REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2021-02-25

Submitted for: February 25, 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 19, 2021.

Attendance

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

Absent: Governance Manager.

Guest Speakers

● There were no guest speakers at this committee’s session.

New Business

● There is no new business.

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 to Amend the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2021-02-11
  ○ Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Divest For Human Rights Policy 2021-02-16
  ○ Motion Regarding a Policy on Harmful Military Technology 2021-01-28

Presentations

● There are no presentations for this evening Legislative Council.
Steering Committee Innovations

- Due to the potential length of tonight’s meeting, the Steering Committee has put forward a number of recommendations for Legislative Council:
  - 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 rais
  - ‘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.

Confidential Session

- There will not be a confidential session this evening.

Faithfully submitted in service,

Lauren Hill
Speaker of Legislative Council