**Motion to Amend AUS VP Finance Selection Process:**

*Whereas*, as a Non Profit Corporation the AUS is required to complete annual audits, and present them to McGill University as per the AUS Memorandum of Agreement with McGill University;

*Whereas*, failure to provide these audits in the past has resulted in AUS student fees being withheld and AUS services being significantly affected as a result;

*Whereas*, the AUS experienced significant delays in completing the 2014-2015 annual audit due to incorrect and unsatisfactory accounting practices;

*Whereas*, in 2014-2015 the AUS unknowingly incurred a $65,000 deficit due to accounting mistakes and lack of oversight over financial records;

Whereas, the AUS appointed an accounting firm, LMCKA prior to 2013 to handle its accounting records and paid LMCKA $40,000 a year, yet LMCKA did not handle accounting to a satisfactory level;

*Whereas*, the AUS now handles all bookkeeping and accounting internally;

*Whereas*, the AUS VP Finance is the main accountant of the organization while currently the AUS Executive Assistant assists with some bookkeeping tasks;

*Whereas,* the AUS VP Finance portfolio requires extensive technical knowledge and experience in accounting procedures;

*Whereas*, the AUS Constitutional and Bylaw Review Committee has been consulted in this decision and reviewed the proposed options;

**Be it resolved that the AUS proposes one of three options for approval in a referendum question to all AUS members, while if this motion fails the VP Finance will continue be elected in general election like all other AUS Executives:**

1. Future AUS VP Finance will be appointed solely by AUS Council
2. Future AUS VP Finance candidates, before being allowed to run for election, will be screened by a ‘Screening Committee’ which shall objectively determine (on basis of a majority vote) whether each candidate has met a pre-set criteria of accounting qualifications . The selection committee shall consist of the following members:
	1. The AUS Chief Electoral Officer (non-voting, Chair)
	2. Incumbent AUS Vice President Finance (unless running for re-election)
	3. Incumbent AUS President (unless running for re-election)
	4. Up to 2 AUS Financial Management Committee members (to be approved by AUS Council)
	5. 2 members at large (to be approved by AUS Council)
	6. 2 AUS Councilors
	7. SNAX Manager
3. Hire an external bookkeeper, as done by AUS pre-2013. This would require a student fee increase of around $3 per semester per student (or $40,000 in total).

**Moved by:**

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