interim Provisions, the Board of Directors may, by way of resolution passed by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote, adopt an Interim Provision, which shall take effect immediately. The Legislative Council shall consider such an Interim Provision at its next regular meeting. If the Interim Provision is confirmed, or confirmed as amended, by the Legislative Council, in accordance with the procedures regularly required for the adoption of Interim Provisions, the Interim Provision shall remain in effect with the period of validity set by the Legislative Council. Otherwise, the Interim Provision shall cease to have effect.”

Consultations Completed

Consultations with the Elections SSMU team, the Governance Manager and the SSMU President and VP Student Life.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Taking this decision may be a challenge for the Clubs, and Services Representative to the legislative council, as well as the FYC VP External. If the proposed timeline is adopted, they will miss the first two sessions of legislative council. This would mean having the needs of clubs, services and first year students not represented in Legislative Council decision making until October.

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Sustainability Considerations

Sustainability considerations include, but not limited to: ensuring that candidates have enough time to submit nomination kits and consulting with the Elections SSMU team as needed.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If approved, Elections SSMU will be able to begin promotion for both First Year Council Elections, and the Clubs and Services Election, slated to occur under the timelines listed below. Promotion, campaigning, and voting for both of these elections will occur entirely online, allowing sufficient time for communication between parties interested in running, as well as voters.

Clubs and Services



Sept 2nd 9:00 AM - Sept 14 at 5:00PM (Nomination Period)
 Sept 14 at 5:30 PM - Candidates Meeting
 Sept 15 at 9:00 AM - Sept 25th 6:00 PM (Campaign Period)
 Sept 17th at 9:00 AM - Sept 25th 5:00 PM (Polling Period)
 Sept 25th at 6:00 PM - Announcement of results

FYC Elections
 Sept 2nd - Sept 21 at 5:00PM (Nomination Period)
 Sept 21 at 5:30PM - Candidates Meeting
 Sept 22 at 9:00 AM - September 30th 6:00 PM (Campaign Period)
 Sept 28th at 9:00 AM - Sep 30th 5:00 PM (Polling Period)
 September 30th at 6:00 PM - Announcement of results

**Motion or
 Resolution for
 Approval**

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the interim provision outlined in this motion and the timeline in Appendix A.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Council approve this interim provision and Appendix A timeline at their next regular meeting.

**Results of the
 Vote**

In favour ()
 Opposed ()
 Abstain ()



Appendix A

Clubs and Services

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Sept 28th at 9:00 AM - Sep 28th 5:00 PM (Polling Period)

Sep 28th at 6:00 PM - Announcement of results