



## Bureau du président du conseil de l'AEUM

Située sur les territoires traditionnels des collectivités Haudenosaunee et Anishinaabe.

### SSMU Office of the Speaker

Located on Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, traditional territories.

[speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca) | [ssmu.ca](http://ssmu.ca) | (514) 398-6800 | 3600 rue McTavish, Suite 1200, Montréal, QC, H3A 0G3

# MOTION REQUIRING THE BOARD TO PRIORITIZE FUNCTIONING BOARD COMMITTEES

Submitted for: 2024-09-24

**Submitted to:** Board Of Directors

**Document no.:** BOD-PUB-MOT-2024-09-24-001

**Moved by:** Dymetri Taylor  
*President*

**Current Status:**  FOR APPROVAL  
 APPROVED

**Seconded by:** Pauline Jolicoeur  
*VP Finance*

POSTPONED  
 COMMITTED  
 NOT APPROVED

## Issue

Several committees of the Board have not been staffed properly or functioning in any capacity. The SSMU BoD should be focused on the financial, legal, operational, and long-term health of the Society. The Board must mandate leadership from the executive and staffing teams to prioritize the functionality of these committees, so the Board can focus on issues critical to the Society.

## Background and Rationale

Several SSMU committees such as HR and BOMCOM have not been staffed or active for a significant amount of time. As a result, the Board receives motions directly from executives and the GM on these issues. It is advantageous for the Board to avoid spending time on these issues and to instead focus on high-level decision-making for the society. Examples of some of these motions include 1) Paying for security cameras [BOMCOM], 2) Paying for kitchen equipment [BOMCOM], 3) Deciding on a student service contract - Grammarly [FINANCE], etc.

## Alignment with Mission

The SSMU BoD is focused on the legal, financial, operational, and long-term health of the Society. This motion helps the Board better focus on these things.



## Bureau du président du conseil de l'AEUM

*Située sur les territoires traditionnels des collectivités Haudenosaunee et Anishinaabe.*

### SSMU Office of the Speaker

*Located on Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, traditional territories.*

[speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca) | [ssmu.ca](http://ssmu.ca) | (514) 398-6800 | 3600 rue McTavish, Suite 1200, Montréal, QC, H3A 0G3

---

### Consultations Completed

*Consultations have been completed with the Board and Executive. This motion arises from Board discussion.*

---

### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Board Members would have to allocate time to Board committees — in line with the roles and responsibilities they should currently have. This time would likely reduce time spent in general Board meetings and may present a benefit rather than a risk, should committees run smoothly.

---

### Sustainability Considerations

There are no sustainability considerations.

---

### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

SSMU Executives & involved Directors will restart Board committees under their direct portfolio. The Board of Directors will mandate the Governance Reform Committee to review the current ToR of Board Committees and bring any proposed adjustments to these terms by October 22nd. Lastly, if the Board notices any gaps in Board committee responsibilities that may justify expanding a committee's scope or creating a new committee, that proposal should be brought to the subsequent board meeting. Some general committees that executives should explore include: Legal, task-based committees like MoA negotiation, Board Communications (statements), etc.

Lastly, all committees should have a clear executive or permanent staff lead. This should be captured in the committee terms of reference for all existing and new committees of the board.

---

### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Motion to mandate the Governance Reform Committee to review the current ToR of Board Committees and bring any proposed adjustments to these terms by, latest, November 12th.

---



## Bureau du président du conseil de l'AÉUM

*Située sur les territoires traditionnels des collectivités Haudenosaunee et Anishinaabe.*

### SSMU Office of the Speaker

*Located on Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, traditional territories.*

[speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca) | [ssmu.ca](http://ssmu.ca) | (514) 398-6800 | 3600 rue McTavish, Suite 1200, Montréal, QC, H3A 0G3

### Results of the Vote

In favour	(6)
Opposed	( )
Abstain	( )

APPROVED