

ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

General Assembly Policy

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Article 1: Definitions

- 1.1 The **Engineering Undergraduate Society of McGill University** (hereafter referred to as “**EUS**”) is the registered name of the non-for-profit corporation representing the engineering and architecture undergraduate students at McGill University
- 1.2 The **Board of Governors of the EUS** (hereafter referred to as “**Board**”) is the administrative board of the Engineering Undergraduate Society of McGill University which is composed of Administrators as defined by the EUS Constitution
- 1.3 The **Regular Members of the EUS** (hereafter referred to as “**Regular Members**”) shall be all students currently registered at McGill University in an undergraduate program of the Faculty of Engineering and subject to payment of fees, as specified in the EUS Constitution.
- 1.4 A **Motion** shall be defined as a proposal formally made in the General Assembly.
- 1.5 All terms in **bold format** in these Bylaws and not listed above are defined according to the EUS Constitution.

Article 2: Purpose/Mission

- 2.1 The General Assembly is a meeting of the **Regular Members of the EUS**, where they are empowered to bring ideas and resolutions to shape the functioning, purpose, and goals of the EUS.
- 2.2 The General Assembly holds accountable the **Board**, and the **EUS Council**.

Article 3: Meeting of the General Assembly

- 3.1 The General Assembly may be called by a:
 - 3.1.1 **Motion** of the **Board**;
 - 3.1.2 **Motion** of the **EUS Council**, provided it receives the support of two-thirds (2/3) of the **Council**;
 - 3.1.3 Request signed by the lesser of ten percent (10%) or one hundred (100) of the **Regular Members of the EUS**.
- 3.2 Quorum for the General Assembly shall be the lesser of ten percent (10%) or one hundred (100) of the **Regular Members of the EUS**.
- 3.3 **Motions** to be presented at the General Assembly must be submitted to the **Speaker** at least five (5) **School Days** prior to the General Assembly.
- 3.4 Notice of the General Assembly shall be posted at least ten (10) **School Days** prior to the convening of the General Assembly.
- 3.5 The order of business, and **Motions** to be presented at the General Assembly shall be posted three (3) **School Days** before the General Assembly.

- 3.6 Any person who is not a **Regular Member of the EUS** may attend a General Assembly, except in the case where a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the **Regular Members** present at the Assembly votes to close the meeting.
- 3.7 A Motion of the General Assembly shall be invalid if more than fifty percent (50%) of voters are **Constituents** of the same **Departmental Society**.
- 3.8 Only **Regular Members of the EUS** shall be allowed to vote at a General Assembly.
- 3.9 The rules of procedure for all General Assemblies shall be the most recent edition of Roberts' Rules of Order.
- 3.10 Meetings of the General Assembly are chaired by the Speaker.

Article 4: Annual General Assembly

- 4.1 A meeting of the General Assembly shall be held once a year during the Winter academic semester. This Assembly shall be called the Annual General Assembly (hereafter the "Annual GA").
- 4.2 The exact date and time of the Annual GA shall be determined by the **Board**.
- 4.3 The **Board**, **Executive Committee**, and **EUS Council** shall each present a summary of their work since the last Annual GA.
 - 4.3.1 **Regular Members** should be allowed to ask questions of these bodies, and their members, during the Assembly.
- 4.4 The **Engineering Senator** and **Engineering Representatives to the S.S.M.U. Council** shall present a summary of their work since coming to the position, along with any information they deem relevant and important about the Senate and S.S.M.U. Council decisions made since the last Annual GA.
 - 4.4.1 **Regular Members** should be allowed to ask questions of these representatives, during the Assembly.

Article 5: Rights of Regular Members

- 5.1 The rights of **Regular Members** shall include the following:
 - 5.1.1 The right to vote at General Assemblies;
 - 5.1.2 The right to attend General Assemblies;
 - 5.1.3 The right to move or second **Motions** at General Assemblies;
 - 5.1.4 The right to speak for or against any **Motion** at any General Assembly;
 - 5.1.5 The right to initiate a General Assembly by requesting of the **Board** that a question be asked through a General Assembly of the **EUS** by submitting a petition bearing the signatures of the lesser of one hundred (100) or ten percent (10%) of the **Regular Members**.

Article 6: Powers of Assembly

- 6.1 A General Assembly may make any decision, including the ratification or rejection of any **Executive Committee** or **EUS Council** decision.
- 6.2 A General Assembly may pass a **Resolution of the EUS** or assign additional mandates to the members of the **Executive Committee**.
- 6.3 A General Assembly shall ratify amendments to **Bylaws** made by the **Board**.
- 6.4 A General Assembly may amend **Bylaws**, subject to ratification by the **Board**.

- 6.5 A General Assembly may suggest amendments to the Constitution, subject to ratification by the **Board**, and by the **Regular Members** by referendum.
- 6.6 A General Assembly may remove a member of the **Executive Committee**, an **Engineering Representative to the S.S.M.U. Council**, **Engineering Senator**, or member of the **Board** following the reception of a **Motion** signed by one hundred (100) **Regular Members** and carried by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Assembly.
 - 6.6.1 Any person impeached by the General Assembly has recourse to an appeal to the **Board** whose decision shall be final.
- 6.7 A referendum may be initiated by a **Motion** at the General Assembly.

Article 7: Budget

- 7.1 The budget for General Assemblies is to come from the **Board** budget, at the discretion of the **Board** Chair, and is to be approved at the EUS Budget Review

Article 8: Amendments

- 8.1 Amendments to this Policy must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the **Board**

Article 9: Interpretation

- 9.1 In the case of a conflict between this Bylaw and the following documents, the following documents prevail in the order they are listed in:
 - 9.1.1 The Quebec Companies Act
 - 9.1.2 The EUS Letters Patent
 - 9.1.3 The EUS Constitution