



# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES FOR THE 2020-2021 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 2021-01-14

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**Moved by:** Ayo Ogunremi      **Current Status:**  FOR APPROVAL  
Vice-President (External Affairs)       APPROVED  
 POSTPONED  
 COMMITTED  
 NOT APPROVED

**Seconded by:** Darshan Daryanani  
Senate Caucus Representative

**Issue**      This motion seeks to amend the Standing Rules of the Legislative Council in order to clarify inconsistencies regarding the submission of Executive reports to Council.

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**Background and Rationale**      The Standing Rules for the 2020-2021 Legislative Council include an inconsistency regarding the submission of Executive reports to Council. Section 3.1. suggests that Executive reports to Council are due on the Monday night before Council, when in fact they are understood to be due on the Tuesday night before Council.

Further, section 3.4. indicates that all reports, except the Club Committee and the Funding Committee, are due at midnight on the Sunday before the Council session. This is inconsistent with the existing section 3.1. of the Standing Rules, and the actual facts concerning the submission of Executive reports.

This motion clarifies both of these inconsistencies by amending both sections 3.1. and 3.4.



**Alignment with Mission** Not applicable.

**Consultations Completed** This motion was drafted on the basis of a conversation with the Parliamentarian, and in consultation with the Speaker of Council and the Comprehensive Governance Review Committee.

**Risk Factors and Resource Implications** Should this motion fail, inconsistencies liable to produce confusion will remain in the Standing Rules for the 2020-2021 Legislative Council, and potentially further Councils.

**Sustainability Considerations** The sustainability considerations in this motion relate to the social sustainability of the SSMU, in the sense that this clarification will contribute to the accessibility and accountability of the governance of SSMU's 2020-2021 Legislative Council.

**Impact of Decision and Next Steps** Should this motion pass, the Standing Rules for the 2020-2021 Legislative Council will be amended immediately.

**Motion or Resolution for Approval** Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the amendments to the Standing Rules outlined in Appendix A.

**Results of the Vote**

In favour	(CONSENT)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()



## Appendix A : Proposed Amendments to the Standing Rules of Legislative Council

### 3. Reports

3.1. All Executives must submit a report detailing their activities related to the Society since the last Monday in which the previous report was submitted **scheduled submission deadline of a report to Council. Executive reports must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM ET on the Tuesday immediately preceding Council.**

3.4. All reports must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM ET five (5) days immediately preceding Council generally on Sunday, with the exception of the Funding Committee ~~and Club Committee~~, **the Club Committee, and the Executives.**