

## Constitutional Amendments Fall 2016

Constitutional amendments which requires 75% closed-eye vote in favour to pass

### **Motion A**

Whereas the Constitution makes no mention that membership is not be limited by age, gender, race or religion.

**BE It RESOLVED THAT** Article IV.2 read “Membership of the Society is not limited by age, gender, race or religion.

### **Motion B**

Whereas a constitution should be clean and concise to facilitate communication of information,

And whereas Article XII does not accomplish this,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Article XII be struck and replaced by:

1. All Society meetings shall be conducted by Robert’s Rules of Order.
2. All Society meetings shall be presided over by the Chair.
3. All Meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. Regular meetings may also be called when the President is presented with a bona fide petition for a meeting that has been signed by 50% plus one (1) members of the sitting Council.
4. The purpose of General Meetings is to allow all members of the Society to participate in election of Committee Chairs and the Society’s Representatives, as well as approve the finances and become informed on Society goals and objectives.
5. General Meetings;
  - (a) There is to be at least one General Meeting during the Fall term and one during the Winter term;
  - (b) Notice of a General Meeting must be distributed at least seven days in advance and must include posters on campus and posts on social media by the Director of Marketing and Public Relations (as per Article VI[B] 6 (g));
  - (c) All General Meetings are open to the public, however voting privileges are restricted to members of the Society.
  - (d) All members of the society have one vote at General Meetings;

- (e) The agenda for the Fall General Meeting must include:
  - i. Approval of the budget for the upcoming academic year,
  - ii. Presentation of executive goals/objectives for the year,
  - iii. Election of Committee Chairs, First Year Rep. and DISP Rep.
- (f) The agenda for the Winter General Meeting must include:
  - i. Election of Executive positions, Senate Rep. and DSU Rep.
- (g) Quorum for a General Meeting shall be (2/3) of the numbers of seats for the current Council;
- (h) There shall be no proxies present at a General Meeting.

6. The purpose of Council Meetings is to collectively make decisions about the Society and its functioning and to allow councilors to inform the Society of the activities and projects of their Departmental Societies.

7. Council Meetings:

- (a) Council meetings must be held at least once every (4) weeks;
- (b) Notice of a Council Meeting must be distributed to Council at least seven days in advance through email to Councilors and through posts on social media by the Director of Marketing and Public Relations (as per Article VI[B] 6 (g));
- (c) All Council Meetings are open to the public, however voting privileges are restricted to members of the Council.
- (d) All members of the Council have one vote at Council Meetings;
- (e) Quorum for Council Meetings shall be (2/3) of the numbers of seats for the current Council;
- (f) If a Councilor cannot attend a Council Meeting a proxy may be submitted (as per Article VI[A] 2).

8. The purpose of Executive Meetings is to discuss upcoming events, recently received information and issues pertaining to the Society as a whole.

9. Executive Meetings:

- (a) Executive meetings must be held at least once week during the Fall and Winter semesters at a time scheduled by the entire Executive;
- (b) All Executive Meetings are open to the members of the Executive and anyone they invite, however voting privileges are restricted to the Executive;
- (c) All members of the Executive have one vote at Executive meetings;
- (d) Quorum for Executive meetings shall be (4/5) of the Executive of the Society;
- (e) There shall be no proxies present at Executive meetings.

10. The Agenda of all Regular Meetings must be circulated to the membership no later than (24) hours before the Meeting.

11. The order of business of a Regular Meeting shall consist of all applicable points below at the discretion of the Chair;

- (a) Roll Call;
  - i) A simple list of Councilors in attendance, listed by Executive, Reps, or other Members.
- (b) Acceptance of the Agenda;
  - i) Here any last minute business may be added to the Agenda at the discretion of the Chair. Any amendments to the Agenda must be approved unanimously by Council.
- (c) Business arising from the minutes;
  - i) Taken from the posted minutes of the previous meeting, any corrections that need to be made, such as the spelling of a name, shall be addressed.
- (d) Acceptance of the minutes;
  - i) Approval by Council of the Minutes of the previous meeting, making them official.
- (e) Reading of the minutes brief;
  - i) As the minutes from the previous meeting will be posted this is a simple summation of what occurred at the previous meeting;
- (f) Election by Council;
  - i) Elections of Executive and Committee Chairs and
  - ii) Elections shall proceed as per Article XI.
- (g) Appointment to Committees;
  - i) Appointing Members to fill the positions on the Society's Committees
- (h) Communications Received;
  - i) A short overview of all correspondence received by the Society.
- (i) Business of the Executive;
  - i) A report from each of the President, and the Vice-President to the Council or the Membership; and
  - ii) A report from the Vice-President of Finance including Finance and Grants meeting updates if applicable
  - (iii) or Director of Communications may also be given if required.
- (j) Reports from the D-Societies and Standing Committees;
  - i) A report given by any Councilors or Committee Chairs to the Council or the Society.
- (k) Question Period;
  - i) All questions from the previous reports given may be asked at this point.
- (l) Old Business;
  - i) Motions previously debated by the Council or the Membership that has not come to resolution.

- (m) New Business;
  - i) New motions to be brought before the Council or the Membership to be debated.
- (n) Amendments to the Constitution;
  - i) Amendments to the Constitution as recommended by the Constitution
- (o) Announcements;
  - i) Announcements that may include upcoming events, upcoming meetings, et cetera.
- (p) Ajournement.