

W2026 REFERENDUM: DSU CONSTITUTION PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Approved by Student Council on 19 March 2026

ARTICLE/SECTION/ DESCRIPTION	2024 CONSTITUTION TEXT	2026 PROPOSED TEXT	NATURE OF CHANGE
1. DEFINITIONS			
1.8 Club Administration	Not present	“Club Administration” shall mean the core standing committee comprised of the Vice-President Finance, Vice-President Student Life, and Vice-President Operations & Services responsible for overseeing all the Union’s Student Groups and enforcing all regulations pertaining to their operations.	Addition
1.9 Clubs & Events Committee	Not present	“Clubs and Events Committee” shall mean the core standing committee chaired by the Vice-President Student Life responsible for advising on club matters and event planning.	Addition
1.12 Councillor or Student Councillor	Councillor or Student Councillor shall mean those members of the Student Council that have been elected to represent a specific Academic Sector of the College	“Councillor” or “Student Councillor” shall mean those members of the Student Council that have been elected to represent a specific Academic Sector of the College or the first-year student population.	Addition
1.14. Designated Office Volunteers	Not present	“Designated Office Volunteers” shall mean the Members appointed by the Executive Officers and ratified by the Student Council assigned to assist the Executive Officers with specific tasks and operations.	Addition
1.20 Finance Committee	Not present	“Finance Committee” shall mean the core standing committee chaired by the Vice-President Finance responsible for advising on the allocation of budgeted funds.	Addition
1.23 Human Resources Committee	Not present	Human Resources Committee” shall mean the core standing committee composed of the President, Vice-President Finance, Vice-President Internal Affairs, and the Administrative Director, which is responsible for all matters pertaining to the organization and management of the Union’s human resources.	Addition

1.33 Service Facilitators	Not present	"Service Facilitators" shall mean the Designated Office Volunteers specifically responsible for the oversight of a service operated by the Union.	Addition
Strike General Assembly	A Special General Assembly must be called to consider business related to a Union strike. Quorum for a resolution to put the Union on strike shall be the same as the quorum of a Special General Assembly.	Not present	Deletion
7.2 Composition [Student Council]	<p>The Student Council shall comprise a total of twenty (20) voting members, six (6) non-voting members and two (2) non-voting advisors.</p> <p>b. The total number of Councillors will not surpass sixteen (16).</p> <p>d. The President, Vice-President Finance, Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy, and Vice-President Operations & Services shall be ex- officio voting members of the Student Council.</p>	<p>The Student Council shall comprise a total of twenty-two (22) voting members, seven (7) non-voting members and two (2) non-voting advisors.</p> <p>7.2.2. The total number of Councillors will not surpass eighteen (18).</p> <p>7.2.3. Two Councillor seats are dedicated to First-Year Councillor positions.</p> <p>7.2.4. First-Year Councillors may be members of any Academic Sector and are elected in the Fall semester</p> <p>7.2.6. The President, Vice-President Finance, Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy, and Vice-President Internal Affairs shall be ex-officio voting members of the Student Council.</p>	Addition; Modification
7.3. Eligibility	<p>7.3. Qualifications</p> <p>The following persons shall not be eligible for the office of Student Councillor:</p> <p>a. Persons who are not qualified due to the institution of a regime of protective supervision in their respect or by one of the common causes of extinction of obligations provided for by law, such as if</p>	<p>7.3. Eligibility</p> <p>The following persons shall not be eligible for the office of Student Councillor:</p> <p>7.3.1. Persons who are not qualified due to the institution of a regime of protective supervision in their respect or by one of the common causes of extinction of obligations provided for by law, such as if such person is recognized by a court as having lost the ability to reason, if such person becomes</p>	Modification; Addition

	<p>such person is recognized by a court as having lost the ability to reason, if such person becomes bankrupt, suspends their payments or if such person makes arrangements with their creditors.</p> <p>b. Persons who are not members or a student of the Academic Sector for which they seek to represent.</p> <p>c. Persons who hold a Returning Officer position and/or intends on assisting the Returning Officers in their duties during the election cycle.</p> <p>d. Persons who would hold more than one position during their given mandate in one or more of the following: Executive of a Student Group and/or any DSU-funded student mass media platform, Executive Officer and/or Student Councillor.</p> <p>e. Persons who are employed by the Union.</p>	<p>bankrupt, suspends their payments or if such person makes arrangements with their creditors.</p> <p>7.3.2. Persons who are not members or a student of the Academic Sector for which they seek to represent.</p> <p>7.3.3. Persons who hold a Returning Officer position and/or intends on assisting the Returning Officers in their duties during the election cycle.</p> <p>7.3.4. Persons who would hold more than one position during their given mandate in one or more of the following: Executive of a Student Group and/or of the Plant Newspaper or Executive Officer.</p> <p>7.3.5. Persons who are employed by the Union.</p> <p>7.3.6. Persons who seek to represent First-Year students whose first two numbers of their student ID do not align with the last two numbers of the calendar year at the time of the election.</p>	
7.4 Term of Office	<p>The term of each Councillor of the Union commences on the first (1st) of June following their election and will end on the following thirty-first (31st) of May.</p>	<p>The term of each Councillor of the Union commences on the first (1st) of June following their election and will end on the following thirty-first (31st) of May, corresponding to the Union's Financial Year.</p> <p>The term of First-Year Councillors commences on the day of their election and will end on the following thirty-first (31st) of May, corresponding to the Union's Financial Year.</p>	Addition
7.5 Election	<p>The Councillors shall be elected by and from the Members of the Union who are part of the Academic Sector for which they seek office.</p>	<p>The Councillors shall be elected by and from the Members of the Union who are part of the Academic Sector for which they seek office.</p> <p>The First-Year Student Councillors shall be elected in the Fall semester. The First-Year Student</p>	Addition

		Councillors shall be elected by and from all Members of the Union.	
7.7 Removal from Office	<p>Any Councillor who misses three (3) meetings without justifiable cause shall be deemed to have resigned from the Student Council. A Councillor who has a justifiable cause may ask the Council to excuse them for their absence.</p> <p>Any Councillor may be removed from office by the Members who have the right to elect that Councillor, at a Special General Assembly called in accordance with this Constitution.</p> <p>The Councillor against whom a request for removal from office is directed shall be notified of the place, the date, and the time of the meeting of the Student Council called to remove them within the same time frame as that provided by the Constitution for the calling of such a meeting of the Student Council. Such Councillor shall have the right to attend and to address the meeting or, in a written statement read by the Chair, to put forth the reasons why such Councillor opposes the proposed removal from office. Such Councillor shall not have the right to vote on their own removal.</p>	<p>Any Councillor who misses three (3) meetings without justifiable cause shall be deemed to have resigned from the Student Council. A Councillor who has a justifiable cause may ask the Council to excuse them for their absence. A Councillor may be removed from office by the Members who have the right to elect that Councillor, at a Special General Assembly called in accordance with this Constitution.</p> <p>If a Student Council Meeting is called to consider a motion to call a Special General Assembly for the removal of a Councillor, the Councillor against whom a request for removal from office is directed shall be notified of the place, the date, and the time of the meeting in accordance with the procedures for calling such a meeting as outlined in the Constitution. Such Councillor shall have the right to attend and to address the meeting or, in a written statement read by the Chair, to put forth the reasons why such Councillor opposes the proposed removal from office. Such Councillor shall not have the right to vote on the motion to call a Special General Assembly for their removal.</p>	Addition; Modification
7.11 Secretary	The Administrative Director shall be the Secretary of the Student Council, of the General Assemblies and any sub-committee of the Student Council.	The Administrative Director shall be the Secretary of the Student Council and of the General Assemblies.	Modification
7.12 Remuneration and Expenses	The Chair's remuneration shall be fixed by the Student Council. The Student Council may, by way of resolution,	The Chair's remuneration shall be fixed by the members of the Human Resources Committee. The members of the Human Resources committee	Modification

	authorize the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Chair and Secretary in the exercise of their duties.	may authorize the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Chair and Secretary in the exercise of their duties.	
7.13 Committees	The Student Council may, by way of resolution or Standing Regulations, create standing committees and ad hoc committees, as necessary, which shall have powers and responsibilities as determined by the Student Council except for those which the Quebec Companies Act expressly reserves to the Student Council as Board of Directors of the Union.	The Student Council may, by way of resolution or standing regulations, create standing committees and ad hoc committees, as necessary, which shall have powers and responsibilities as determined by the Student Council except for those which the Quebec Companies Act expressly reserves to the Student Council as Board of Directors of the Union. The mandate, composition, and procedures of such committees shall be set out in the standing regulations.	Addition
8.4 Quorum	The quorum for the meetings of the Student Council shall be a simple majority of the voting members of the Student Council currently holding office with a minimum of nine (9).	The quorum for the meetings of the Student Council shall be a simple majority of the voting members of the Student Council currently holding office with a minimum of nine (9) voting members.	Deletion; Modification
8.5 Notice and Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of the Agenda 2. Adoption of the Minutes 3. Correspondences and Announcements 4. Guest Presentations 5. Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive Officers b. Chair c. Standing Committees d. Ad-Hoc Committees 6. Special Orders 7. Unfinished Business 8. New Business 9. Question Period (All Members of the Union) 10. In-Camera session 11. Date of the next meeting 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of the Agenda 2. Adoption of the Minutes 3. Correspondences and Announcements 4. Guest Presentations 5. Special Orders 6. Unfinished Business 7. New Business 8. Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student Councillors b. Executive Officers c. Chair d. Standing Committees e. Ad-Hoc Committees 9. Question Period (All Members of the Union) 10. In-Camera session 11. Date of the next meeting 	Modification
8.6. Procedure	Meetings of the Student Council shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order except	Meetings of the Student Council shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order except for the rules that	Modification

	for the rules that contravene this Constitution or Standing Regulations established by the Student Council.	contravene this Constitution or Standing Regulations, which shall take precedence.	
8.7 8.7. In-Camera Sessions	In order to enter an in-camera session, a motion must be adopted by a simple majority vote. Such sessions must be minuted and such minutes must be adopted in an in-camera session at the subsequent meeting.	In order to enter an in-camera session, a motion must be adopted by a simple majority vote. Such sessions must be minuted and such minutes must be adopted in an in-camera session at the subsequent meeting. Any Student Council member may motion to go in-camera at any point during the meeting.	Addition
9.1. Executive Officers of the Union[The Executive Officers of the Union shall be the following: a. President b. Vice-President Finance c. Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy d. Vice-President Operations & Services e. Vice-President External Affairs f. Vice-President Internal Affairs & Communications g. Vice-President Student Life h. Vice-President Sustainability & Equity	The Executive Officers of the Union shall be the following: 9.1.1. President 9.1.2. Vice-President Finance 9.1.3. Vice-President Internal Affairs 9.1.4. Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy 9.1.5. Vice-President Communications 9.1.6. Vice-President External Affairs 9.1.7. Vice-President Operations & Services 9.1.8. Vice-President Student Life 9.1.9. Vice-President Sustainability & Equity	Modification; Addition
9.2 Eligibility	d. Persons who would hold more than one position during their given mandate in one or more of the following: Executive of a Student Group and/or any DSU-funded student mass media platform, Executive, and/or Student Councillor.	9.2.4. Persons who would hold more than one position during their given mandate in one or more of the following: Executive of a Student Group and/or an Executive or Board Member of The Plant Newspaper , Executive, and/or Student Councillor.	Modification
9.3. Term of Office	The term of each Executive Officer of the Union commences on the first (1st) of June following their election and will end on the following thirty-first (31st) of May.	The term of each Executive Officer of the Union commences on the first (1st) of June following their election and will end on the following thirty-first (31st) of May, corresponding to the Union's Financial Year.	Addition
9.4 Resignation	Any Executives Officer may resign from office at any time by forwarding a letter of resignation to the President and Administrative Director or in case of	Any Executive Officer may resign from office at any time by forwarding a letter of resignation to the President and Administrative Director. In the case of resignation of the President, the letter shall be	Addition

	<p>resignation of the President to the Chair of the Student Council of the Union and the Administrative Director. This can be in the way electronic mail, courier or by registered mail. The resignation shall become effective on the date when the letter of resignation is sent to the Union or on such other date as may be specified in the letter.</p>	<p>submitted to the Chair of the Student Council of the Union and the Administrative Director. This can be by way of electronic mail, courier, or by registered mail. The resignation shall become effective on the date when the letter of resignation is sent to the Union or on such other date as may be specified in the letter.</p> <p>In the case of an Executive Officer's resignation being immediate, the Executive Officer shall transfer over all pertinent information and return all of the Union's property that they may have in their possession.</p> <p>If an Executive Officer is inactive for a period exceeding fifteen (15) days without providing any formal notice and obtaining approval from the Student Council for a prolonged absence, such Executive Officer may be deemed to have resigned upon the adoption of a resolution of the Student Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.</p>	
9.5 Removal from Office	<p>The Executive Officer against whom a request for removal from office is directed shall be notified of the place, the date, and the time of the General Assembly called to remove them within the same time frame as that provided by the Constitution for the calling of such General Assembly. Such Officer shall have the right to attend and to address the meeting or, in a written statement and read by the Chair, to put forth the reasons why such Officer opposes the proposed removal from office.</p>	<p>The Executive Officer against whom a request for removal from office is directed shall be notified of the place, the date, and the time of the General Assembly called to remove them within the same time frame as that provided by the Constitution for the calling of such General Assembly. Such Officer shall have the right to attend and to address the meeting or, in a written statement and read by the Chair, to put forth the reasons why such Officer opposes the proposed removal from office. Such Executive Officer shall not have the right to vote on any motion to call a Special General Assembly to consider their removal.</p>	Addition
9.7 Replacement and Vacancy	<p>An Officer whose term of office ends in accordance with the previous section shall be replaced pursuant to an Election</p>	<p>An Officer whose term of office ends in accordance with the previous section prior to the last thirty (30) days of classes of the Fall semester,</p>	Addition; Modification

	<p>for a term extending to the expiry of the original term of the Officer so replaced.</p> <p>Should the office of an Executive Officer become vacant, the Student Council shall appoint, within ten (10) days of the vacancy, from the Executive, an Interim-Executive Officer to handle the tasks and duties of the Executive Officer until a new Executive Officer is elected and takes office following an election held in accordance with this Article.</p> <p>Should the office of the President become vacant, the Vice-President Internal Affairs & Communications shall assume the role of Interim-President and handle the power and duties of the office of the President. In the event that the President and Vice-President Internal Affairs & Communications positions are both vacant, the Student Council shall appoint, from the Executive Officers, an Interim-President and an Interim-Vice President Internal Affairs & Communications.</p> <p>Should the vacancy occur after the end of classes of the Fall semester, the Student Council may decide to forego said Election and appoint a person or persons to fulfil the task and duties of the Executive Officer, and the office(s) shall remain vacant.</p>	<p>shall be replaced pursuant to an Election for a term extending to the expiry of the original term of the Officer so replaced. The Election must be held prior to the last day of classes of the Fall semester.</p> <p>Should the vacancy occur within the last 30 days of classes of the Fall semester, the Student Council may decide to forego said Election and appoint a person or persons to fulfil the task and duties of the Executive Officer, and the office(s) shall remain vacant.</p> <p>Should the office of an Executive Officer become vacant, the Student Council shall appoint, within ten (10) days of the vacancy, from the Executive, an Interim-Executive Officer to handle the tasks and duties of the Executive Officer until a new Executive Officer is elected and takes office following an election held in accordance with this Article.</p> <p>Should the office of the President become vacant, the Vice-President Internal Affairs shall assume the role of Interim-President and handle the power and duties of the office of the President. In the event that the President and Vice-President Internal Affairs positions are both vacant, the Student Council shall appoint, from the Executive Officers, an Interim-President and an Interim-Vice President Internal Affairs.</p>	
9.10 General Responsibilities	Not present	<p>9.10.1. Each Executive Officer shall hold a minimum of two (2) drop-in office hours per week, reserved for answering membership questions.</p> <p>9.10.2. Prior to end of their mandate, all Executive Officers must prepare and submit to the</p>	Addition

		<p>Administrative Director a training document or update any existing training documents, disclosing all pertinent information required for incoming Executive Officers to effectively carry out their duties.</p> <p>9.10.3. Each Executive Officer shall provide a minimum of eight (8) hours of training to their successor.</p>	
9.11 President	<p>The President shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be the Chief Executive Officer b. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council c. Be the chief spokesperson of the Union d. Ensure the long-term integrity of the Union e. Enforce the Constitution and Standing Regulations of the Union and ensure the maintenance of the governance documents f. Coordinate the activities of the Executive Officers g. Manage the Union’s human resources and hiring of non-executive employees h. Call meetings of and set the agenda for the Student Council in conjunction with the Chair and Secretary i. Call meetings of and set the agenda of Executive Officers meetings j. Chair meetings of the Executive Officers k. Manage relations between the Union and the administration of Dawson College l. Represent the members on the College’s Senate and Board of Governors 	<p>The President shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1.1. Be the Chief Executive Officer 1.1.2. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council 1.1.3. Be the chief spokesperson of the Union 1.1.4. Ensure the long-term integrity of the Union 1.1.5. Enforce the Constitution and Standing Regulations of the Union 1.1.6. Coordinate the activities of the Executive Officers 1.1.7. Manage the Union’s human resources and hiring of non-executive employees 1.1.8. Be the primary liaison with the Union’s legal counsel in conjunction with the other members of the Human Resources Committee 1.1.9. Call meetings of and set the agenda for the Student Council in conjunction with the Chair and Secretary 1.1.10. Call meetings of and set the agenda of Executive Officers meetings in conjunction with the VP Internal Affairs 1.1.11. Manage relations between the Union and the administration of Dawson College 1.1.12. Represent the Members on the College’s Senate and Board of Governors 1.1.13. Execute any other duties that can be assigned from time to time by the Student Council 	Modification

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9.12 Vice-President Finance	<p>The Vice-President Finance shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <p>a. Serve as Chief Financial Officer of the Union</p> <p>b. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council</p> <p>c. Ensure the long-term financial stability of the Union</p> <p>d. Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds, securities, financial books, and vouchers of the Union and deposit all such funds and securities in the name of the Union in such bank, trust company or other depositories as may be designated by the Student Council</p> <p>e. Provide the Executive Officers and the Student Council with regular reports on the financial status of the Union</p> <p>f. Develop the annual budget of the Union in a manner consistent with the governing documents of the Union and the priorities set out by the Executive Officers and the Student Council</p> <p>g. Help other Executive Officers in the development of their departmental budgetary planning</p> <p>h. Conduct the relevant bookkeeping in coordination with the accountants and assist the auditor with the audit procedures</p> <p>i. Ensure that no individual or group disburses the Union's funds without authorization</p>	<p>The Vice-President Finance shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <p>9.12.1. Serve as Chief Financial Officer of the Union</p> <p>9.12.2. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council</p> <p>9.12.3. Serve as a member of the Human Resources Committee</p> <p>9.12.4. Serve as a member of the Club Administration</p> <p>9.12.5. Ensure the long-term financial stability of the Union</p> <p>9.12.6. Enforce the financial policies of the Union</p> <p>9.12.7. Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds, securities, financial books, and vouchers of the Union and deposit all such funds and securities in the name of the Union in such bank, trust company or other depositories as may be designated by the Student Council</p> <p>9.12.8. Provide the Executive Officers and the Student Council with regular reports on the financial status of the Union</p> <p>9.12.9. Develop the annual budget of the Union in a manner consistent with the governing documents of the Union and the priorities set out by the Executive Officers and the Student Council</p> <p>9.12.10. Help other Executive Officers in the development of their departmental budgetary planning</p> <p>9.12.11. Conduct the relevant bookkeeping in coordination with the accountants and assist the auditor with the audit procedures</p>	Modification

	<p>j. Manage any Union group insurance plan duly approved by the Members, in a manner consistent with the governing documents of the Union</p> <p>k. Authorize all agreements that financially bind the Union and act as the representative of the Union to associated organizations</p> <p>l. Arrange for the transfer of signing authorities on the Union bank account(s) before May thirty-first (31st)</p>	<p>9.12.12. Ensure that no individual or group disburses the Union's funds without authorization</p> <p>9.12.13. Chair the meetings of the Finance Committee</p> <p>9.12.14. Manage any Union group insurance plan duly approved by the Members, in a manner consistent with the governing documents of the Union</p> <p>9.12.15. Authorize all agreements that financially bind the Union and act as the representative of the Union to associated organizations</p>	
9.13 Vice-President Internal Affairs	Not present	<p>The Vice-President Internal Affairs shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <p>9.13.1. Assume the role of Interim-President in the event the office of President becomes vacant</p> <p>9.13.2. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council</p> <p>9.13.3. Ensure the maintenance of the governance documents and chair the meetings of all committees related to policy and regulation revision.</p> <p>9.13.4. Manage the Union's human resources and process membership complaints and feedback</p> <p>9.13.5. Engage in consultation with the Union's Members in conjunction with the VP Communications</p> <p>9.13.6. Coordinate the Union's volunteer network and recruitment</p> <p>9.13.7. Ensure Executive Officers attendance during designated office hours</p> <p>9.13.8. Oversee the use and tracking of the Union's tangible assets</p> <p>9.13.9. Coordinate and plan student orientation-related activities and events</p>	Addition
9.14 Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy	The Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy shall exercise the following	The Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:	Modification

	<p>powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council b. Represent the members of the Union on the College Senate c. Coordinate the activities of all Student Representatives d. Chair the meetings of the Student Representatives Caucus e. Maintain relations between the Union and all levels of the College; with the exception of the Board of Governors f. Attend and make recommendations to the Student Councillors on the appointment of vacant Student Representative positions to the Board of Governor and Senate, their committees and to any other College committees g. Oversee the Union’s research endeavours h. Develop and manage the budget designated for Academic Affairs & Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.14.1. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council 9.14.2. Represent the Members of the Union on the College Senate 9.14.3. Coordinate the activities of all Student Representatives 9.14.4. Chair the meetings of the Student Representatives Caucus 9.14.5. Maintain relations between the Union and all levels of the College; with the exception of the Board of Governors 9.14.6. Attend and make recommendations to the Student Councillors on the appointment of vacant Student Representative positions to the Board of Governor and Senate, their committees and to any other College committees 9.14.7. Develop and manage the budget designated for Academic Affairs & Advocacy 	
<p>9.15 Vice-President Communications</p>	<p>Not present</p>	<p>The Vice-President Communications shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15.1. Oversee the production of the Union’s publications 9.15.2. Oversee the maintenance of the Union’s website 9.15.3. Manage and execute the Union’s branding guidelines 9.15.4. Coordinate the Union’s media and public relations 9.15.5. Oversee the Union’s social media interactions 	<p>Addition</p>

		<p>9.15.6. Represent the Members on College bodies in charge of communications</p> <p>9.15.7. Develop and manage budget designated for Communications</p>	
<p>9.16 Vice-President External Affairs</p>	<p>The Vice-President External Affairs shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <p>a. Represent the Union and communicate positions and policies taken by the Union to external bodies and agencies</p> <p>b. Lobby federal, provincial, and municipal governments to further the objectives, goals and policies of the Union</p> <p>c. Mobilize students on Union positions and policies, and assist with the coordination of student-run political campaigns</p> <p>d. Develop policy regarding initiatives in the Montréal community</p> <p>e. Communicate to the Student Council relevant external issues which may significantly affect the Union</p> <p>f. Coordinate the Union’s Indigenous solidarity efforts; to operationalize the Union’s commitment to the francophone community</p> <p>g. Attend meetings of relevant local, provincial, national or international student groups</p> <p>h. Develop and manage budget designated for External Affairs</p> <p>i. Coordinate all external delegations and make recommendations on the appointment of external representatives</p>	<p>The Vice-President External Affairs shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <p>9.16.1. Represent the Union and communicate positions and policies taken by the Union to external bodies and agencies</p> <p>9.16.2. Lobby federal, provincial, and municipal governments to further the objectives, goals and policies of the Union</p> <p>9.16.3. Mobilize students on Union positions and policies, and assist with the coordination of student-run political campaigns in conjunction with the VP Sustainability & Equity.</p> <p>9.16.4. Develop policy regarding initiatives in the Montréal community</p> <p>9.16.5. Communicate to the Student Council relevant external issues which may significantly affect the Union</p> <p>9.16.6. Attend meetings of relevant local, provincial, national or international student groups</p> <p>9.16.7. Maintain relations with other post-secondary student associations.</p> <p>9.16.8. Develop and manage budget designated for External Affairs</p> <p>9.16.9. Coordinate all external delegations and make recommendations on the appointment of external representatives</p>	<p>Modification</p>

<p>9.17. Vice-President Operations & Services</p>	<p>The Vice-President Operations & Services shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Serve as ex-officio voting member of the Student Council b. Manage the use and improvements of the Union’s space c. Oversee the management of the Union’s operations and related processes d. Oversee the use and tracking of the Union’s tangible assets e. Represent the Members on College’s bodies in charge of space and operational planning f. Develop and manage the budget designated for Operations & Services g. Manage all DSU student-run and staff-run services that are not Student Groups 	<p>The Vice-President Operations & Services shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9.17.1. Serve as a member of the Club Administration 9.17.2. Manage the use and improvements of the Union’s space 9.17.3. Oversee the management of the Union’s operations and related processes 9.17.4. Represent the Members on College bodies in charge of space and operational planning 9.17.5. Develop and manage the budget designated for Operations & Services 9.17.6. Manage all DSU student-run and staff-run services that are not Student Groups 	<p>Modification</p>
<p>9.18. Vice-President Student Life</p>	<p>The Vice-President Student Life shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Manage relations between the Union and its clubs and student- run services b. Maintain relations between the Union and independent student group c. Coordinate events, programming, and resources to support the Union's student groups d. Manage the Union’s mental health and support initiatives; and to liaise and collaborate with the College’s Student Services e. Develop and manage budget designated for Student Life events and activities 	<p>The Vice-President Student Life shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9.18.1. Serve as a member of the Club Administration 9.18.2. Manage relations between the Union and its clubs 9.18.3. Coordinate events, programming, and resources to support the Union's Student Groups 9.18.4. Liaise with the College’s Campus Life branch of Student Services 9.18.5. Develop and manage budget designated for Student Life events and activities 9.18.6. Approve, jointly with the Vice-President Finance, all Student Groups operational budgets 9.18.7. Approve, jointly with the Vice-President Finance, all Student Groups disbursements of funds 	<p>Modification</p>

	<p>f. Approve, along with the Vice-President Finance, all Student Groups operational budgets</p> <p>g. Approve, along with the Vice-President Finance, all Student Groups disbursements of funds</p>	<p>9.18.8. Chair the meetings of the Clubs and Events Committee</p>	
9.19. Vice-President Sustainability & Equity	<p>The Vice-President Sustainability & Equity shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <p>a. Operationalize and maintain the Union’s commitment to environmental sustainability and physical accessibility</p> <p>b. Liaise with the College's Sustainability Department and sit on any committees relating to Dawson’s environmental initiatives</p> <p>c. Coordinate the organization of events related to sustainability</p> <p>d. Develop and manage budget designated for Sustainability & Equity</p> <p>e. Operationalize the Union’s commitment to equity through policy, programming and services</p>	<p>The Vice-President Sustainability & Equity shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:</p> <p>9.19.1. Operationalize and maintain the Union’s commitment to environmental sustainability and accessibility</p> <p>9.19.2. Enforce the Union’s positions and values</p> <p>9.19.3. Liaise with the College's Sustainability Department and sit on any committees relating to Dawson’s environmental initiatives</p> <p>9.19.4. Coordinate the organization of events related to sustainability</p> <p>9.19.5. Develop and manage budget designated for Sustainability & Equity</p> <p>9.19.6. Operationalize the Union’s commitment to equity through policy, programming and services</p> <p>9.19.7. Coordinate the Union’s anti-colonial and Indigenous solidarity initiatives</p>	Modification
10.3. Appointment and Mandate	<p>While Returning Officers may interact with Executive Officers, the Administrative Director and Employees of the Union for logistical reasons, the offices of Returning Officers are designed to be independent and answer directly only to the Student Council. Any interference with the Electoral process from Executive Officers and Employees is forbidden. Interference means the use of any Union’s resources, internal information or someone’s position within the Union to interfere in the electoral process.</p>	<p>While Returning Officers may interact with Executive Officers, the Administrative Director and Employees of the Union for logistical reasons, the offices of Returning Officers are designed to be independent and answer directly only to the Student Council. The Administrative Director shall act as the Returning Officers’ primary communication channel for human resource matters. Any interference with the Electoral process from Student Councillors, Executive Officers and Employees is forbidden. Interference means the use of any Union’s resources, internal information or someone’s position within the Union to interfere in the electoral process.</p>	Addition

10.9. Remuneration	The Chief Returning Officer's remuneration shall be fixed by the Student Council. The Student Council may, by way of resolution, authorize the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Chief Returning Officer in the exercise of their duties.	The Chief Returning Officer's remuneration shall be fixed by the Union's Human Resources Committee. The Human Resources Committee may authorize the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Chief Returning Officer in the exercise of their duties.	Modification
10.11. By-Elections	By-Elections can be called by the Student Council to fill vacancies on the Student Council or Executive Officers. In the event where fifty percent (50%) or more of the positions of Executive Officers are left vacant, the Student Council must call a By-Election within five (5) days of the last vacancy. In the event where the Student Council has less than fifty percent (50%) of its voting members, the Chief Returning Officer will have the authority to call By-Elections and must do so within five (5) days of the last vacancy.	By-Elections can be called by the Student Council to fill vacancies on the Student Council or Executive Officers. In the event where the Student Council has less than nine (9) of its voting members, the Chief Returning Officer will have the authority to call By-Elections and must do so within five (5) days of the last vacancy.	Modification
10.14. Quorum	The quorum for all elections shall be two percent (2%) of the eligible voters.	The quorum for all elections shall be three percent (3%) of the eligible voters.	Modification
10.15. Disputes, Recounts and Appeals [Elections]	The Accountability Officer shall ensure that the committee follows the rules of natural justice. The Accountability Officer shall issue a decision on behalf of the committee within five (5) days of the receipt of the appeal.	The Accountability Officer shall ensure that the committee follows the rules of natural justice. The Appeals Committee shall normally convene within ten (10) days of the receipt of the appeal. The Accountability Officer shall issue a decision on behalf of the committee within three (3) days of the hearing of the appeal.	Modification
11.1. General [Referenda]	The Union may hold referenda, on which Members may directly vote on resolutions, in accordance with its Standing Regulations. The voting process will be overseen and managed by the Chief Returning Officer.	The Union may hold referenda, on which Members may directly vote on resolutions or specific questions affecting the Union, in accordance with the DSU Constitution and its Standing Regulations. A referendum is a vote open to the entire membership of the Union. The voting	Modification

		process shall be overseen and managed by the Chief Returning Officer.	
11.2. Initiation	Referenda may be initiated by the Student Council by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote or Members by a petition in writing signed by no fewer than one-hundred and fifty (150) Members of the Union from at least four (4) different Academic Sectors with no more than fifty percent (50%) being from any one Academic Sector.	Referenda may be initiated by the Student Council by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote or Members by a petition in writing signed by no fewer than one-hundred and sixty(160) Members of the Union from at least forty (40) signatures from each Academic Sector.	Modification
11.6. Stike Referendum	Not present	The Student Council shall call a Strike Referendum in accordance with the procedures outlined in this Constitution to initiate a referendum. If requested to do so by a petition, the Student Council must call a Strike Referendum to consider the business of the petition. The Student Council shall decide on the wording of the question of the referendum, in consultation with the initiators of the petition, while preserving the petition's intent.. The notice of the question for the Strike Referendum to the Members shall be five (5) days. Voting must occur over a minimum of two (2) voting days that each have a period of no less than eight (8) hours of voting. The Strike Referendum shall be decided by a simple majority vote with a quorum of three percent (3%) of the Members.	Addition
13. DESIGNATED OFFICE VOLUNTEERS	Not present	13.1. General Designated Office Volunteers are Members appointed by the Executive Officers and ratified by the Student Council to assist the Executive Officers in specific Union tasks and operations. Each Designated Office Volunteer shall be overseen by an Executive Officer.	Addition

Each Executive Officer shall have at least one (1) Designated Office Volunteer.

13.2. Service Facilitators

Service Facilitators are Designated Office Volunteers appointed by the Student Council who are responsible for overseeing the Union's services. Service Facilitators are overseen by the Vice-President Operations & Services, or by any Executive Officer to whom responsibility for a service has been delegated.

The Student Council shall appoint at least one (1) Service Facilitator for each service operated by the Union. If a new service is introduced during a given mandate, the Student Council shall appoint a Service Operator to oversee the service before it is made available to the Members.

13.3. Eligibility

The following persons shall not be eligible to be appointed as a Designated Office Volunteer:

13.3.1. Persons who hold a Returning Officer position

13.3.2. Persons who are employed by the Union

13.3.3. Persons who hold the position of Executive Officer during their term

13.4. Appointment and Mandate

Designated Office Volunteers shall be appointed by the Executive Officers and ratified by the Student Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Officer responsible for their oversight, for a term ending on May 31.

Designated Office Volunteers shall be appointed no later than the second meeting of the Student Council of a given mandate.

13.5. Resignation

Any Designated Office Volunteer may resign at any time by forwarding a letter of resignation to the Executive Officer they assist and Administrative Director by electronic mail, courier or by registered mail. The resignation shall become effective on the date when the letter of resignation is sent to the Union or on such other date as may be specified in the letter.

13.6. Removal from Office

A Designated Office Volunteer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Officers. The Designated Office Volunteer shall be given the opportunity to put forth the reasons, in writing, as to why they oppose the proposed removal prior to the vote.

The Student Council must be notified of the removal of any Designated Office Volunteer.

13.7. End of Mandate

The term of office of a Designated Office Volunteer shall end in the event of death, resignation, removal from office or where the Designated Office Volunteer ceases to be qualified to be a Designated Office Volunteer in accordance with the Constitution.

13.8. Replacement and Vacancy

		<p>A Designated Office Volunteer whose term of office ends in accordance with the previous section shall be replaced, from among the Members, by a resolution of the Student Council for a term extending to the expiry of the original term of the Designated Office Volunteer so replaced. In the event of a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled no later than one (1) month from the date on which it arises.</p> <p>13.9. Renumeration and Expenses</p> <p>Designated Office Volunteers shall receive no remuneration with respect to their duties. The Human Resources Committee may authorize the reimbursement of expenses incurred by a Designated Office Volunteer in the exercise of their duties.</p>	
14.7. Removal [Student Representatives]	Any Student Representative who misses three (3) meetings of the Caucus and/or of the College Body on which they sit without justifiable cause shall be deemed to have resigned as a Student Representative. A Student Representative who has a justifiable cause may ask the Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy to excuse them for their absence.	Any Student Representative who misses two (2) meetings of the Caucus and/or of the College Body on which they sit without justifiable cause shall be deemed to have resigned as a Student Representative. A Student Representative who has a justifiable cause may ask the Vice-President Academic Affairs & Advocacy to excuse them for their absence.	Modification
15.5. Training	All newly appointed Chief Returning Officers and Deputy Returning Officers must receive mandatory training about their legal responsibilities paid by the Union and administered by a legal professional within the first two (2) months of their appointment.	All newly appointed Chief Returning Officers and Deputy Returning Officers must receive mandatory training about their legal responsibilities paid by the Union and administered by a legal professional prior to conducting any Election or Referendum.	Modification
19.2. Adoption, Amendment, Repealing of Standing Regulations	Unless otherwise provided for by law, the creation, amendment and repealing of policies is to be adopted by the	Unless otherwise provided for by law, the creation, amendment and repealing of Standing	Modification

	<p>Student Council by a simple majority vote.</p> <p>All Standing Regulations adopted by the Union must automatically be revised within six (6) months of the passing of any substantial modification to this Constitution.</p>	<p>Regulations is to be adopted by the Student Council by a simple majority vote.</p> <p>All Standing Regulations adopted by the Union shall be reviewed and, if necessary, revised within six (6) months of the passing of any substantial modification to this Constitution.</p>	
<p>ANNEX A: FEES</p>	<p>1. Membership Base Fees (Accreditation Act, Article 52)</p> <p>The base membership fees are a total of twenty-two dollars (\$22.00 CAD) per semester for Full-Time Students and a total of eleven dollars (\$11.00 CAD) per semester for Part-Time Students as of the passing of this document. Fees will be revised every 3 years and will be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rounded to the nearest half-dollar.</p> <p>2. Health and Dental Insurance Fee</p> <p>The Health and Dental Insurance Plan offered to Members of the Union is a non-compulsory fee adopted by way of a referendum. Any modification to the plan and/or the addition of an administrative fee which would incur a fee change requires a vote in a referendum with exception to organic increases. Members may choose to opt out of certain parts of the fees in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plan.</p>	<p>1. Membership Base Fees (Accreditation Act, Article 52)</p> <p>The base membership fees are a total of twenty-two dollars (\$22.00 CAD) per semester for Full-Time Students and a total of eleven dollars (\$11.00 CAD) per semester for Part-Time Students as of the passing of this document. Fees will be revised every 3 years and will be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rounded to the nearest half-dollar.</p> <p><i>Adopted in a referendum during the Winter 2021 semester and revised in Fall 2024. The 2025-2026 fee is \$25.00 CAD per semester for Full-Time Students and \$12.50 CAD per semester for Part-Time Students.</i></p> <p>2. Health and Dental Insurance Fee</p> <p>The Health and Dental Insurance Plan offered to Members of the Union is a non-compulsory fee adopted by way of a referendum. Any modification to the plan and/or the addition of an administrative fee which would incur a fee change requires a vote in a referendum with exception to organic increases. Members may choose to opt out of certain parts of the fees in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plan.</p>	<p>Addition</p>

		<p><i>Adopted in a referendum during the Winter 2021 semester.</i></p> <p>3. The Plant Newspaper (Independent Not-for-Profit Student Run Organization)</p> <p>The Plant Newspaper fee is set at \$1.30 per semester for full-time students and \$0.65 per semester for part-time students. The fee will be adjusted every three years in proportion to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with the initial fee above corresponding to the base year of 2024, rounded to the nearest five cents increment.</p> <p><i>Adopted in a referendum during the Winter 2025 semester.</i></p>	
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