

Summary of IRC Recommendations to GSG Assembly

Committees

- 1) Committees restructured to place greater weight on the role of Committees in the advocacy process, to provide a cohesive link with the Cabinet and to better reflect the needs of the GSG.

Current Committee Structure

- Academic Affairs
- Campus Relations
- Facilities
- Health & Life

Proposed Committee Structure

- Academic Affairs
- Facilities & Services
- Internal Affairs
- Public Relations
- Social Activities

The Academic Affairs Committee remains unchanged. The Facilities and Health & Life Committees have been amalgamated into the Facilities & Services Committee. There are now 3 new committees. The Internal Affairs Committee will assume many of the technical and administrative tasks assigned to the current Executive Committee. The Public Relations Committee will be a permanent campaigns and media committee. The Campus Relations Committee has been abolished and most its roles have been assigned to the President. The formation of the Social Activities Committee is of particular note.

The Chairs of these Committees will be members of the Cabinet.

- 2) All departmental representatives will now be required to sign up to, and participate in, at least one Committee.

The aim is to revamp Committees, and make them the place where ideas are floated and eventually brought to the Assembly. We believe it is important for the Assembly to have a direct involvement in this process, and that this will both empower the Assembly and expedite deliberations at the Assembly.

Reorganisation of Cabinet

- 1) Replace the (theoretically) largely administrative and (in practice) deliberative Executive Committee with a Cabinet, which serves primarily to coordinate the advocacy work of the GSG (rather than to determine what advocacy agenda should be). Importantly, the majority of the Cabinet will consist of the chairs of the various Committees.

The President will take over the role of the previous Chair, and also take greater responsibility for interacting with outside organisations. The treasurer's role is unchanged. The Secretary's role is a fusion of the Recording and Corresponding Secretary (although some of the latter's roles have been assigned to the VP Internal Affairs).

Current Executive Committee

- Chair
- Parliamentary Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Press Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Social Chair
- Treasurer

Proposed Cabinet

- President
- Vice President of Internal Affairs
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Vice President of Facilities & Services
- Vice President of Public Relations
- Vice President of Social Activities
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The various Vice Presidents will also act as the chairs of their respective committees. The VP Internal Affairs will also assume all the responsibilities of the Parliamentary Secretary, and serve as Acting President in the President's absence.

- 2) *Chair of GSG*. This is a separate, non-cabinet position. The Chair's role is to preside over meetings of the Assembly. This is designed to remove the administrative burden of chairing the meeting from the President, so they can participate more fully in debate. The Assembly can choose anyone to be their Chair – including potentially the President.

Other Issues

- 1) Consolidating governing documents
 - easier to navigate; reword to make less ambiguous
- 2) Changing ex-officio membership of CPUC
 - replace Parliamentary Secretary with VP Academic and VP Facilities
- 3) Robert's Rules
 - Eventually propose simple rules of debate. For now, take the reference to Robert's Rules out of Constitution and put into By-Laws.
- 4) Timing of elections
 - Move elections/handover from Feb/March to Nov/Dec.
 - Have all reps, committees etc change over at same time as Cabinet.
- 5) Requirements for censure/discipline.
 - Increase voting requirements from simple to two-third majority.
- 6) Reporting requirements, archiving and institutional memory

- Require officers to report on their activities regularly, and implement mechanisms to effectively store these (and the decisions of Assembly and Committees) for posterity.

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