

Second Amendment of the Constitution of the Rideau Students' Union

Proposed on this 21st 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 Governor to make the Governor subject to the auditing of the Union Members directly and reduces term limits for the position of Governor. It also aims to reform the committee organization by making only three permanent committees and introducing 3 variant committee spaces, rename the executive positions and reform their limits for time in office and provide the Governor and Deputy Governor the power to investigate and act on lower-level internal aggressions.

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Pertaining to *the Governor*

Replace the paragraph that reads

The Union will also have one individual serve as the Union Governor, who will be responsible for auditing all Union processes. The Governor will have access to all records and will be required to be notified of all actions taken by the President and the Executives and all policy being presented so that they can effectively scrutinize Union operations. The Governor will also act as an advisor to the President on their decisions and will have weekly meetings with the President to ensure transparency. On issues of internal structural issues, the Governor will be responsible for all public liaisons and addressing these issues.

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The Governor will be appointed by the preceding Governor and approved by the majority of Union Members and will serve no more than 4 terms, each lasting 1 years, in the middle of which the Committee Chairs will be required to review the Governor and ensure they meet all their duties.

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Pertaining to the Committees

The sections that read

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to the issues of businesses, poverty, infrastructure and other domestic issues dealing with economics.

The Climate Issues Committee (CIC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to the issues of climate change, natural disasters, non-renewable energy and other domestic issues relevant to the environment, the earth and energy.

The Science, Technology and Healthcare Committee (STHC) will be responsible for analyzing problems and creating policy relevant to the issues of research and development and other domestic issues relating to science, technology and healthcare.

will be removed. A section will be added following the section that reads

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.

. The aforementioned section will read

The Union will also have 3 variant committees separate from the permanent committees listed above. The topics that concern these variant committees will be democratically agreed upon by active Union members and may continue to operate until members of said Committee vote in favour of disbanding, after which the process may occur at the will of the Union members to create a new Committee in its place. The proposal of committee topics can be made by any Union member to the Union Governor who will be responsible for organizing efforts to form new Committees.

Committees operate and will operate in the matter of organization independently from the executive branch of the Union.

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Pertaining to the Executives

The section that reads

Apart from the President, the Union Executive Council will consist of 3 different executives: the Development Officer, the Operations Officer and the Information Officer. The Development Officer will be placed responsible for Union growth and expansion, the Operations Officer will be made in charge of the production of policy and will coordinate with the Committee Chairs in the pursuit of this responsibility and the Information Officer will be placed responsible for the coordination of the Union with relevant external organizations and for information collection. All executives will be subject to guidance by the President and all decisions must go through the President before being implemented. Executives will be appointed by the President and will serve for no more than 2 terms, each lasting 2 years.

The Union will also have a Technology Officer that will be responsible for managing all online media platforms. This officer will not be considered an Executive or a member of the Executive Council but will nonetheless sit in on meetings for ensuring communication. The Technology Officer will be appointed by the President with a term of 2 years that may be renewed 4 times.

will be removed. In its place, a section that reads the following will be added

Apart from the President, the Union Directory will consist of 3 different executives: the Director of Recruitment, the Director of Public Liaison, the Director of Logistics. The Director of Recruitment will be responsible for planning Union growth and expansion and the Director of Logistics will be responsible for oversight of the Committees and manage the Union bureaucracy. The Director of Public Liaison will be responsible for collecting information and the coordination of operations with external organizations, working in collaboration with the Union Governor. All executives will be subject to guidance by the President and all major decisions must go through the President before being implemented.

The Union will also have a Director of Media and Technology that will be responsible for managing all online media platforms. This officer will not be considered an Executive or a member of the Executive Council but will nonetheless sit in on meetings for ensuring communication. The Technology Officer will be appointed by the President with no fixed term.

Executives will be appointed by the President upon election with the unanimous approval of the Committee Chairs, Ambassadors, Governor and other sitting Executives. The President reserves the right to dismiss executives at will given proper reasoning and replace them with a suitable candidate, again with the unanimous approval of the leadership. Executives will not hold a term limit but may only hold a position for a maximum of 2 years.

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Pertaining to *Impeachment and Appeals*

The section that reads

If an action is taken by a Union member which is thought to be wrong, the Governor, the Executives or the Committee Chairs may overturn the action in a certain number of manners. Should a Committee Chair, a majority of Executives and the Governor believe an action was wrong, it may be overturned. Should all Committee Chairs and the Governor believe an action was wrong, it may be overturned. Should all Executives and all Committee Chairs believe an action was wrong, it may be overturned. Should all Executives and the Governor believe that an action was wrong, it may be overturned.

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. The section that reads

If enough wrongdoing is found, at the discretion of the Governor, relevant action may be taken. The Governor may choose to give a warning to the member in question if the wrongdoing is found to be minor, but may also take further action. For Union Executives or Committee Chairs, the Governor may call for a referendum of impeachment (a vote of confidence) from the relevant Union Members. For Ambassadors and lower level Union staff, with the permission of the President, the member may directly be removed with a vote.

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