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# MOTION REGARDING A SPECIAL BY-ELECTION FOR THE ROLE OF SSMU VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE) 2023-09-11

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<b>Seconded by:</b>	Sofie Fournier <i>SUS representative</i>		

## Issue

The SSMU Vice-President (Finance) resigned from office on August 18, 2023. In order to ensure smooth operations, financial stability, and planning for the year, the SSMU Executives and the Board of Directors have decided to temporarily delegate the Vice-President (Finance) responsibilities between the current six (6) Executives. However, a special by-election to fill the vacancy is requested from the Legislative Council.

## Background and Rationale

Per the SSMU Constitution article 10.8: “10.8. Replacement and Vacancy. An Officer whose term of office ends in accordance with section 10.7 may, at the discretion of the Officers, be replaced pursuant to an Election for a term extending to the expiry of the original term of the Officer so replaced. In the event that the Officers decide to forego said Election, the Office of an Officer whose term of office ends in accordance with section 10.7 may remain vacant, subject to the various requirements for quorum throughout this Constitution.”

This motion presents a special by-election for the role of SSMU Vice-President (Finance), which will waive the regular requirements of an



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election period, per the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda, if  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority is reached.

The Vice-President (Finance) is an integral position to the functioning of the SSMU and the SSMU Executive Committee.

The SSMU Vice-President (Finance) candidate who is elected to office pursuant to this by-election will begin their term from the moment the election results are announced with two (2) business weeks of training in orientation, pursued by a gradual return of responsibilities. They will end their term per the SSMU Executive mandate, on May 31, 2024.

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### Alignment with Mission

This motion aligns with the SSMU Constitution, our value of Leadership and Mission, and the Internal Regulations of Governance and Elections and Referenda.

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### Consultations Completed

Consultations have been completed with the SSMU Executive team, the Board of Directors, the Governance Manager, and the Chief Electoral Officer.

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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Risk factors that are associated with this motion are as follows:

- The possibility that this by-election overlaps with the First Year Council election period
- The risk that the Elections SSMU team does not receive any candidates for the role during the Nomination Period
- Resources may be required for additional promotions and advertising for multiple elections by the Elections SSMU team

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### Sustainability Considerations

The sustainability considerations with this motion are in regards to the financial and social sustainability of the SSMU and its long term vision and serviceship to the Membership.

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### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should this motion be approved by the Legislative Council, with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority in favour, the motion will be sent to the Board of Directors for an email vote at the earliest convenience by the Speaker and Deputy Speaker in order to validate and commence the election period.



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Once ratified by the Board, the Elections SSMU team will publish the Nomination Package for the role of SSMU Vice-President (Finance) and send a special election announcement to the Membership in the first week of Nomination Period.

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### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that, the Legislative Council approve the following special by-election for the role of SSMU Vice-President (Finance) following a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote in Appendix A;

Be it resolved that, the Legislative Council recommend the ratification of this motion to the SSMU Board of Directors at the earliest;

Be it resolved that, the Elections SSMU team and the Office of the Governance Manager prepare the Nomination Packages in English and French and a memo to be sent to the Membership at the start of the Nomination Period as outlined in Appendix A.

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### Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	( )
Abstain	( )

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## Appendix A :

### Special By-Election for SSMU Vice-President (Finance)

September 13 - Potential approval from Board

September 14-17 - Preparation for elections by the Elections SSMU team

September 18, 9:00AM - October 2, 5:00PM - Nomination Period

October 3 - Candidates debate (TBD)

October 4, 9:00AM - October 11, 5:00PM - Campaigning and polling period

October 11, 6:00PM - Announcement of Results