

Report of the Accountability Commissioner

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Introduction

- Role of the Accountability Commissioner:
 - Responsible for all matters related to accountability, transparency, and mandate compliance, including upholding and executing the Accountability Plan
 - Chair the Accountability Committee
 - Collaborate with executives and governance team
 - Monitor the implementation of policies and special projects related to accountability
 - Work with SSMU members and constituents to address accountability or mandate-related complaints and disputes
 - Maintain communication with students by reporting to Legislative Council

Activity and Updates

- Working on setting plans and priorities for areas of work during the semester ahead, including the following notable domains:
 - Executive Accountability: Implementing the mandate letters and trackers.
 - Legislative Council Accountability: Measures to bolster councillor attendance and engagement. Working with the Secretariat on Codes of Conduct for Legislative Councillors, which will govern responsibilities of Councillors outside of Legislative Council Meetings.
 - Committee Accountability: Working with the Secretariat on Codes of Conduct for Committee members to improve attendance and participation at Committees.
 - Outreach: Making the Accountability portfolio more publicly accessible through promotion and external visibility, such as through formal forms, surveys, social media and/or email presence, and virtual office hours several times a week.
- We are recruiting for the Accountability Committee:
 - Two (2) Members-at-large, who may not be Councillors or Directors

Accountability Committee

- Has met once this semester, to open the Committee for business, induct new members, and address a confidential complaint.

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- As a result of this complaint, the Committee recommended to the Governance Department that codes of conduct be drawn up for Councillors, and that provisions be included to specifically address the conduct of Councillors on social media, as representatives of the SSMU and its membership.
- Currently, the membership of this committee is insufficient for the committee to meet and conduct business.

Contact

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Respectfully submitted,
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