

# MOTION REGARDING Updated Judicial Board Protocols 2025-11-20

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Seconded by:	James Scott <i>Law Representative</i>		

## Issue

Following the updated Judicial Board scope and process in the Internal Rules of Governance, the protocols for the Judicial Board need to be modified to better match the new mandate.

## Background and Rationale

The new IRs of Governance say:

- 5.2. After review, the Judicial Board has the authority to:
- Dismiss the complaint with written reasons;
  - Refer the complaint to the most relevant body or group, so long as that body or group has not previously ruled on the matter;
  - For matters that have been previously ruled on by another body or group within the Society, review the appeal and original ruling and provide a ruling;

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d. For matters which would not be better suited to another body or group within the Society, hear the matter in its entirety and provide a ruling.

5.4. The rules and conduct of the Judicial Board shall be defined in the Judicial Board Protocols.

The four options in section 5.2 are different from previous iterations of the Judicial Board, and the Protocols thus needed to be updated to reflect this change.

The new protocols outline, in particular:

- The process for initiating complaints, responding to complaints, and interventions;
- The actions the Judicial Board can take following receipt of a complaint;
- The standard of review for Appeals, which is one of significant misinterpretation; and
- Hearing procedures

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**Alignment with Mission**

This motion aligns with the SSMU's mission and duty of transparency and procedural fairness.

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**Consultations Completed**

The updated Procedures have been extensively worked on by the Internal Counsel and Corporate Secretary, SSMU HR Director, and the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator.

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

*(A minimum of two consultations, with at least one Executive Officer and the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator)*

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**Risk Factors and  
Resource  
Implications**

Not adopting these protocols poses significant risk as there will be a mismatch between our Internal Regulations and the Judicial Board procedures. Having these procedures in place provides clarity to the student body about the steps needed to pursue a complaint.

**Impact of  
Decision  
and Next Steps**

Should the Protocols be adopted, they will be added to the SSMU website and the Judicial Board page will be updated to reflect the new procedures.

The Internal Counsel and Corporate Secretary will train the new Judicial Board members on the new protocols.

**Motion or  
Resolution for  
Approval**

Be it resolved that *the Judicial Board: Rules and Regulations of Practice*, as outlined in Appendix A, be adopted as a protocol of the Society.

**Results of the  
Vote**

☐ In favour (26)  
☐ Opposed ()  
☐ Abstain ()

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## Appendix A : Relevant Appendix

[Judicial Board: Rules and Regulations of Practice - draft](#)

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