

# MOTION REGARDING INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF GOVERNANCE UPDATES 2025-08-12

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**Submitted to:** Board of Directors

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

**Current  
Status:**

- ☐ FOR APPROVAL
- ☒ APPROVED
- ☐ POSTPONED
- ☐ COMMITTED
- ☐ NOT APPROVED

**Seconded by:** Hamza Abu Alkhair  
*VP Clubs and Services*

## Issue

This motion seeks to introduce a series of extensive amendments to the Internal Regulations of Governance.

## Background and Rationale

The motion is the one in a series as part of a wider review and redrafting of the Internal Regulations (IRs) of SSMU. As the foundational document for the Governance department, we began with IR Governance.

During the review and redrafting process, the focus was on clarity, consistency and concision between and within each IR. The hope is that by rebuilding these documents, there will be less confusion by the student body, less misinterpretations of SSMU processes, and these documents will not have to be updated as frequently moving forward.

While the changes to the IRs are extensive, they include important updates to the governing bodies, governing documents, and the operations of the Governance department more generally. They encompass the Administration of the Society, the Judicial Board, the First Year Council, the Legislative Council, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

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Notably, the format of the document has been changed to be more accessible to readers, meaning the numbers are different between versions.

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**Alignment with  
Mission**

This motion allows SSMU documents to stay up to date considering the recent changes in SSMU Governance. It will also enable SSMU to better fulfill its mission of providing services to students by providing clear guidelines to its governing bodies.

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**Consultations  
Completed**

- The President was consulted extensively throughout the drafting process.
- The Internal Counsel & Corporate Secretary was consulted extensively throughout the drafting process.
- The Vice-President (Internal) was consulted in the drafting of the section on First Year Council.
- The Vice-President (External Affairs) was consulted in the drafting of the section on Strike General Assemblies.
- The Executive Committee was notified of the changes and provided an opportunity to review and provide feedback.
- The SSMU Staff were notified of the changes and provided an opportunity to review and provide feedback.
- The Board of Directors was notified of the changes and provided an opportunity to review and provide feedback.
- A feedback form was released to the Membership who demonstrated no feedback.
- The Human Resources Director was consulted in the drafting of the Speaker removal section.
- The Accountability Commissioner was consulted and provided suggestions.
- The Policy and Advocacy Coordinator consulted on the structure and formatting of the motion, and the review and writing of the Internal Regulations.

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

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**Risk Factors and  
Resource  
Implications**

**Concern of referring to the Board of Directors rather than Legislative Council:**

Many of the responsibilities and procedures outlined in the IR Governance are no longer applicable, making the document incredibly outdated and incomplete in its previous iteration. This demands urgency to ensure the Governing Documents remain well written, clear, and avoids redundancy.

**Impact of  
Decision  
and Next Steps**

If approved, the changes as outlined in Appendix A and B will be added to the Internal Regulations of Governance.  
Once ratified by the Board of Directors, the changes will be sent to the Communications and Translation department to publicize the document.

**Motion or  
Resolution for  
Approval**

Be it resolved that the amendments to Internal Regulations of Governance as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix B are approved.

**Results of the  
Vote**

- ☐ In favour (5)
- ☐ Opposed (0)
- ☐ Abstain (0)

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## Appendix A :

 IR Governance 2025/2026 Review

## Appendix B :

 IR Governance (Changes Implemented) 2025/2026 Review

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