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MOTION TO CREATE AN INTERIM PROVISION TO THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY

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Moved by: Abe Berglas
VP University Affairs

**Current
Status:**

- FOR APPROVAL
- APPROVED
- POSTPONED
- COMMITTED
- NOT APPROVED

Seconded by: Dymetri Taylor
President

Issue

Some faculties didn't have nominations for Senator, but still want to appoint a Senator to represent them, which is currently not allowed for in the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy.

Background and Rationale

The current rules on appointing student Senators outside of an election are unclear.

Alignment with Mission

Having student Senators is vital for the participation of students in McGill Governance.



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Overview of Proposed Amendments

Strike sections that refer to the allocation of unfilled seats in the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy - specifically, strike the following sections:

7.3 Reallocation of Vacant Seats

Seats left vacant after the end of the nomination period will be reallocated first to programs not already allocated a seat, including the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy and Social Work, and the Faculty of Dentistry, in descending order according from the program with the most students enrolled to the program with the least, then to Faculties already allocated seats, in the same fashion according to figures provided by the Registrar of McGill University.

7.4. Double Representation

Should a vacant seat be re-allocated to the Schools of Physical/Occupational Therapy or Social Work, or the Faculty of Dentistry, students in these programs would not be permitted to run for seats in faculties other than the re-allocated seat.

7.5. No Second Candidate

If a faculty has been allocated a second seat but does not have a second candidate, the seat shall be allocated to the next faculty with the highest enrollment per Student Senator.

7.6. Maximum Seats

No faculty shall be allocated more than three (3) seats in the Senate Caucus

9.4. No Application

If no candidate comes forward from the faculty, the Vice-President (University Affairs) shall reallocate the seat in accordance with the procedure for the reallocation of seats during a Senate election, outlined in these Internal Regulations.



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Consultations Completed

Consultations were imperfect. The UA Secretary General, the President, and the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator were in favor of an interim provision to solve this issue for one year. The Governance Manager was asked but unable to respond given the short notice of 2 business days.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

None.

Sustainability Considerations

None.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

These faculties will need to appoint a Senator to the VP University Affairs.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Motion to amend the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy as described in 'Overview of Proposed Amendments' as an Interim Provision lasting from 08/20/24 to 08/20/25 .

Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()