



# REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2021-04-08

Submitted for: April 8, 2021

The Steering Committee of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) reviewed the submissions for this meeting of the Legislative Council at 5:00 PM EST on April 6, 2021.

## Attendance

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

Absent: Parliamentarian Wong, Councillor Reed, 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.
  - Motion Regarding the Adoption of a Position on Freedom of Religion 2021-04-08
  - Motion Regarding Amendments to the Gender Equity Position 2021-04-08
  - Motion Regarding Amendments to SSMU's Affordable Student Housing Governance Documents 2021-04-08
  - Motion Condemning Anti-Asian Racism and Violence 2021-04-08

## 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 Harm Reduction Policy 2021-03-11
  - Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Governance 2021-03-25
  - Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances 2021-03-25



## Presentations

- This evening's Legislative Council will feature two presentations:
  - ACORN Montreal
  - Recovery Hack
- 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 raise
  - '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,



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