

SUBJECT	Amendment to I-21 Policy on Committee Appointments			
MEETING DATE	August 25, 2021			
SUBMISSION TYPE	MOTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FOR INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/>		
MOTION OR SUMMARY	BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council on the recommendation of Governance Committee amend Policy I-21 on Committee Appointments and amend the Code definition of Student at Large, as presented.			
MOVE + SECOND	MOVED: Katherine Feng	SECONDED:	Kyle Gough	
SUBMITTED BY	Katherine Feng, Chair of Governance Committee			
RELEVANT COMMITTEE or EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governance Committee	EXECUTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> Select		
SUPPORTED BY	Cole Evans, AMS President Dana Turdy, Strategy and Governance Lead			
COMMITTEE VOTE RESULT	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS	1. Amended Policy I-22 2. Student at Large definition in Code			

**DESCRIPTION &
RATIONALE**

The proposed amendments to Policy I-21 are primarily intended to clarify the procedure for Committee appointment and improve the process by requiring the call for nominations to include more information about each Committee and a deadline.

On the recommendation of the Clerk of Council, the proposed changes remove the verification of vote results since the results report is available upon request. On the recommendation of the President, the proposed deadline for the President to circulate submitted names and statements was extended from one business day to one week from nominations closing. Currently, students at large are allowed to serve on Finance and one other Committee simultaneously because of an old rule that set Finance Committee's quorum at five members. Since this comparatively higher quorum requirement is no longer in place, the proposed changes to Policy I-21 and Code allow a student at large to serve on any two Committees only if a position cannot be filled.

BENEFITS

Reputational,
Financial,
Sustainable, Social

Students at large may now serve on any two Committees if a position cannot be filled. When there are many nominations, these changes provide more opportunities for different students at large to participate in Committees. When there are few nominations and seats cannot be filled, these changes allow students at large to serve on any two Committees rather than being restricted to Finance Committee and one other Committee.

RISKS

Financial,
Operational,
Reputational

Students at large who may have been interested in Finance and another Committee will no longer be able to participate in both, unless there are positions that cannot be filled.

COSTS

Financial,
Resources, Lifecycle

None

TIMELINE

Implementation
Timeline

Amendments to I-21 Policy on Committee Appointments and amendments to the Student at Large definition in Code are to take effect immediately upon approval.

CONSULTATION

Internal & External
Groups

Sheldon Goldfarb, Archivist and Clerk of Council
General feedback from students at large who have sought nomination to a Committee