

CODE CHANGES 2020: COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

TO: Council
FROM: Governance Committee
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Amendment to remove Committee appointment procedures from Code (in order to put them in an Internal Policy).

Also to allow Council to vote on such appointments online.

Also broadening the requirement for Councillors to seek appointment to a committee: it now can be any AMS committee and not just a Standing Committee.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated by striking through (~~like this~~).

SECTION III: MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Article 1. Rules of Order

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45. (a) In extraordinary circumstances, where it is not possible to hold a Council meeting at which Council members attend in person, the President may decide to conduct a Council meeting entirely by means of teleconference or videoconference, the logistics for which shall be arranged by the President, the Speaker, and Society staff.
- (b) In such extraordinary circumstances, the President may also have Council conduct business by means of email votes, ***or some other form of online electronic voting***, without conducting a meeting, the results of such ~~email~~-votes to be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of Council. However, if one-third (1/3) of the voting members of Council object to an email ***or online*** vote on a particular motion, that motion shall be brought to a Council meeting.
46. ***When voting on a Resolution to appoint members of Committees, Council may do so by means of an email vote or some other form of online electronic voting. However, if one-third (1/3) of the voting members of Council object to an email or online vote on such a Resolution, that Resolution shall be brought to a Council meeting.***

SECTION II: COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS

Article 6. Duties of Members Elected from Constituencies

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2. Each member of Council elected from a Constituency or from an Affiliated Institution student association shall seek election to be a voting member on at least one (1) **Standing** Committee of Council.

SECTION V: COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Article 2. Appointment of Committee Members

1. *The procedures for appointing members to Standing Committees and ad hoc committees shall be outlined in an Internal Policy on Committee appointments. Members of Extraordinary Committees shall be appointed in accordance with the procedures outlined in Code for each of those Committees.*

- ~~1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the provisions describing the composition of a Committee, Council shall appoint the members of all Committees.~~
- ~~2. Council shall appoint members of Standing Committees twice a year. Winter Session appointments shall be made for a term beginning at the first Council meeting in September and continuing until a Council meeting in May. Summer appointments shall be made for a term beginning at a Council meeting in May and continuing until the first Council meeting in September.~~
- ~~3. Council shall appoint members of Extraordinary Committees for terms established by Council from time to time.~~
- ~~4. If a vacancy occurs in a Council appointed position on a Committee, Council shall appoint a replacement member as soon as possible to complete the term of the previously appointed member. Notwithstanding the fact that a Committee member's term has expired, that Committee member shall serve until replaced.~~
- ~~5. Notwithstanding the preceding provision, where a Committee member must hold some other office in order to occupy a specific seat on a Committee, their appointment shall terminate when they cease to hold that other office. For example: (1) the President shall be an ex-officio member of all Society Committees only so long as they are the President; and (2) where a Committee member occupies a seat reserved for Council members on that Committee, they shall be a member of the Committee only so long as they are a member of Council.~~
- ~~6. Recruitment of Students At Large~~

- ~~(a) — The President shall ensure that advertisements for positions for Students At Large on the Society’s Committees appear on the Society’s website and social media sites and on the University’s online careers site.~~
- ~~(b) — The advertisements shall include:~~
- ~~(i) — a description of the function or mandate of the Committees for which recruitment is taking place;~~
 - ~~(ii) — the frequency and time of the Committees’ meetings;~~
 - ~~(iii) — the date, time and location of information sessions that will be held for prospective Committee members;~~
 - ~~(iv) — if possible, a summary of upcoming business for each Committee;~~
 - ~~(v) — a statement that individuals can, with certain exceptions, serve on only one Committee at a time as a Student At Large;~~
 - ~~(vi) — a statement that prospective Committee members may put their names forward either in person at the Council meeting appointing Committee members or by submitting their names beforehand.~~
- ~~(c) — Advertisements shall be posted at least fourteen (14) days before each of the two appointment meetings referred to in paragraph 2 above: the Winter Session appointments meeting in September and the Summer appointments meeting in May. For appointments at other times, advertisements shall be posted at least seven (7) days before the Council meeting at which the appointments are to be made.~~
- ~~(d) — The President shall arrange that information sessions be held twice a year, before each of the two appointment meetings referred to in paragraph 2 above: the Winter Session appointments meeting in September and the Summer appointments meeting in May. The sessions shall provide prospective members with information about the Society’s governance structure in general and the Committees in particular. The Committee Chairs shall attend the information sessions.~~
- ~~(e) — The President shall arrange a system for prospective Committee members to submit their names beforehand, either by email or online or by some other method.~~
- ~~(f) — Prospective Committee members who submit their names beforehand and who do not attend the Council meeting appointing Committee members shall submit a brief statement explaining why they would be a good choice to serve on a Committee. Such prospective members may only apply for one Committee.~~
- ~~(g) — A prospective Committee member who attends the Council meeting appointing Committee members may make a brief statement to Council explaining why they would be a good choice to serve on a Committee.~~

- (h) ~~A prospective Committee member who attends the Council meeting appointing Committee members may put their name forward for additional Committees if they are not named to the Committee of their choice.~~
7. (a) ~~If no Student At Large has been found to fill a Student At Large position on a committee at the time Council is considering a motion to appoint such a Student At Large, then the motion to appoint that Student At Large shall be postponed until the next Council meeting and further advertising to fill the position shall be conducted.~~
- (b) ~~If no Student At Large can be found to fill a position on a committee even after the postponement and advertising referred to in paragraph (a) above, then notwithstanding the definition of Student At Large in Section I, Article 1(4) of the Code, an individual already appointed to a committee as a Student At Large may be appointed to additional committees as a Student At Large.~~
- (c) ~~Except in accordance with paragraph (b) above, no one may serve simultaneously on more than one committee as a Student At Large, and in no case may anyone serve on more than two (2) committees as a Student At Large.~~

Article 3. Committee Chairs

1. Chairs of Standing Committees

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- (d) ***The procedures for appointing Chairs of Standing Committees shall be outlined in an Internal Policy on committee appointments.***

~~Council shall appoint the Chairs of all Standing Committee that it is in its power to appoint twice a year. Winter Session appointments shall be made for a term beginning at the first Council meeting in September and continuing until a Council meeting in May. Summer appointments shall be made for a term beginning at a Council meeting in May and continuing until the first Council meeting in September.~~

2. (a) Unless otherwise indicated in Code, ***an Internal Policy***, or by a Council Resolution, Council shall appoint the Chair of each Extraordinary Committee and each ad hoc committee for the duration of that Committee's existence.