**Motion to Amend the Standing Rules of Council**

**Whereas,** Article 10 of the Standing Rules reads, “10.1 Audio and/or visual recording is not permitted by councillors or members of the gallery / 10.2 Council may permit a student publication to record by a 2/3 majority”;

**Whereas,** on September 17th, 2019 the AUS Legislative Council amended Article 10 of the Standing Rules by adding the following: “10.3 The McGill Tribune, McGill Daily/le Délit, and the Bull and Bear are exempted from recording ban”;

**Whereas,** the Arts Undergraduate Society Legislative Council believes in transparency and accountability;

**Whereas,** confidential or closed meetings of the AUS Legislative Council will remain unaffected by this motion;

**Whereas,** the AUS Legislative Council still retains the ability to further amend the standing rules at a later date;

**Whereas,** the official AUS Legislative Council minutes, regardless of their completeness, may pose accessibility concerns to some with disabilities, such that an audio recording would be more accessible;

**Be it resolved,** the AUS Legislative Council strikes the current text of “Article 10 - Recording” and amends it to read:

10.1 Recording of Legislative Council sessions is strongly discouraged.

a) Individuals who record at public meetings of AUS Legislative Council may be removed from the session should the Speaker decide that this recording violate the equity mandate as described in Article 1 of the Equity by-laws.

b) Individuals may use a point of privilege to indicate other individuals recording who make them or others feel unsafe or uncomfortable per the policy above.

c) It is strongly encouraged that individuals or other non-AUS bodies who wish to record contact the Speaker in advance to arrange this officially with the AUS.

10.2 The AUS VP Communications shall be solely and exclusively responsible for facilitating the recording of all public meetings of the Legislative Council and should make such a recording immediately available (within 24 hours) on the AUS website following Legislative Council.

a) Any audio recording must be sonically comparable to what is heard in Legislative Council by the individuals present. It must capture the full conversation without emphasis on certain individuals or exclusion of others.

b) Exceptions to official recording shall be made for confidential sessions.

c) The official recording must contain the full audio of Legislative Council sessions.

d) It will be left to the discretion of the VP Communications whether or not the official recording will have a visual component.

Moved by,

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