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MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY PROGRAMMING NETWORK (SSPN) COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Seconded by:	Angelica Voustinas <i>Arts Representative</i>		

Issue

The Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN) is a SSMU Committee, which helps the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) organize and execute the SSMU's programming throughout the year. Following an important deficit of a SSPN event, and understanding that no non-drinking events were put on by outside of drinking weeks this year, the following amendments to the terms of reference are necessary to include better accountability and accessibility of SSPN events.

Background and Rationale

Making an amendment to the terms of reference of SSPN was recommended by the SSMU Board of Directors in order to promote financial and social sustainability. The amendments aim to clarify certain responsibilities of SSPN, better integrate the Harm Reduction Policy mandates, and ensure greater accountability through increased reporting.

Alignment with Mission

These amendments are in line with the Service and Leadership mission of SSMU as well as with the Harm Reduction Policy, the Events Policy and the Sustainability Policy.



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Consultations Completed

The following people were consulted on this motion:
Internal Events Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, VP Student Life, VP Finance, VP University Affairs, Sustainability Commissioner, and Accessibility Coordinator, Governance Manager.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Accepting these changes might result in more events being put on by SSPN which might require greater resource implications from committee members.

Not accepting these changes would maintain the status quo which does not prevent large deficits, and does not explicitly prioritize accessible events (financially, socially and otherwise).

Sustainability Considerations

These amendments allow SSPN to be more sustainable economically (as any deficit needs greater reporting, and events are now required to break even) and are also more socially sustainable (as they result in an increase of non-drinking, accessible events and give a formal vote to the accessibility commissioner).

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If these amendments pass, the terms of reference of SSPN will be modified for the next academic year. This will impact the work of SSPN committee members as well as the work of the VP (internal affairs) and the Internal Logistics Coordinator.

If these amendments fail, the terms of reference would stay as is.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the amended terms of reference of the Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN) in Appendix A.

Be it further resolved, that the Legislative Council recommend the ratification of the new terms of reference to the SSMU Board of Directors.



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Results of the Vote	In favour	(UNANIMOUS)
	Opposed	()
	Abstain	()

APPROVED



Appendix A : Students' Society Programming Network

17. Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN)

17. 1. Oversight: The Students' Society Programming Network shall be a Committee of the Legislative Council.

17. 2. General: The Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN) shall serve as the principal advisory committee for the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) on the organization and execution of all Society events. ~~The Students' Society Programming Network (SSPN) shall participate in the organization and execution of all Society events alongside the Vice-President (Internal Affairs).~~

17. 3. Responsibilities:

The SSPN shall:

- a. participate in a harm reduction training organized by the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) per the Harm Reduction policy;
- b. participate in a training on the SSMU Events Policy and Sponsorships by the Student Life Operations Department and the SSMU Sponsorship Coordinator;
- c. Participate in sustainability training and improve the implementation of social, economic and environmental sustainability considerations in all aspects of event planning;
- d. strive to break even at each non-fundraising event;
- e. provide advice on established events from previous years and continue well-received events in adherence with the SSMU Events Policy;
- f. Collaborate in planning, at the discretion of the Vice-President (Internal Affairs), a number a minimum of 3 non-drinking, accessible events over the course of the year;
- g. Hold fundraising initiatives to help lower the price of tickets for large events or expunge any deficit;
- h. help staff the General Assemblies;
- i. assist with other programming in the Society outside of their normal purview, at the discretion of the Vice-President (Internal Affairs);
- j. ~~create~~ In September, the new and innovative programming calendar (made by the VP (Internal Affairs) in July) shall be revised to ensure that it ~~to services~~ a diverse student body;



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- k. provide post-event reports within 10 business days to be presented and discussed at the Events Committee and reviewed by the Executive Committee, General Manager and the Student Life Operations Director;
- l. and review and make recommendations to the Students' Society Programming Network's terms of reference at the end of each year;

17. 4. Membership:

The SSPN shall consist of:

- a. the Vice-President (Internal Affairs) (Chair);
- b. the Internal Logistics Coordinator (Vice-Chair);
- c. two (2) Councillors; and
- d. nine (9) to eleven (11) Members at Large;
- e. one (1) SSMU's Events Coordinator (non-voting); and
- f. the SSMU's Accessibility Commissioner (non-voting).

17. 5. Meetings: The SSPN will meet weekly. ~~unless an exception is made by the Vice-President (Internal Affairs).~~ The meetings will be planned on a recurring date of the week established during the year. When establishing that time, maximization of attendance and participation should be prioritized and when possible, consideration should be given to time slots that fit within regular business hours.

17. 6. Quorum: The quorum for the SSPN is a simple majority of the voting members, and necessitates the presence of either the chair or vice-chair as well as the presence of the event coordinator (or in their absence someone from the Student Life and Operations Department).

17. 7. Reporting: The SSPN will report twice a year to the Legislative Council, once in at the first meeting of Council in November and the last meeting of Council once at the end of in March or at the beginning of April. If an event runs a deficit, a post-event report should also be presented at the next Legislative Council after the production of said report.