MOTION REGARDING NOMINATIONS TO THE SOCIETY’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-08-31

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Issue
As per the SSMU Constitution article 6.2, the Legislative Council must nominate an additional Officer to sit on the Board of Directors of the Students’ Society of McGill University (“the SSMU”), as well as fill the vacancy of an additional Councillor to sit on the Board of Directors. The positions on the SSMU Board of Directors should be filled at the earliest to ensure that the Board of Directors can continue to meet quorum for its meetings.

Background and Rationale
Some SSMU Board of Directors voting members have resigned, therefore leaving the Board with only seven (7) voting members.

Alignment with Mission
The SSMU Board of Directors requires a composition of four (4) Officers to sit on the Board, one of which must be nominated by the Legislative Council, and four (4) Councillors.

Consultations Completed
Consultations completed with the Executive Committee, Governance Manager and the Board of Directors.
Risk Factors and Resource Implications

The requirements for nomination to the SSMU Board of Directors are that individuals must (i) be at least 18 years of age, (ii) be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada, (iii) not be in bankrupt status, (iv) not have been declared incapable by a court in Canada or another country, and (v) not have a criminal record.

Sustainability Considerations

There are no sustainability considerations at this time.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

The nominee is the only eligible executive left to be nominated to the Board of Directors. Not nominating them would now only leave a seat empty at the Board of Directors, but it would also fail to fulfill the constitutional requirements of the composition of the Board.

The Councillor who shall be nominated to sit on the Board of Directors will fill the vacancy and fulfill the constitution requirements of the composition of the Board.

Should this motion fail, the Board will continue to struggle to meet quorum and this may disrupt the wellbeing and functioning of the Society.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council nominate Sarah Paulin, Vice-President (Internal Affairs), as a director of the SSMU Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the Legislative Council nominate Councillor Ghania Javed as a director of the SSMU Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Results of the Vote

In favour (UNANIMOUS)
Opposed ()
Abstain ()