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MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

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Moved by:	Alexandre Ashkir <i>President</i>	Current Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Joshua Gertsvolf <i>Science Representative</i>		

Issue

The Governance Reform Committee (GRC) has spent the past academic year undergoing a comprehensive review of the Internal Regulations of Governance. This motion is to put forward the proposed changes to better align the document with SSMU standards and clarify existing rules.

Background and Rationale

Although small sections of the Internal Regulations of Governance have been changed in previous years, the document has not been comprehensively reviewed and updated despite numerous SSMU standards and policies changing.

To complete this review, the Governance Reform Committee (GRC) conducted several group and individual reviews of the document, conducted research on governing documents, and consulted with a wide array of SSMU (and external) actors. The conclusion of these actions is a document focused on clarifying and standardizing procedures, as well as making the document more explicit to encourage better understanding of SSMU.



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Alignment with Mission

The proposed changes to the IR of Governance will allow SSMU to continue to work towards its mission of exemplary service, representation, and leadership by clarifying the rules and structures in place that guide SSMU actors. Additionally, sections of the document were updated to better reflect the tenets of the Accessibility and Equity Policy.

Consultations Completed

In the process of drafting the revised IR of Governance, the following groups and individuals were consulted: the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Legislative Council, First-Year Council, General Manager, Governance Manager, Equity & Policy Specialist, SSMU membership (via survey), Equity Commissioners, Human Resources department, Dais, MSUDI, and an external legal team.

The Governance Reform Committee, including the President, Governance Manager, and Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, consulted on the motion writing process.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

The efficient functioning of SSMU relies heavily on the clarity and accuracy of its Internal Regulations. Without these changes to the IR of Governance, there is a significant risk of misinterpretation of SSMU procedures.

There are no risks to the student body posed by this motion as the updates to the IR of Governance will elaborate on SSMU's governing documents, therefore improving SSMU.

Sustainability Considerations

Regular and comprehensive reviews of the Internal Regulations contribute to the sustainability of SSMU by ensuring its proper functioning for years to come.

The proposed amendments will, in particular, provide clarity by standardizing and amending governance procedures to be better in line with SSMU activity.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If approved, the changes to the IR of Governance as highlighted in Appendix A will come into effect, providing a much needed update to a major governing document of SSMU.



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Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the amendments to the Internal Regulations of Governance as outlined in Appendix A.

Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()

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Appendix A : Internal Regulations of Governance (Amended)

Amended Internal Regulations of Governance

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