

**CODE CHANGES 2023:
ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND EPA AND GOVERNANCE**

TO: Council
FROM: the Governance Review Committee
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Amendments to modify the Advocacy Committee, the EPA, and Governance Committee powers.

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

SECTION V: COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Article 7. Advocacy Committee

1. The Advocacy Committee shall be composed of:
 - (a) the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs;
 - (b) the Vice-President External Affairs;
 - (c) four (4) non-Executive ***voting*** Council members; and
 - (d) ~~three (3)~~ ***two (2)*** Students at Large.

2. The Advocacy Committee shall:
 - (a) ~~assist~~ ***advise*** the Vice-President Academic and University Affairs and the Vice-President External Affairs ~~in advocating~~ ***on advocacy*** to the University, the various levels of government, and other external organizations on behalf of the Society's Active Members;
 - (b) ~~advocate for equity for the Society's Active Members;~~
 - (c) ***provide advice on the Academic Experience Survey;***
 - (d) propose annual goals for itself to the Agenda Committee and be responsible for completing those goals; and
 - (e) have such other duties as are outlined in the Bylaws or the Code or assigned by Council from time to time.

Article 12. Governance Committee

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3. All proposed amendments to the Code shall be sent to the Governance Committee ***or its Chair*** for ~~approval~~ ***consultation*** before going to Council.

Article 15. Executive Performance and Accountability Committee (EPA)

1. The Executive Performance and Accountability Committee shall be composed of:
 - (a) the Speaker of Council, who shall be Chair;
 - (b) the non-Executive Chairs of the Standing Committees; and
 - (c) additional non-Executive members of Council so that the total number of seats on the Committee, not including the Speaker, shall be seven (7).

2. The Executive Performance and Accountability Committee shall:
 - (a) meet at least once a month ***and within one (1) week of a Councillor requesting a meeting;***
 - (b) collect and present feedback on the members of the Executive, including but not limited to their adherence to the Society’s strategic plan;
 - (c) be responsible for hearing significant concerns brought to the Committee from the Society’s membership regarding members of the Executive;
 - (d) bring such concerns to Council when it deems it appropriate;
 - (e) make recommendations to Council regarding such concerns and Executive performance in general;
 - (f) have the power to bring a motion to remove a member of the Executive from office, in accordance with Section VI, Article 11; and
 - (g) at the direction of Council look into concerns raised about non-Executive Councillors.

SECTION IX A: ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

Article 1. Elections Committee

B. Powers and Duties

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2. The administration and conduct of Executive elections, as defined in Bylaw 5(3), and of Society referenda, as defined in Bylaw 4, shall be vested in the Elections Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall:

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- (m) recommend various options ~~to the Governance Committee~~ for amendments to this Section of the Code if deemed necessary;