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Associate Vice-President (Internal Governance)

TO: SRA Members and Committee Chairs
 FROM: Aiman Dhiloon, Associate Vice-President
 (Internal Governance)
 SUBJECT: Operating Policy – Interfaith Council
 DATE: SRA 22N – February 12, 2023

Dear Members of the Assembly,

One of the policies the committee has reviewed this year is for Interfaith Council, which was last reviewed five (5) years ago. The Interfaith Council brings together student representatives from various faith-based groups in the McMaster community to address issues and build relationships to encourage spiritual dialogue. In collaboration with Mitchell (VP Admin), Victoria (Administrative Services Coordinator) and Daniela (Executive Assistant), I propose the edits outlined below.

Similar to the MSU Governance and YOU edits, we feel that the Interfaith Council Chairperson role should not be obligatory for the Diversity + Equity Network Director. Instead, we propose that either the Director or the Assistant Director be part of the committee, and that the Chairperson be elected by the council from within their membership. Other changes include routine updates to the names of MSU student groups, as outlined below.

Section	Current	Proposed	Explanation
2.1	“president or representative”	“president or undergraduate representative”	This is to clarify that all voting members (from MSU clubs or community associations) should be undergraduates.
2.1.1	“Catholic Students Association”	“Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church & Chaplaincy”	The CSA is no longer a ratified group. After much consideration and consulting with the Chaplaincy Centre, we propose that a student leader from the local Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church be a member instead.

2.1.6	"Orthodox Christian Students Association"	"Orthodox Campus-Ministry Association"	The name for this group has changed, and must be updated.
2.2.1	"The Diversity Director"	"The Diversity + Equity Network Director or Assistant Director"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name for this service has been updated; 2. We believe that the role should be open to the Director or the Assistant Director, for the Director to be able to manage all their current responsibilities effectively.
2.2.2	"the Clubs Executive Council"	"the Clubs Advisory Council"	Updating the terminology to the name that is used now.
2.2.4	"The Diversity Services Assistant Director"	Remove this section entirely.	As the Director & AD have so many existing responsibilities, we propose that having only one of them on this committee will be sufficient and allow them to better manage their other tasks.
3.3.1, 3.3.1.1	N/A	<p>"Be elected by members of the Council at the first official meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Until a Chairperson is elected, the Diversity + Equity Network Director or Assistant Director shall act as the Interim Chairperson and perform all duties associated with the Chairperson, including the organization and facilitation of the first Council meeting;" 	This shall replace the Director as Chairperson, while allowing them or the Assistant Director to organize the first meeting and get the group together. The committee may then vote for their Chairperson, who will take over responsibilities. This change aims to increase the support and time that the Council Chairperson is able to provide.

4.3	“council Chair or a council representative”	“Chairperson or the SRA representative”	Maintaining consistency of the title “Chairperson”, and clarifying that they or the SRA representative on the Council should report on to the SRA on the Council’s behalf.
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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email prior to the meeting.

Kind regards,
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