

# By-law I-4 – SPEAKER(s) of Council

## Part I: Definition and Function

### Article 1 - Duties

- 1.1 The duties of the Speaker(s) of Council shall be:
- 1.1.1 to open and preside over all meetings of Council in a fair and impartial manner in both official languages;
  - 1.1.2 to enforce the rules under which Council meets;
  - 1.1.3 to open and preside over all general annual meetings and general assemblies of the Society;
  - 1.1.4 to assist the President in organizing councillor orientation and Council retreat;
  - ~~1.1.5 to organize Council retreat;~~
  - 1.1.56 to publicize the decisions of Council;
  - to notify the constituency should any member of Council miss three (3) meetings without sending regrets; ~~and~~
  - 1.1.8 to insert announcements of impending Council meetings in the campus media;
  - 1.1.9 to serve as Secretary for the Steering Committee; and
  - 1.1.10 to fulfil any other duties as determined in the Speaker of Council job description, as approved by the Executive Committee.-
- 1.2 The incoming Speaker(s) ~~(or the Secretary of Council on behalf of the Speaker(s))~~, shall collect all available summer addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers for Councilors, to be submitted to the President by May 1st.

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### Article 2 - Selection

- 2.1 The Speaker(s) shall be selected by the ~~Council~~ Nominating Committee, upon recommendation from the outgoing and incoming Presidents, by the end of each academic year. The selection shall be ratified by the incoming Council at its first (1st) regular meeting.
- 2.2 Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a bilingual speaker who is otherwise qualified, the candidate may be recommended with the understanding that the candidate will attempt to acquire the skills to run council in both official languages.
- ~~2.2.1~~ If s speaker selected without sufficient mastery of French, the SSMU council budget will pay for the Speaker to participate in a SSMU Mini-Course in French.
- 2.3 Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a Speaker by the end of each academic year, the President shall act as Speaker until such selection occurs.
- 2.4 The Speaker who is acting as chair shall have final decision making authority until s/he relinquishes the chair.

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### Article 3 - Removal

- 3.1 A Speaker may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council.

## Part II: Deputy Speaker

### Article 4 – Duties

- ~~4.1~~ The duties of the Deputy Speaker(s) of Council shall be:

- ~~4.1.1—to assist the Speaker in opening and presiding over all meetings of Council in a fair and impartial manner in both official languages;~~
- ~~4.1.2—to assist the Speaker in enforcing the rules under which Council meets;~~
- ~~4.1.3—to assist the Speaker in opening and presiding over all general annual meetings and general assemblies of the Society;~~
- ~~4.1.4—to assist the Speaker to publicize the decisions of Council;~~
- ~~4.1.5—to take minutes of the executive committee and be bound by all rules of said committee~~

### **Article 5—Selection**

- ~~5.1—The Deputy Speaker shall be selected by the Council Nominating Committee.~~
- ~~5.2—Should the Nominating Committee be unable to select a bilingual Deputy Speaker who is otherwise qualified, the candidate may be recommended with the understanding that the candidate will attempt to acquire the skills to run council in both official languages.~~
  - ~~5.2.1—If a Deputy Speaker selected without sufficient mastery of French, the SSMU council budget will pay for the Deputy Speaker to participate in a SSMU Mini Course in French.~~

### **Article 6—Removal**

- ~~6.1 The Deputy Speaker may be removed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of Council.~~