



## **Motion to Conduct Meetings of Legislative Council by Zoom Teleconference**

**Whereas**, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared COVID-19 a “pandemic” on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, and the Government of Quebec declared a “State of Emergency” under section 118 of the *Loi sur la Santé Publique*, on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2020;

**Whereas**, travel restrictions introduced by national governments (including the Government of Canada) have prevented members of the Legislative Council from returning to Montreal, this semester;

**Whereas**, restrictions introduced by the Government of Quebec under the provisions of the *Loi sur la Santé Publique* are subject to frequent and unannounced changes, due to the epidemiology of the coronavirus, in Quebec;

**Whereas**, in-person sessions (whether indoors or outdoors) of the Legislative Council of the Arts Undergraduate Society could constitute a genuine danger to public health, as well as jeopardise the health and safety of Councillors;

**Whereas**, McGill University has made the decision to conduct all academic instruction online, for the fall 2020 semester;

**Whereas**, *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12<sup>th</sup> edition* allows for the conduction of business using online software;<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas**, the Arts Undergraduate Society strives to promote equitable services to all members of the society;

**Whereas**, the Executive Committee of the AUS, the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) as well as other faculty associations have made the decision to conduct their respective council sessions, via the telecommunications software “Zoom”;

**Be it resolved**, that the Legislative Council of the Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University (AUS) hereby conducts all meetings of the Council (both, as required by section 9.2 of the *Constitution of the Arts Undergraduate Society* and emergency meetings as outlined in section 3.2 of the Standing Rules of Council) for the fall 2020 semester, via “Zoom”;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Legislative Council revisit this motion at the first Legislative Council meeting of winter semester, 2021 (to be tentatively held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021).

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<sup>1</sup> Henry M. Robert III, Daniel H. Honemann, Thomas J. Balch, Daniel E. Seabold, Shmuel Gerber. *Sample Rules for Electronic Meetings*. PDF file. 2020. <https://www.parliamentarians.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Electronic-Meeting-Sample-Rules-Appendix-web.pdf>

Moved by,

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