

QUESTION RE: Policies on matters external to the Society

WHEREAS Past General Assembly motions have asked the SSMU to adopt positions on matters external to its regular activities

WHEREAS Official positions pertaining to matters external to the Society should be well-researched, and vetted for consistency with all other policies of the Society.

WHEREAS SSMU is currently reforming its policy process on matters external to the Society

WHEREAS a thorough policy review process will ensure SSMU positions are credible and adequately representative of the views of its members

WHEREAS SSMU is bound by its constitution to remain a leader in matters of “human rights, social justice, and environmental protection”

WHEREAS Article 28.1 of the Constitution currently reads “A General Assembly may establish, amend or rescind any policy of the society except:

- This Constitution
- Membership fees or other financial matters of the society;
- The composition of the society’s staff

Do you agree that Article 28.1 be amended to read “A General Assembly may establish, amend or rescind any policy of the society except:

- This Constitution
- Membership fees or other financial matters of the society;
- The composition of the society’s staff
- Policies on matters external to the Society’s regular activities.

And Article 28.2 be inserted

28.2 Exceptionally, a policy on a matter external to the Society’s regular activities may be adopted at a General Assembly if the following conditions are met:

- Quorum for these resolutions shall be five hundred (500)
- 2/3 of the General Assembly votes to debate the resolution
- The resolution passes with a simple majority