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# MOTION REGARDING SPECIAL SSMU EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS WINTER 2024 2024-03-21

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<b>Seconded by:</b>	Quinn Porter <i>Arts Representative</i>		

## Issue

In the Winter 2024-2025 SSMU Executive Elections ballot, two (2) crucial roles were missing candidates from next year's Executive Committee team. The role of the SSMU President and SSMU Vice-President (Finance) did not receive nominations and are required to be filled by the Constitution, to ensure operations and long-term stability for the Society.

## Background and Rationale

Per the SSMU Constitution, the Executive Committee is composed of 7 elected Executives, also known as Officers. The President is responsible for:

### “10.11. President

The President shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties: to be the chief officer and chief spokesperson of the Society; to ensure the long- term integrity of the Society; to enforce the Constitution and Internal Regulations of the Society and ensure the maintenance of the governance documents; to chair and coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee; to manage the Society's human resources; to call meetings of and set the agenda for the Legislative Council and the Board of Directors; to manage relations between the Society and the administration of McGill University; and to represent the Members on the University Senate and Board of Governors.

The Vice President (Finance) is responsible for:

### 10.15. Vice-President (Finance)



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The Vice-President (Finance) shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties: to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Society; to provide the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors with regular reports on the financial status of the Society; to develop the annual budget of the Society in a manner consistent with the governing documents of the Society and the priorities set out by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors; to ensure that no individual or group disburses the Society's funds without authorization; to manage any Society group insurance plan duly approved by the Members, in a manner consistent with the governing documents of the Society; to authorize all agreements that bind the Society and to act as the representative of the SSMU to the SSMU Daycare Inc.”

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### Alignment with Mission

Alignment with the SSMU Constitution, Internal Regulations of Governance and Finances.

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### Consultations Completed

Consultation with the Elections SSMU team, Governance Manager and SSMU VP Finance.

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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If in this next special election we don't receive nominations for candidates for the roles of President or VP Finance, the SSMU will suffer from lack of the roles and operations, as well as duties performed by these crucial roles to the organization.

Resource implications may include additional tasks performed by our Elections SSMU team, some Executives to help with promotion and meeting with candidates, and Communications Department to provide resources such as social media advertising and promotion on campus.

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### Sustainability Considerations

To ensure that SSMU fulfills the required seats on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

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## Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If this timeline is approved, the Elections SSMU team will prepare Specific Nomination Kits to be distributed on the [elections.ssmu.ca](http://elections.ssmu.ca) website on Monday, March 25, 2024, and publish on social media to encourage interested SSMU Members to run for the two roles available, SSMU President and SSMU VP Finance.

## Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the Special Election Timeline for Winter 2024 in Appendix A and below.

- Special Executive Elections (President & VP Finance)
  - **Nomination Period:** March 25, 2024 9:00AM to April 5, 2024 at 5:00PM
  - **Candidates Information Session:** April 8, 2024 at 6:00PM
  - **Campaign Period:** April 9, 2024 9:00AM to April 19, 2024 at 5:00PM
  - **Candidates Debate:** April 9, 2024 in the evening, Depending on availability of Elections SSMU (at least 24 hours before polling period)
  - **Polling Period:** April 10, 2024 9:00AM to April 19, 2024 5:00PM

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors vote to ratify the timeline set below via email approval so the Nomination Period can start on Monday, March 25, 2024.

Should further time-sensitive changes be required, the Elections SSMU team will make final changes to the timeline to adequately support the electoral process.

## Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()



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## Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

[Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2021](#)

[Draft timeline for the Special Election for SSMU President and VP Finance Winter 2024](#)

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