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# MOTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION 2025-02-13

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<b>Seconded by:</b>	Julien Bérubé <i>Law Representative</i>		

## Issue

This motion seeks to introduce amendments to the Constitution that will merge the Vice-President (Sustainability & Operations) position and designate the Vice-President (Finance) as a position hired by the Board of Directors.

## Background and Rationale

The amendments to the Constitution introduce four changes, two substantial and two clarifying.

The first change removes the position of Vice-President (Sustainability & Operations) from the list of Officers of the Society. This position is redundant, with its Operations and Sustainability responsibilities being easily relocatable to the President and VP (Internal) portfolio, respectively. After two years of this position, the Society has determined the position contains too much overlap in activity with existing positions within SSMU. Additionally, removing this position will reduce the salary expectations for Executive Officers by one.

The second change designates the position of Vice-President (Finance) as one which is appointed by the Board of Directors rather than one that is elected in the same process as the other Executive Officers. The motivation behind this change is the high degree of variability in the Society's finances



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in recent years, which negatively impacts the Society's abilities to maintain its breadth and quality of services to Members. The Board of Directors will be tasked with overseeing the hiring process of a full-time Vice-President of Finance who is an active member of the SSMU and has the qualifications to manage the portfolio and operations of a multi-million dollar non-profit and its accounting procedures, with this change likely improving the overall economic stability of the Society from year to year.

The third change clarifies the power of Members to remove Officers.

The fourth change renames the position Vice-President (Student Life) to Vice-President (Clubs & Services).

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### Alignment with Mission

This motion allows SSMU documents to stay up to date with the most accurate and useful iteration of the Executive Committee. It will also enable SSMU to better fulfill its mission of providing services to students by improving the financial stability of the Society.

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### Consultations Completed

- The Vice-President (Finance) was consulted.
- The Governance Reform Committee was consulted.
- The President was consulted.
- The General Manager was consulted.
- The Director of Student Life Operations was consulted and agreed that the recent introduction of the role of Vice President (Sustainability and Operations) was both redundant and added unnecessary confusion to the structure of the SSMU events department.
- A feedback form was released to the Membership who demonstrated no concerns from the membership.
- The Policy and Advocacy Coordinator consulted on the structure and formatting of the motion.

I have read and completed the requirements outlined in the Consultation Policy.



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### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Reducing the Executive Committee by one Officer will reduce financial demand related to paying salaries, especially considering the position's sustainability objectives can be easily absorbed into the Vice-President (Internal)'s portfolio.

There is a risk of reduced student voices in the Executive Committee, however there still remains a majority of Officers who are elected to their positions.

These changes to the Constitution reduce the resources necessary to compensate Executive Officers

### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If approved, the questions attached below, in addition to the changes as outlined in Appendix A and B, will be added to the Winter Referendum. If approved by the membership, the Constitution shall be amended to include the changes as outlined in Appendix A, B or both.

### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the following questions be added to the Winter 2025 Referendum:

“Do you agree to approve the following amendments as outlined in Appendix A to the SSMU Constitution to simplify and improve on the existing Executive Committee composition?”

“Do you agree to approve the following amendments as outlined in Appendix B to the SSMU Constitution to simplify and improve on the existing Executive Committee composition?”

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question with the understanding that any necessary non-substantive changes will not require the approval of the Legislative Council.

### Results of the Vote

In favour	(17)
Opposed	()
Abstain	(1)



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## Appendix A :

☰ AMENDED 1 (VP SO) - The Constitution of the Students' Society of McGill University

## Appendix B :

☰ AMENDED 2 (VP F) - The Constitution of the Students' Society of McGill University

APPROVED