

Proposed 2021 Amendments to the STMSU Constitution
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ARTICLE 1

Preamble

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- 1. Be responsible for the implementations of all STMSU Executive Committee decisions.
- 2. Set the agenda for each meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 3. Chair all Executive Committee Meetings and call irregular meetings upon petition by one or more Executive member(s).
- 4. Be the external spokesperson for the STMSU, when appropriate.
- 5. Provide or delegate STMSU representation, subject to Executive Committee approval. for STM Corporation, Faculty Council, Student Leadership Committee and Association of College Presidents.
- 6. Develop the long-term goals of the STMSU and ensure its longevity.
- 7. Manage affairs of the STMSU that require an extensive knowledge of STMSU activities.
- 8. Work with the Vice Presidents to establish yearly objectives and policies.
- 9. Have the power to sign cheques alongside the Vice President Operations and Finance.
- 10. Represent STMSU on the Board of Governors, or if necessary a delegate can be appointed
- 11. Represent STMSU at St. Thomas More's Corporation

B. Vice President of Operations and Finance

- 1.** In the event that the position of STMSU President becomes vacant **during their acting term**, the Vice President Operations and Finance will assume the position until a new STMSU President is elected or appointed.
- 2.** Keep an accurate account of all income and expenditures through proper accounting procedures.
- 3.** Submit a tentative calendar of STMSU events to the Executive within the first month of each term.
- 4.** Outline and distribute budget summaries in the months of December and March.
- 5.** Keep and file all bills obtained during the year.
- 6.** Set financial policies of the STMSU when not otherwise regulated.
- 7.** Have accurate knowledge of the financial situation of the STMSU at all times.
- 8.** Monitor budgeted spending, in association with the other Vice Presidents.
- 9.** Have the power to sign cheques alongside the President.
- 10.** **Represent STMSU on the STM Corporation.**

C. Vice President of Academic

- 1.** **In the event that the position of STMSU President and Vice President of Operations and Finance become vacant during their acting term, the Vice President of Academic will assume the position of leader until a new STMSU President and Vice President of Operations and Finance can be elected or appointed.**
- 2.** Encourage students in the academic disciplines of STM.
- 3.** Develop the interest of the STM Faculty in student activities and create positive relations between students and faculty.
- 4.** Monitor issues of interest to faculty and communicate student interests in these matters when necessary.
- 5.** Represent STMSU on the STM Corporation, Faculty Council, and Teaching Committee.
- 6.** Organize and promote any STMSU hosted lecture, such as the John Thompson Lecture Series, with assistance/input from the Executive.

D. Vice President of Communications

- 1.** **In the event that the position of STMSU President, Vice President of Operations and Finance, and Vice President of Academics become vacant during their acting term, the Vice President of Communications will assume the position of leader until a new STMSU President and Vice President of Operations can be elected or appointed**
- 2.** Be responsible for positive promotion of the STMSU.
- 3.** Access and create ways of promoting the STMSU, especially for the purposes of recruitment and visibility.
- 4.** Establish and manage relations with all other STM student groups.
- 5.** Respond to requests made by STM student groups and present them to the Executive.

6. Advance the interests of the STMSU by forging relationships with external groups, especially the Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA).
7. Take minutes at Executive meetings.
8. Be responsible for making bookings on behalf of the club for general and Executive meeting space, social events, etc.
9. Be responsible for STMSU's social media presence; make posts, reply to messages, and create events on behalf of the STMSU.
10. Contact media outlets (The Sheaf, The Star Phoenix, etc.) when applicable.

E. Director of Events

1. Be responsible for positive promotion of the STMSU events.
2. Submit a tentative calendar of social events during September to the Executive Committee.
3. Coordinate **and plan** all STMSU Council and Union Events.
4. Arrange recruitment **and organize** all activities, including events at orientation and welcome week.

F.—Members of Student Council

- ~~1.—Represent the STMSU on the University Students Council~~
- ~~2.—Report to the STMSU on matters pertaining to USC/USSU governance~~
- ~~3.—Work to improve inter-college relations in formal and informal ways~~
- ~~4.—Actively seek the opinions of STMSU members about USC activities concerning USSU policy and action~~
- ~~5.—Inform the Elections Committee of the USSU election schedule~~
- ~~6.—Is automatic member of Student Leadership Committee~~

G. First-Year Representative

1. Represent the interests of all first-year members of the STMSU.
2. Actively seek to involve first-year students in STMSU activities, events, and service.
3. Must be a first-year student.

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Powers and Duties of Student-at Large Positions

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Member(s) of Students' Council

- A. The election of the Member(s) of Student Council (MSC) shall be conducted by the STMSU so long as the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union's (USSU) Bylaw grants the STMSU that responsibility.
- B. The powers and duties of a Member of Students' Council are found in the USSU Bylaw.
- C. The power to impeach an MSC rests solely with the University Students' Council.

ARTICLE 14

STMSU Committees

A. Formation

1. Any Executive may form a committee to perform tasks delegated by the Executive Committee.
2. Two-thirds of the Executive Committee must approve any STMSU-endorsed committees prior to formation.
3. STMSU committees may be composed of Executives, Students-at-Large, members of other STM student groups, and STM and University of Saskatchewan students.
4. Examples of possible STMSU committees include: Communications Committee, Academic Committee, Operations Committee, Budget Committee, STMSU Awards Committee, Review Committee, and Bylaw Committee.

B. Governance

1. STMSU committees will be led by an appropriate Executive (i.e., VP Communications may lead a Communications Committee).
2. In the event that a committee experiences internal conflict that inhibits its ability to function, it may be dissolved by the Executive leading it, or by a majority vote of the Executive.

ARTICLE 15

Elections

A. Timing of Elections

1. There shall be an election in each year between the 1st of March and the 1st of April for all **elected** positions ~~on the Executive Committee~~.

B. Eligibility for Office

1. All STMSU members, as defined by Article 3, shall have the right to be eligible to be elected for all **elected** positions ~~on the Executive Committee~~.

C. Eligibility for Voting

1. Any STMSU members, as defined in Article 3, may cast a vote for **Executive or MSC** candidates ~~nominated for Executive Committee~~.

D. General

1. The Executive Committee may pass a bylaw that governs the administration of elections, election voting procedures, and rules respecting by-elections and terms of office for elected members.

E. Member(s) of Students' Council

1. The member(s) of the STMSU elected to represent the constituency of St. Thomas More College on the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union's (USSU) University Students' Council.
2. Members of the STMSU shall elect the number of Councillors the USSU directs them to elect.

ARTICLE 16
Elections Committee

A. Formation and Purpose

1. Will be comprised primarily of outgoing members if possible.
2. Conducts all annual elections, bi elections, and referenda of the STMSU.
3. Has the power to make final decisions on electoral procedure.

B. Responsibilities

1. Prepare a ballot for the STMSU Executive Committee **and Member of Students' Council** elections listing the candidates for each position in alphabetical order.
2. Ensures a copy of the campaign policy is posted the day that nominations open, and ensure the policy is being followed during the election period.
3. Ensures voting times align with USSU elections when possible.
4. Investigates all complaints of election irregularity.

C. Governance

1. Chaired by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO).
2. The CRO informs candidates of election results as soon as the initial count is completed and posts all election results within 24 hours of the initial counting.
3. The CRO submits a report regarding ballot count and results of the election to the Executive.
4. **The CRO shall submit the election results and contact information for elected Members of University Students' Council to the USSU.**

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Campaign Procedures for All ~~Executive Committee~~ Elections

A. Eligibility

1. Only STM declared students may run for ~~STMSU Executive elected~~ positions.
2. Any person seeking the position of STMSU President must submit a signed nomination form with 10 signatures from STM students.
3. Any person seeking another Executive position must submit a signed nomination form with 5 signatures from STM students.
4. Any person seeking a Member of Students' Council position must submit a signed nomination form with 5 signatures from STM students.
5. Candidates must attend at least one STMSU General meeting.

B. Campaigning

1. Each Candidate can put up a maximum of 10 posters. Posters will not exceed the size of 11" by 17" and are only allowed to be put up in STM.
2. Candidates are permitted to put up campaign posters at 00:00 hrs the day after nominations close. Candidates are responsible for the removal of campaign posters by 00:00 hrs the first day of voting.
3. No candidate shall interfere with another candidate's campaign in any way.
4. The campaign period shall be no less than 7 days.
5. At least one forum **should** be held prior to voting to allow each candidate to address the STMSU. Notice of the forum must be given to all candidates at least one-week in advance. The forum may be held during the regular Executive Committee meeting time.
6. Members of the Elections Committee cannot be involved in the campaign of a candidate seeking office.

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Resignation, Impeachment and, Vacancies

A. Resignations

1. Letters of resignation **for appointed or elected positions** must be written and signed by the resigning party.
2. Letters of resignation will be read at the following Executive Committee meeting.

B. Impeachment

1. Members of the Executive who fail to act in good conscience and to work diligently for the betterment of STM may be impeached by a two-thirds majority vote of the executive members.
 - i. Three unacceptable absences from Executive Committee meetings satisfy the condition for automatic impeachment. What constitutes an acceptable reason for an absence is at the executive's discretion.

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 - ii. any Executive Committee position vacant before October 1st must be filled by a by-election;
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- A. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held during the academic year for all members of the STMSU.
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- A. Any student of STM can demand a referendum on any topic by presenting a petition signed by at least 5% of the STMSU members.
- B. As well, any student may demand the resignation of any STMSU Executive Committee member by presenting a petition signed by at least 10% of the members of the STMSU.
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- A. This constitution may only be amended by a vote of at least two-thirds **in favour of the amendment** of the membership of the STMSU ~~in favour of the amendment~~ present at the Annual General Meeting **or Special General Meeting**.
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Article 11 Executive Specific Duties

A. President

- 1. Be responsible for the implementations of all STMSU Executive Committee decisions
- 2. Set the agenda for each meeting of the Executive Committee
- 3. Chair all Executive Committee Meetings and call irregular meetings upon petition by one or more Executive member(s)
- 4. Be the external spokesperson for the STMSU, when appropriate
- 5. Provide or delegate STMSU representation for STM Corporation, Faculty Council, Student Leadership Committee and Association of College Presidents, subject to Executive Committee approval.
- 6. Develop the long-term goals of the STMSU and ensure its longevity
- 7. Manage affairs of the STMSU that require an extensive knowledge of STMSU activities
- 8. Work with the Vice Presidents to establish yearly objectives and policies
- 9. Have the power to sign cheques alongside the Vice President Operations and Finance

B. Vice President Operations and Finance

- 1. In the event that the position of STMSU President becomes vacant, the Vice President Operations and Finance will assume the position until a new STMSU President is elected or appointed

2. Keep an accurate account of all income and expenditures through proper accounting procedures
3. Submit a tentative calendar of STMSU events to the Executive within the first month of each term
4. Outline and distribute budget summaries in the months of December and March
5. Keep and file all bills obtained during the year
6. Set financial policies of the STMSU when not otherwise regulated
7. Have accurate knowledge of the financial situation of the STMSU at all times
8. Monitor budgeted spending, in association with the other Vice Presidents
9. Have the power to sign cheques alongside the President

C. Vice President Academic

1. Encourage students in the academic disciplines of STM
2. Develop the interest of the STM Faculty in student activities and create positive relations between students and faculty
3. Monitor issues of interest to faculty and communicate student interests in these matters when necessary
4. Represent STMSU on STM Corporation, Faculty Council, and Teaching Committee
5. Organize and promote any STMSU lecture, such as the John Thompson Lecture Series, with assistance/input from the Executive

D. Vice President Communications

1. Be responsible for positive promotion of the STMSU
2. Access and create ways of promoting the STMSU, especially for the purposes of recruitment and visibility
3. Establish and manage relations with all other STM student groups
4. Respond to requests made by STM student groups and presents them to the Executive
5. Advance the interests of the STMSU by forging relationships with external groups, especially the Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA)
6. Take minutes at Executive meetings
7. Responsible for making bookings on behalf of the club for general and Executive meeting space, social events, etc.
8. Responsible for STMSU's social media presence; makes posts, replies to messages, and creates events on behalf of the STMSU
9. Contacts media outlets (The Sheaf, The Star Phoenix, etc.) when applicable

E. Director of Events

1. Be responsible for positive promotion of the STMSU events
2. Submit a tentative calendar of social events within September to the Executive Committee.
3. Coordinate all STMSU Council and Union Events.
4. Arrange recruitment activities, including events at orientation and welcome week

F. Members of Student Council

1. Represent the STMSU on the University Students Council
2. Report to the STMSU on matters pertaining to USC/USSU governance
3. Work to improve inter-college relations in formal and informal ways
4. Actively seek the opinions of STMSU members about USC activities concerning USSU policy and action
5. Inform the Elections Committee of the USSU election schedule
6. Is automatic member of Student Leadership Committee

G. First Year Representative

1. Represent the interests of all first-year members of the STMSU
2. Actively seek to involve first-year students in STMSU activities, events, and service
3. Must be a first-year student

ARTICLE 12

POWERS AND DUTIES OF STUDENT-AT LARGE POSTIONS

- A. Act in the best interests of the STMSU in dealing with the regulatory bodies and committees whose decisions may directly or indirectly affect the academic, social, or faith life of the members of the STMSU.
- B. Support all activities sponsored by STM students insofar as it is possible and feasible to do so.
- C. Attend STMSU Executive Committee meetings, if desired, though attendance is highly recommended.
- D. Submit written reports at scheduled meetings of STMSU when necessary.
- E. Respect the opinions and views of all STMSU members.
- F. Provide leadership to the STM Student Body and act as ambassadors of the STMSU and STM.
- G. Assist all STMSU Executive Committee and Student-At-Large members in the cooperative planning and execution of STMSU-approved activities.

Article 13

STMSU Committees

A. Formation

1. Any Executive may form a committee to perform tasks delegated by the Executive Committee
2. Two-thirds of the Executive Committee must approve any STMSU-endorsed committees prior to formation
3. STMSU committees may be composed of Executives, Students-at-Large, members of other STM student groups, STM and University of Saskatchewan students

4. Examples of possible STMSU committees include: Communications Committee, Academic Committee, Operations Committee, Budget Committee, STMSU Awards Committee, Review Committee, and Bylaw Committee

B. Governance

1. STMSU committees will be led by an appropriate Executive (i.e. VP Communications may lead a Communications Committee)
2. In the event that a committee experiences internal conflict that inhibits its ability to function, it may be dissolved by the Executive leading it, or by a majority vote of the Executive

**ARTICLE 14
ELECTIONS**

A. Timing of Elections

1. There shall be an election in each year between the 1st of March and the 1st of April for all positions on the Executive Committee.

B. Eligibility for Office

1. All STMSU members, as defined by Article 3, shall have the right to be eligible to be elected for all positions on the Executive Committee.

C. Eligibility for Voting

1. Any STMSU members, as defined in Article 3, may cast a vote for candidates nominated for Executive Committee.

D. General

1. The Executive Committee may pass a bylaw that governs the administration of elections, election voting procedures, and rules respecting by-elections and terms of office for elected members.

E. Members of Student Council

1. The members of the STMSU elected by and for the members of STMSU in elections or by-elections held by the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) are the STMSU's Members of Student Council.

**Article 15
Elections Committee**

A. Formation and Purpose

1. Will be comprised primarily of outgoing members if possible
2. Conducts all annual elections, bi elections, and referenda of the STMSU
3. Has the power to make final decisions on electoral procedure

B. Responsibilities

1. Prepare a ballot for the STMSU Executive Committee elections listing the candidates for each position in alphabetical order
2. Ensures a copy of the campaign policy is posted the day that nominations open, and ensure the policy is being followed during the election period
3. Ensures voting times align with USSU elections when possible

4. Investigates all complaints of election irregularity

C. Governance

1. Chaired by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
2. The CRO informs candidates of election results as soon as the initial count is completed, and posts all election results within 24 hours of the initial counting
3. The CRO submits a report regarding ballot count and results of the election to the Executive

Article 16

Campaign Procedures for All Executive Committee Elections

A. Eligibility

1. Only STM declared students may run for STMSU Executive positions
2. Any person seeking the position of STMSU President must submit a signed nomination form with 10 signatures from STM students
3. Any person seeking another Executive position must submit a signed nomination form with 5 signatures from STM students

B. Campaigning

1. Each Candidate can put up a maximum of 10 posters. Posters will not exceed the size of 11" by 17" and are only allowed to be put up in STM
2. Candidates are permitted to put up campaign posters at 00:00 hrs the day after nominations close. Candidates are responsible for the removal of campaign posters by 00:00 hrs the first day of voting
3. No candidate shall interfere with another candidate's campaign in any way
4. The campaign period shall be no less than 7 days
5. At least one forum must be held prior to voting to allow each candidate to address the STMSU. Notice of the forum must be given to all candidates at least one-week in advance. The forum may be held during regular the regular Executive Committee meeting time
6. Members of the Elections Committee cannot be involved in the campaign of a candidate seeking office

ARTICLE 17

DISMISSAL and Vacancy

A. Resignations

- a. Letters of resignations must be written and signed by the resigning party
- b. Letters of resignation will be read at the following Executive Committee meeting

B. Impeachment

- a. Members of the Executive who fail to act in good conscience and to work diligently for the betterment of STM may be impeached by a two-thirds majority vote of the executive members

- b. Three unacceptable absences from Executive Committee meetings satisfy the condition for automatic impeachment
- c. What constitutes an acceptable reason for an absence is at the executive's discretion

C. Vacancies

- a. An interim replacement for any position may be appointed by a majority vote of the Executives until a by-election can take place
- b. Any elected position vacant before October 1st will be filled by a by-election
- c. Any position vacant after a by election will be appointed by the Executive Committee

**ARTICLE 18
GENERAL MEETING**

- A.** An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the academic year for all members of the STMSU.
- B.** Fifteen days notice must be given for meeting.
- C.** Special general meetings maybe held at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- D.** General meetings shall be open to all STMSU members, alumni, faculty, and staff

**ARTICLE 19
REFERENDUM**

- A.** Any student of STM can demand a referendum on any topic by presenting a petition signed by at least 5% of the STMSU members.
- B.** As well, any student may demand the resignation of any STMSU Executive Committee member by presenting a petition signed by at least 10% of the members of the STMSU.
- C.** In case of a petition demanding a resignation, at least one of the members demanding the resignation must be prepared to run for the position in question.

**ARTICLE 20
CONSTITUTIONAL AMEDEMEMENTS**

- A.** This constitution may only be amended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of the STMSU in favour of the amendment present at the Annual General Meeting.
- B.** Amendments must be submitted to the Chairperson one week prior to the scheduled general meeting.
- C.** Chair shall publish and post the proposed changes at least five days prior before the general meeting.

ARTICLE 21

BYLAWS

- A.** Subject to this constitution, the STMSU Executive Committee shall have the power to pass, amend, or repeal any bylaws providing for the operation and better functioning of the STMSU.
- B.** Any bylaw passed by the Executive Committee shall be subject to approval and ratification by the membership at the next Annual general meeting.

ARTICLE 22

DISSOLUTION OF UNION

- A.** Upon dissolution of the STMSU, all assets of the union shall be placed into an STM restricted funds account controlled by STM, entitled STMSU. This will remain in effect until such time as funds and assets can be passed onto a democratic organization of student representatives of all undergraduate students of STM. This body's main responsibility shall be the governing of student affairs at STM, as soon as such an organization comes into existence.