



# REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2020-09-24

Submitted for: September 24, 2020

The Steering Committee of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) reviewed the submissions for this meeting of the Legislative Council at 1:30 on September 18, 2020.

## Attendance

Present: Speaker Hill, Parliamentarian Wong, Speaker-on-Call Lee, Councillor Reed, Councillor Smith.

Absent: Governance Manager, President Earle.

## Guest Speakers

- There were no guest speakers at this committee's session.

## New Business

- Motions reviewed by the committee are listed below. The committee undertook the formatting, stylistic, spelling, and grammatical changes it deemed necessary to all motions and notice of motions submitted by the deadline.
  - Motion Regarding Equitable Communications Practices 2020-09-24
  - Motion to Call a Special Referendum 2020-09-24
  - Motion Regarding the Creation of the Black Affairs Committee 2020-09-24

## Business Arising

- The following motions were presented as Notices of Motion at the previous meeting of the Legislative Council and are returning as motions to be duly scrutinised, questioned, debated, and voted upon.
  - Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Human Resources Policy 2020-09-08
  - Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2020-09-08

## Steering Committee Innovations

- Consent Vote



- This evening, we have slated a period for a Consent Vote to occur (item no. 10). Please note that this is an opportunity to vote on the motions up for approval at Legislative Council this evening, before they have the opportunity to be duly scrutinised, questioned, debated, and voted upon. This provides you an opportunity to vote in favour of motions that you believe are not contentious, and thus, are not necessary to subject to scrutiny, questioning, and debate. Please ensure you are thoughtful with your vote - if you do not believe a motion contentious/necessary to be scrutinized, and/or if you know you will not be participating in Question Period/Debate, either vote Approve or Abstain. Only in cases in which you thoroughly believe that deliberation is necessary should you vote 'debate.'
- Please ensure that you are submitting reports through PDF.
- When sharing motions with the Parliamentarian, please ensure that you have granted both the Parliamentarian ([parliamentarian@ssmu.ca](mailto:parliamentarian@ssmu.ca)) and the Speaker ([speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca)), editing privileges, and if possible, make them additional owners of the document.
- Please ensure that you are abiding by the report deadlines.
  - For Councillors: Sunday prior to Legislative Council, at 11:59 PM EST to [parliamentarian@ssmu.ca](mailto:parliamentarian@ssmu.ca)
  - For Executives: Tuesday prior to Legislative Council, at 11:59 PM EST to [parliamentarian@ssmu.ca](mailto:parliamentarian@ssmu.ca)
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  - While you are free to cc' the Speaker, please ensure that the Parliamentarian is also included in the email.
- Comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome and may be sent to [speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca).

## Confidential Session

- There will not be a confidential session this evening.

Faithfully submitted in service,

Lauren Hill  
Speaker of Legislative Council