

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>AMS Elections Code Suspension Proposal</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>MOTION</b>	<p>“Be it resolved that until the end of the AMS Executive election period in March 2021 Council suspend the provision of Code requiring that candidates submit their nomination forms in person [Section IX A, Article 2(2)(c)] and also the provisions of Code requiring there to be polling stations and poll clerks [Section IX A, Article 1B(2)(i) and (j), Article 1C(2)(a)-(d), Article 1C(5)(c) and (d), Article 2(6)(i), Article 5(2), (5), and (8), along with the phrase in Article 5(1) requiring the establishment of polling stations].”</p> <p>"Be it further resolved that until the end of the AMS Executive election period in March 2021 Council suspend the provisions of Code permitting in-person campaigning [Section IX A, Article 2(6)(f)(i), (ii), (v), and (vi)]."</p>
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<b>DOCUMENTS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AMS Elections 2021 Code Suspension Detailed Rationale Document.</li> <li>2. AMS Health and Safety Policy</li> </ol>

**DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE**

These proposed Code Suspensions will make an entirely virtual AMS General Election possible. By suspending the requirements or options for in-person interactions, Code will be brought into line with current public health guidelines, as well as the AMS’s own AMS Health and Safety Policy. Currently, the major in-person interactions required by Code are polling stations and nomination form submission. Furthermore, as it stands, Code permits candidates to campaign in-person in ways that violate public health guidelines.

**BENEFITS**

Reputational,  
Financial,  
Sustainable, Social

- Decreases the chance of COVID-19 being spread on campus.
- Decreases candidate stress or pressure to campaign in person.
- Avoids situations where the AMS could run into problems with Provincial laws, regulations, and health guidelines.
- Strengthens AMS’s image as an organization that prioritizes the health and

wellbeing of its members and wider community.

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**RISKS**  
Financial,  
Operational,  
Reputational

Potential decrease in voter turnout for AMS General Elections.

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**COSTS**  
Financial,  
Resources, Lifecycle

None anticipated.

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**TIMELINE**  
Implementation  
Timeline

These suspensions should be implemented immediately, and held in force until the end of the 2021 AMS General Election period in March 2021.

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**CONSULTATION**  
Internal & External  
Groups

AMS Governance Committee, AMS Archivist & Clerk of Council

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