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Motion to Approve the Question Regarding the Amendment of AUS Executive Assistant Hiring Regulations in the AUS Constitution

Whereas the following referendum question has been submitted for the AUS Winter 2016 referendum;

Whereas, according to the Electoral Bylaws:

4.2 Referenda may be initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council or by a petition signed by at least one hundred and fifty (150) members of the Society and filed with Elections AUS a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to polling.

4.3 In the case of a Council-initiated question, Council must ratify the wording of the question in both official languages of the AUS a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to polling. Approved fee-related questions must also be forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning).

Whereas, the deadline established by the Chief Returning Officer for the approval of Council-initiated referendum questions is February 24th, 2016;

Whereas these constitutional amendments have been reviewed and approved by the AUS Constitutional Bylaw and Review Committee.

Be it resolved, that AUS Council approve the attached question regarding the Alteration of AUS Executive Assisting hiring regulations in the AUS Constitution

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Question regarding Hiring of an AUS Executive Assistant

Whereas, since approval in a Winter 2013 referendum the AUS has each year hired a full-time Executive Assistant and Bookkeeper;

Whereas, experience from the past 3 years has led to a desire for more flexibility in terms of the Executive Assistant's allocation of duties, pay, hours worked, and more;

Whereas, the AUS Constitution currently requires the Executive Assistant to be a full-time staff member, while changing the nature of the Executive Assistant position would allow instead hiring students for this position;

Whereas, the proposed Constitutional amendment would allow the AUS Executive Committee to each year decide whether to hire one full-time Executive Assistant or divide the tasks among multiple part-time Executive Assistants.

Whereas, in the following proposed constitutional amendments, deletions are marked with strikethroughs and additions are marked with bolded text;

Be It Resolved That the AUS Constitution be amended as follows below, to allow the AUS Executive Committee to have more flexibility executive assistant hiring decisions:

12.16 The AUS Executive Committee ~~shall~~ **may choose to** hire an Executive Assistant, a permanent full-time staff member, whose salary shall be paid for by student fees.

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