

MOTION RE: Councillor Participation Bylaws

WHEREAS there are no bylaws concerning Councillor Participation requirements

WHEREAS SSMU Council has previously been constrained by issues of quorum

WHEREAS All Councillors should be held accountable for their seat on Council

Article 27 – Regulations concerning Councillor Participation

27.1 Every meeting of Council is mandatory.

27.2 If a Councillor has an unavoidable personal, academic, or other conflict, they are expected to send regrets to the Speaker of Council before the meeting begins.

27.3 Failure to do so for two (2) consecutive meetings will result in suspension. During this time, the seat will be considered vacant, and will not count for the purposes of quorum. Notice will be sent to the relevant constituency's Council.

27.4 A suspended Councillor will have two weeks to apply to the President for reinstatement. Disciplinary measures will be decided by the Executive Committee, and reported to Council at the next meeting.

27.6 If the Councillor fails to respond within the 2 weeks allotted, they will forfeit their seat.

27.5 If a Council seat becomes vacant through these processes, the seat will be filled using standard mechanisms at the disposal of each constituency.

BE IT RESOLVED that the preceding article be inserted into By-Law I-2: Council Guidelines.

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