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# Public Report: Governance Reform Committee

Submitted for: March 21st (LC) / March 28th, 2024 (BoD)

For the period of September 1st, 2023 to March 20th, 2024

## Committee Members:

Alexandre Ashkir, Co-Chair (President)  
Simone Brown, Co-Chair (Policy & Advocacy Coordinator)  
Karla Heisele Cubilla (Governance Coordinator)  
Michal Chernov (Governance Manager)  
Liam Gaither (VP External)  
Hassanatou Koulibaly (VP Sustainability & Operations)  
Joshua Gertsvolf (Councillor, Science Representative)

The Governance Reform Committee met on the following dates:

November 7th, 2023  
November 21st, 2023  
January 9th, 2024  
January 17th, 2024  
January 31st, 2024  
February 21st, 2024  
February 28th, 2024  
March 11th, 2024

## Updates:

- The Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the Internal Regulations of Governance and determined that the document would require substantial revisions to address gaps between written and non-written knowledge.
- The Committee then undertook the revisions of the Internal Regulations of Governance, including consultations with various stakeholders internally and externally.
- “Call-out consultation” from the beginning of January until February, monitored by the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator. The Committee reviewed all items of the consultations from Members-at-Large and incorporated feedback where possible into Governing Documents under review.
- Review of Accountability Plan and Accountability Motion.



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## Recommendations for 2024-2025 Academic Year

- Comprehensive review of other Internal Regulations to identify inaccuracies and inconsistencies between documents.
- Clarify the hierarchy of English vs French documents in the Constitution.
- Create a standard procedure for granting the status of Affiliated Student Association to external groups and enshrine this process in SSMU's governing documents.
- Conduct research on how best to simplify the existing processes for Executive Officer removal.
- Comprehensive review of General Assemblies to encourage more student participation through accessibility and simplification of processes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Governance Reform Committee