



By-Law: Motions

This By-Law describes the process and procedures for Motions at the GSA.

1. Introduction

1.1. Interpretation

This By-Law shall be subject at all times to the provisions of the Articles and shall be read in conjunction therewith.

1.2. Alterations of the By-Law

These By-Laws shall be amended from time to time by Association Council by a two-thirds majority.

2. Definition

A motion is an idea to create policy, change policy and create/amend By-Laws

3. Submitting a Motion

A motion should be submitted to Association Council in accordance with the By-Law on Association Council.

4. Format for every motion should be:

4.1. Title of motion

4.2. What do you want to change?

4.3. Why do you want to change it?

4.4. What do you want the York Graduate Students' Association to do?

5. Changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association or By-Laws

If a motion requires a change to the articles or by-laws it must be submitted along with the changes being proposed.

6. Motions of Censure and No Confidence

- 6.1. A Motion of Censure and No Confidence may be submitted against relevant Sabbatical Officers, Part-Time Officers and representatives in their relevant committees and forums.
- 6.2. A Motion of Censure should be used when the actions of the member are unacceptable and should not be repeated. This should be noted in the minutes and published online.
- 6.3. A Motion of No Confidence should be used to remove a member from their position if it is believed the members actions are completely unacceptable. In the event of the motion being passed the member shall no longer hold their position.
- 6.4. In the event that a No Confidence motion votes to removes a Sabbatical Officer then a referendum will be called to put the removal to a student vote. The referendum will be conducted in accordance with the By-Law on Referendums.

7. Voting Procedure:

Voting may be by a simple majority or a two-thirds majority as detailed below.

7.1. Simple Majority

Unless otherwise stated, all motions presented to Council will be carried by a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote.

7.2. Two-Thirds Majority

If a procedural motion, motion of no-confidence or a motion proposing a change to the By-Laws or Articles is presented, it shall only be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote.

- 7.3. In the event of a tie, a procedural motion will be triggered to put the motion to a referendum and should that procedural motion fail the substantive motion will also fail.

8. Discussion and Amendments of Motions

This will be conducted in accordance with the By-Law on Association Council.