

Non-Partisanship

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A by-law of the Rideau Students' Union respecting the fact that no formal definition for partisanship exists within the administrative framework of the Rideau Students' Union and including provision for such.

Enacted by the Rideau Students' Union general membership at its meeting of 9 January, 2022

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

Part I - Definitions

Section 1

In this by-law,

“Partisanship” is defined as an activity to directly associate the Union with a political party in a formal manner; (partisanerie)

“Non-Partisanship” is defined as any activity that does not directly associate the Union with a political party in a formal manner; (non-partisanerie)

“Associate” is defined as an activity to make the Union directly affiliated with an organization through by-law or other administrative instrument; (associer)

“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, with exception to those provisions defining partisanship or partisan association, in which case this by-law 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.

Section 6

Where the term "general membership" is used, it is taken to mean the membership of the union as a whole, which may include action taken during General Membership Meetings, or at convention.

Part III - General provisions

Sections 7 and 8 - Applications

Section 7

Part I 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.

Section 8

With respect to definitions laid down in Part I, the Union may be free to, as a whole or in part, undertake activities unavailable to it prior to the implementation of this by-law including, but not limited to:

- The endorsement of political candidates;
- The facilitation of individual civic activism;
- Collaboration with partisan institutions on individual projects; and
- Engagement with political processes more generally.