

Adoption of Political Stances

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A by-law of the Rideau Students' Union respecting the need for an administrative framework for the adoption of political stances and other related measures.

Enacted by the Rideau Students' Union general membership at its meeting of 20 February, 2022

The Executive of the Rideau Students' Union enacts as follows:

Part I - Definitions

Section 1

In this by-law,

“Political Stance” is defined as a view or policy expressed by the Union in a social media post, statement, or otherwise Union-affiliated publication; (Position politique)

“Administrative Policy” is defined as internal Union policy designed to provide procedures and guidance for Union activities; (Politique administrative)

“Union Executive” the Executives of the Union, its Presidents and Vice-Presidents, and its Gubernatorial staff who may from time to time serve; (Exécutif syndical)

“Administrative Instrument” is defined as any by-law, motion, resolution, order, or otherwise regulatory formal document or procedure which may from time to time be used to further administration or policy; (Instrument administratif)

Part II - Interpretation

Section 2

Except as otherwise indicated, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this by-law and a provision of another by-law or administrative instrument, the more restrictive provisions shall prevail.

Section 3

Unless otherwise defined, the words and phrases used in this by-law have their normal and ordinary meaning.

Section 4

The headings and subheadings used in this by-law are inserted for convenience of reference only, form no part of this by-law, and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of the provisions of this by-law.

Section 5

Unless the context requires otherwise, or a number is used to modify the term, references to items in the plural include the singular, and words imparting the feminine gender shall include the masculine.

Part III - General provisions

Section 7 - Application

This by-law is to be applied with respect to any administrative instrument, past or present, which may be implemented by Union Executive, or the general membership, or any action which may be undertaken by such to align the Union with a political cause, issue, or group.

Part IV - Division of Powers

Section 8 - Limitation of Executive Powers

The powers of the Union Executive with relation to the affiliation of the Union with a political cause, issue, or group, are to be limited under this section.

- a. The Rideau Students' Union General Membership has sole discretion over:
 1. The Union's association with political groups; and
 2. Broad Union affiliation with political causes.
- b. The Rideau Students' Union Executive reserves the ability to, in matters where swift and immediate action is required, issue statements on behalf of the Union.
 1. In order to undertake such an action, a majority of members on the Union Executive must consent to that action.

Section 9 - Administrative Policy

Administrative policy is to be the primary responsibility of the Union Executive. Should a member of the Union have difficulty understanding an administrative instrument, their primary point of contact should be the Union Director of Logistics.