

Permanent Projects

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A by-law of the Rideau Students' Union respecting the need for formally defined permanent and semi-permanent projects.

Enacted by the Rideau Students' Union general membership at its meeting of April 11th, 2023.

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

Part I - Definitions

Section 1

In this by-law,

“Permanent” or **“Indefinite”** is defined as the state of a project, such that it is expected to continue operating for the foreseeable future; (indéterminé/indéterminée)

“Precedence” is defined as the order in which certain conditions supersede another, such that the highest order condition nullifies all lower order conditions, and is the only item considered, such that the lowest number order is held with least priority, and the highest number order is held with the most priority; (priorité)

“Project Reports” and **“Project Updates”** are defined as any formal account or record of a project's status, changes, and relevant contextual information; (rapport de projet)

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 - Permanency

Section 6 - Permanency

Should the Rideau Students' Union, its membership or its leadership deem it necessary, the union's membership or leadership may table that any currently operating project of the union be made a permanent operating project, such that it operated indefinitely until the conditions for project dismissal are met.

In order to make a project a "permanent project," a vote must be tabled at a general meeting or a meeting of the leadership. Should a vote be tabled at a meeting of the leadership, the general membership must be made aware of the vote occurring within 12 hours of the vote taking place, or the result of the vote is null.

Multiple votes may be held, with the vote party of higher precedence as per the ordered list below replacing the outcomes of votes of lower precedence. Should a vote be held where a majority votes in favour of making the project permanent, it succeeds. Should a majority vote against the project being made permanent, the vote fails and replaces the outcomes of votes of lower precedence. The vote order of precedence is as follows;

1. Approval of two co-presidents
2. A vote of the leadership, including officers and co-presidents, and excluding directors, with 100% turnout
3. A vote of the general membership with majority turnout

Once a vote is held, subsequent votes on the topic may be held for 120 hours before the all voting must conclude. Subsequent tabling of the same topic may not be held for at least 30 days after the end of the 7 day period, including voting to dismiss. Dismissing via other routes may be done earlier.

Section 7 - Dismissal

The permanent project may be dismissed and its permanent project status repealed should any of the following conditions occur, in no particular precedence:

1. The leadership of the union, including co-presidents and officers and excluding the board of directors, votes with a majority, with 100% turnout
2. Two co-presidents agree to dismiss the permanent project, with at least one member of the board of directors approving the dismissal
3. The general membership vote to dismiss with majority turnout

Part IV - Project Operation

Section 8 - Project Coordinators

Permanent projects are required to have one project coordinator in order to operate. Should a permanent project have no project coordinator, one must be selected. Project coordinators for permanent projects serve an indefinite period, until the project is dismissed or the project coordinator is no longer a member of the union or the co-presidents opt to remove or replace the current project coordinator.

Section 9 - Reporting

As permanent projects are expected to operate indefinitely, a project report or update must be presented to the leadership of the union at least once every six months.