



MOTION REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES FOR THE 2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 2026-02-12

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Seconded by:	<i>Dymetri Taylor</i> <i>President</i>		

Issue This motion seeks to update the Standing Rules for the 2025-2026 Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) Legislative Council.

Background and Rationale While the Robert's Rules of Order provides a general framework for formal, efficient group meetings by balancing the rights of members while facilitating democratic debate and decision-making, the Standing Rules are mechanisms by which Robert's Rules of Order can be fine-tuned for any given group, such as the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") Legislative Council.

Alignment with Mission Aligned with SSMU's Constitution and Internal Regulations following parliamentary procedures that have been simplified to the SSMU.

Consultations Completed This motion was drafted in consultation with the Speaker, Accountability Commissioner, Internal Counsel and Corporate Secretary, and the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator.

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**Risk Factors and
Resource
Implications**

In order to adequately operate during Legislative Council and General Assembly meetings, the adoption of the Standing Rules will ensure a smooth meeting flow and include deadlines for submission of motions and reports.

**Impact of
Decision
and Next Steps**

Should this motion be approved, the Standing Rules will be adopted immediately in parliamentary procedure concerning the Legislative Council.

Should this motion fail, the Legislative Council's meetings could continue to face difficulties.

The Standing Rules need to be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the Legislative Council.

**Motion or
Resolution for
Approval**

Be it resolved, that the Society's Legislative Council 2025-2026 amend the Standing Rules in Appendix A to maximize the efficiency of Council meetings.

**Results of the
Vote**

In favour	(26)
Opposed	(0)
Abstain	(0)

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Appendix A: Clean

[Proposed Standing Rules Edits](#)

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Appendix A: Comparison

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