

MOTION REGARDING INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF ELECTIONS & REFERENDA UPDATES

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Seconded by:	Keith Baybayon <i>Senate Representative</i>		

Issue

This motion seeks to introduce a series of extensive amendments to the Internal Regulations of Elections & Referenda.

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. The Internal Regulations of Governance, Representation & Advocacy, and Student Groups were approved at the August Board of Directors meeting.

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.

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While the changes to the IRs are extensive, they include important updates to the electoral process, Referenda, and the operations of the SSMU Elections department.

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

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.

Consultations Completed

- The President was consulted extensively throughout the drafting process.
 - The Internal Counsel & Corporate Secretary was consulted extensively throughout the drafting process.
 - The Elections SSMU Team was consulted extensively throughout the drafting process.
 - The Executive Committee was 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 some feedback. This feedback was brought to the drafting team (President, PAC, IC/CS, Elections SSMU) and changes were implemented based on said feedback.
 - 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

In the event the motion does not pass, the existing system, with its numerous flaws, will remain in effect. This creates risks of issues during the upcoming Fall Referendum and future Referenda.

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The changes found within the document may require training for the SSMU Elections Team, however their involvement in the drafting process leads them to a closer familiarity with the new rules and procedures. The SSMU Governance department should follow up these changes with secondary documents for Campaigns, Referendum questions, etc.

**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 Elections & Referenda.

Once the period of disallowance passes, 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 Elections & Referenda as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix B are approved.

**Results of the
Vote**

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

Appendix A : Annotated Version

[Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2025/2026 Review](#)

Appendix B : Completed Version

[IR Elections and Referenda 2025/2026 Review \[Changes Implemented\]](#)