



Student Parliament

Constitutional Review Committee

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The Mandate of the Constitutional Review Committee

Mandate:

This is a body formed in terms of Addendum J2 of the Student Parliament Constitution. To investigate all possible amendments to the Student Parliament Constitution and draft a proposed amendment thereafter tabling it to the house to have it approved by Students. To ensure that the procedure followed by the Constitutional Review Committee is open, transparent, democratic and abides by the rule of law. This body is also mandated to ensure that the amendments made to the Student Parliament Constitution are in line with Chapter 4 of the Student Constitution. The committee shall uphold the values of Accountability, Transparency and Consultative Governance in its procedure.

With great regard to “meaningful engagement” as a supporting principle to the SP Constitution’s cornerstone values of Accountability, Transparency and Consultative Governance, the Constitutional Review Committee places an earmarked obligation upon itself to earnestly amend the Student Parliament Constitution diligently taking into consideration the proposed procedure that all members have thus agreed upon. Not only shall Committee be mindful of the procedural implications but also the substantive effects it will have on the broader community being the university, its stakeholders and, particularly the students. The whole amendment process shall be facilitated within a specified time period, upon which different stages of the procedure shall have their own date of completion. The Committee shall, unless due to unforeseen circumstances strictly and diligently adhere to these dates up until the proposed final amendment is presented to the Student Parliament.

Procedure

1. The Constitutional Review Committee will allow students to submit opinions as to which provisions they feel must be amended and the committee must consider everyone’s opinion when amending these provisions

2. The committee communicate with ex officio members of Student Parliament in accordance with Section 57 of the Student Constitution and take their opinions into account when amending the Student Parliament Constitution.
3. The Constitutional Review Committee will be in consultation with the office of Student Governance for institutional support and memory including the capacitation of the incoming cohort of parliament executive members.
4. Thereafter, the committee will make the proposed Student Parliament Constitution available on all public platforms and ensure that it is available to students
5. The committee will appoint a representative to stand before the house.
6. Student Parliament must hold an extraordinary sitting for the following reasons:
 - To have the mandate of the Constitutional Review Committee approved by Students on a vote. Ordinary majority is required.
 - To have the amendments approved by students (each amended provision made to the Student Parliament Constitution must be voted in at the sitting).
7. If fundamental provisions of the Student Parliament Constitution are going to be amended. The Constitutional Review Committee must have a referendum in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Student Parliament Constitution.
8. The Student Parliament Committee will file an application to Student Court to have the amendments approved.
9. Should Student Parliament or Student Court reject the amendments the process will begin all over again.
10. This process will be complete before the first of November 2019.