



# REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2021-02-11

Submitted for: February 11, 2021

The Steering Committee of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) reviewed the submissions for this meeting of the Legislative Council at 2:30 PM EST on February 5, 2021.

## Attendance

Present: Speaker Hill, Parliamentarian Wong, President Earle, Speaker-on-Call Lee, Councillor Reed, Councillor Smith, Governance Manager.

## 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.
  - Notice of Motion to Amend the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2021-02-11
  - Motion Regarding the Creation of the Gender and Sexuality Advocacy Committee 2021-02-11
  - Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Increase of the SSMU Membership Fee 2021-02-11
  - Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the Midnight Kitchen Fee 2021-02-11
  - Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the Safety Services Fee 2021-02-11
  - Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the Peer Support Centre Fee 2021-02-11
  - Motion to Approve the SSAMMOSA Committee Terms of Reference 2021-02-11
  - Motion Regarding Referendum Question on Renewal of the Mental Health Fee 2021-02-11
  - Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the Anti-Violence Fee 2021-02-11



- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Creation of the Gender and Sexuality Advocacy Fee 2021-02-11
- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Amendment of the Constitution 2021-02-11
- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the SSMU Access Bursary Fund Fee 2021-02-11
- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the University Centre Fee 2021-02-11
- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the the Renewal of the TVM: Student Television at McGill Fee 2021-02-11
- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on Discretionary Funding for Queer McGill 2021-02-11
- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the Access McGill Ancillary Fee 2021-02-11
- Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Renewal of the McGill Writing Centre Ancillary Fee Referendum Question 2021-02-11

## 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 a Policy on Harmful Military Technology 2021-01-28
  - Motion Regarding a Position on Institutions of Public Safety 2021-01-28

## Presentations

- This evening's Legislative Council will feature one presentation:
  - UCRU Bylaw Review
- Please ensure you remain respectful towards the presenters at all times.

## Steering Committee Innovations

- Due to the length of tonight's meeting, the Steering Committee has put forward a number of recommendations for Legislative Council:
  - Use of consent vote (item 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.'

- The Speaker has the authority to rule extensions out of order, if she believes them unnecessary or too long in duration.
- The Speaker has the authority to end debate, if she believes necessary:
  - For example, if the conversation has begun to enter a back-and-forth situation.
  - If the Speaker notices that individuals raising interventions are only raising
- 'Ad libitum' extensions will be ruled out of order by the Speaker.
- For purposes of the meeting, unless otherwise stated, default speaking limits are as follows:
  - Question Period: Five (5) minutes
  - Debate: Five (5) minutes
- Comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome and may be sent to [speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca).

## Confidential Session

- There will be a confidential session this evening.

Faithfully submitted in service,

Lauren Hill  
Speaker of Legislative Council