



MOTION REGARDING AN INTERIM PROVISION TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF GOVERNANCE CONCERNING COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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Vice-President University Affairs **Current Status:** FOR APPROVAL
 APPROVED
 POSTPONED
 COMMITTED
 NOT APPROVED

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Issue Councillors currently present one (1) report per councillor per semester. A lot of the councillor reports have significant overlap and can be redundant. They are also often finished close to Legislative Council and they take up a substantial amount of time.

Background and Rationale In order to help increase the quality of reports, we are planning on modifying councillor reports to one constituency report per semester. We will also be reducing the amount of time spent on presentation, and putting that time into question period. Not only will this increase clarity and reduce redundancy, it will also put more time where councillors can dive deeper into learning about the material by putting time towards question period, which can increase transparency and accountability.

Alignment with Mission This aligns with SSMU's Mission by increasing the clarity of communication from elected representatives and making sure information is communicated



more succinctly and efficiently, thus increasing the quality of representation, leadership, accountability, and transparency.

Consultations Completed

Consultations were done with the executive committee, the Board of Directors, the Governance Manager, the Parliamentarian, and the Speaker.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

This might reduce the amount of information transmitted directly on reports and thus could potentially reduce transparency.

Sustainability Considerations

By making reporting more efficient, encouraging teamwork and collaboration between councillors from the same constituency, and shifting more time towards question period, it can help increase information sharing and relationship-building between councillors, thus improving social sustainability.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If this motion were to be approved, the Governance team will change the reporting schedule to decide what faculties and groups will be presenting for each Legislative Council.

Councillors from the same constituency will need to decide how they will write their report together as a group.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved, that the Legislative Council approve, with a 2/3 majority, an Interim Provision to the Internal Regulations of Governance-05, section 3.1., changing the frequency of councilor reports to having one report per constituency per semester.

Be it resolved, that the Legislative Council approve shortening the length for the presentation of reports and to increase the allocation of time for question period.



Be it further resolved, that the Legislative Council recommend these changes and interim provision to the Board of Directors for ratification at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Results of the
Vote**

In favour ()
Opposed ()
Abstain ()

POSTPONED



Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

3. Councillors

3.1. Responsibilities

Councillors shall:

- a. attend all meetings of the Legislative Council;
- b. attend all General Assemblies;
- c. sit on at least one (1) committee of the Legislative Council or participate in at least one (1) other University organization whose terms of reference require the participation of one (1) or more Councillors; and
- d. submit a report of their activities to the Speaker or the Parliamentarian once per semester to the Legislative Council, as specified by the Reporting Schedule, created and distributed by the Speaker.

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