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**Associate Vice-
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Internal Governance

TO: SRA Assembly Members

FROM: Piper Plavins - Associate Vice-President:
Internal Governance

SUBJECT: President’s Council Operating Policy

DATE: SRA 23G October 15, 2023

Dear Members of the Assembly,

The following changes are proposed to create a more inclusive and representative President’s Council. These changes allow for the expansion of faculty societies to be allowed membership, pending the President’s approval, so that they may advocate for their constituents on a greater level.

Section	Current	Proposed	Explanation
1.1	“To define the membership, duties, and procedures...”	“To define the membership, duties, purpose, and procedure...”	Clarification that the OP will also explain the purpose of the President’s Council (in section 3)
2.1.1	“The President (Chair)”	“The MSU President (Chair)”	Clarification the MSU President is the Chair of the council
2.1.2	“Presidents or designates of the following academic division societies	“Presidents or designates of academic division societies, and those who fulfill the following criteria, upon the President’s discretion:”	The program societies who fulfill the criteria, may request membership to be included in the council.

2.1.2.1	N/A	Program societies with direct entry for first years.	<p>The criteria for a society to request membership is that they must represent a program which has direct entry for first years (I.e., iBioMed Society, Life Science Society).</p> <p>This allows for advocacy of their first year constituents on a greater level and larger scale.</p>
2.1.3	N/A	Current academic division societies:	Listing the academic division societies who are currently members of the council
2.1.3.1-9	2.1.1.1-9	2.1.3.1-9	Changing the section numbers to coincide with the proposed edits.
2.1.2.10	The McMaster Integrated Science Society	Remove	Not an academic division society that the SRA currently recognizes
2.1.4, 2.1.5	2.1.3, 2.1.4	2.1.4, 2.1.5	Changing the section numbers to coincide with the proposed edits.
3.	Duties and Procedures	Change to “Duties, Purpose, and Procedures”	Clarification regarding what the section contains
3.1.5.2	N/A	“Prior to the first meeting of the term, academic division societies can rescind their seat by informing the MSU President.”	<p>The current academic division societies who feel that this council may not be beneficial to them or a commitment they are unable to fill.</p> <p>Instead of questioning why they may be absent from meetings, Presidents or designates may rescind their seat at the beginning of each term.</p>

3.3	“and posted on the MSU Website.”	Change to “which can be available upon request.	Attendance has not been posted on the MSU Website in several years. However, attendance records should still be kept, and made available if needed for any reason.
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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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