Administrative Changes to AMS Bylaws:

SUMMARY

For the referendum of January 2014

The proposed administrative amendments to the AMS Bylaws include the following:

1) Changing the date of the Annual General Meeting from February to October.
2) Requiring Council to meet at least once a month in the summer (May-August).
3) Changing the composition of the Budget Committee to replace the VP Academic and the SAC member with an additional member at large and an additional Councillor. Also, having the chair of the Budget Committee be one of the Councillors on the committee (instead of the VP Academic).
4) Making explicit that representatives of the Affiliated Institutions (Regent, VST, St. Mark’s) can send proxies to Council meetings.
5) Requiring that proxies for Councillors be AMS members, but removing the requirement that they be approved by an executive from the relevant Constituency.
6) Removing the SUB Management Fund and altering the terms of the SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund (to reduce the amount required to be held in it to 15% of AMS student government assets).
7) Changing quorum requirements for amending the bylaws at a general meeting to match the general requirements for quorum at a general meeting (1% of the students, or 500 students, whichever is more).
8) Removal of some no longer performed duties of the VP Academic (receiving proxy forms, receiving applications).
9) Removing some remaining references to Senate Caucus (the Senate Caucus was removed from the bylaws last year).