

First Amendment of the Constitution of the Rideau Students' Union

Proposed on this 8th day of February 2021 by the President and Union Members.

In Short, this Amendment seeks to reform the democratic process for the selection of a Union President, remove the Foreign Policy Committee, split the Education and Mental Health Committee into distinct Committees dedicated to Education and Mental Health, rename the Legal Issues Committee to the Social Issues Committee and reform the process of Amendment for the Union Constitution.

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Pertaining to *the Executives*

Replace the paragraph that reads

The Rideau Students' Union will be led by a President who will serve for no longer than 4 terms, each lasting 1 year. For normal circumstances, a new President will be recommended by the outgoing President and approved by a simple majority of the Union members. Should a nominee be rejected by Union members, the process may be repeated. If a President is impeached or unable to disclose their nomination, the replacement will be decided by the Executive Council and confirmed by a majority of Union Members. All such elections must be preceded by at least 1 week of time dedicated to campaigning and at the start of which all Union members must be informed of the elections. If the President is unable to carry on their duties for a given amount of time, an Acting President will be decided upon by other Union Executives.

with

The Rideau Students' Union will be led by a President who will serve for no longer than 2 terms of 1 year. The President will be elected by a majority of Union members in a Single Transferable Vote or Exhaustive Ballot election. If a President is impeached or resigns, the interim replacement will be a Vice-President previously appointed by the President. The Governor of the Union will be required to call an election to replace the President immediately. All such elections must be preceded by at least 1 week of time dedicated to campaigning and at the start of which all Union members must be informed of the elections. The term of service after a snap election will not be 1 year, but will instead be until September of the next school year. If the President is unable to carry on their duties for a given amount of time, the Vice-President will serve as Acting President.

. Replace the part that reads

Executives will be appointed by the President and will serve for no more than 2 terms, each lasting 2 years.

with

Executives will be appointed by the President and will serve for no more than 2 terms, each last 1 year.

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Pertaining to *The Committees*

Replace the paragraph that reads

The Foreign Policy Committee (FPC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and publishing relevant information and guidance relevant to the issues of international relations and social, economic and political issues abroad.

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The Mental Health Committee (MHC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to the issues of addiction, depression, bullying and other domestic issues relating to mental health.

. Replace the paragraph that reads

The Education and Mental Health Committee (EMHC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to the issues of student life, local curriculums, mental care and other domestic issues relating to education and mental health (including that of non-students).

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The Education and Curriculum Committee (ECC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to the issues of student life, local curriculums and other domestic issues relating to education.

. Replace the paragraph that reads

The Legal Issues Committee (LIC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to issues of crime, rehabilitation, the judicial and executive process, government organization and other issues dealing with the law and the pursuit of justice.

with

The Social Issues Committee (SIC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to issues of crime, rehabilitation, the judicial and executive process, government organization and other issues dealing with justice and social sustainability.

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Relating to *Amendments*

Replace the paragraph that reads

This Constitution may be amended if a proposition is created by the Union President and/or a majority of Union Executives and a referendum is called to ensure that the constitutional reform is agreed upon by at least 66% of Union Members.

with

This Constitution may be amended if a proposition is created by the Union President and/or a majority of Union Committee Chairs, approved by the Governor and a referendum is called to ensure that the constitutional reform is agreed upon by at least 66% of Union Members.