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## Stong College Student Government Annual General Meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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- I. Call to Order - 7:07
- II. Land Acknowledgment
- III. Welcoming Remarks
- IV. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

- A. Motion 2022-04-10: A01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the SCSG be accepted as presented in Appendix A.

MOVED: Cole                      SECONDED: Farina                      RESULT: Motion  
Passes

- V. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Motion 2022-04-10: PM01

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be accepted as presented in Appendix A.

MOVED: Nguyen                      SECONDED: Guleria                      RESULT: Motion  
Passes

- VI. New Business

- A. Motion 2022-04-10: N01

**MOTION TO REMOVE AND REPLACE ARTICLE VI: Membership and Responsibility of SCSG**

**WHEREAS** the current constitution does not accurately reflect what an ex-officio member is

**WHEREAS** the current constitution does not state the Non-Voting members of the SCSG

**WHEREAS** certain duties do not apply to ex-officio members

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that Article VI be read as

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## **Article VI: Membership and Responsibility of SCSG**

### **A. Membership of the SCSG**

**6.1** The voting members of the SCSG shall be:

- a) The President of the SCSG
- b) Vice President of Administration
- c) Athletic Chair(s) A
- d) Athletic Chair(s) B
- e) The Outreach Director
- f) Commuter Representative
- g) First-Year Representative
- h) Residence Representative

The duties of positions (c) through (f) can be divided into a maximum of two (2) Vice-Chairs/Directors/Representatives, however, each position shall constitute one (1) vote. Each split position must also have their total honoraria divided. In the case of three athletic chairs, the total honoraria of the two positions must be divided into three.

**6.2** The non-voting members of the SCSG shall be:

- a) Vice President Finance
- b) Assistant Director of Finance
- c) Speaker
- d) The Orientation Chair

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e) Promotions Chair A

f) Promotions Chair B

g) Programmes Chair

h) Communications Director

The duties of positions (d) through (g) can be divided into a maximum of two (2) Vice-Chairs/Directors/Representatives, however, each position shall constitute one (1) vote. Each split position must also have their total honoraria divided. In the case of three promotions chairs, the total honoraria of the two positions must be divided into three.

**6.3** The Ex-Officio Members of the SCSG shall be:

a) The Residence Life Coordinator

b) The President of the Stong Alumni

c) Previous President

d) Alumni Representative

e) Student Success Coordinators (2 positions)

f) President, chair or executive leader of clubs ratified by Stong College Student Government

g) Health Education and Promotion Peer

h) YFS Director

Article VII Section 7.0 The Duties of all SCSG Members do not apply for positions (a) through (g)

**6.4** The Executive Committee shall consist of:

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- a) The President of the SCSG
- b) Vice President of Administration
- c) Vice President of Finance

**6.5** The Executive Committee will be comprised of positions (a) through (c ). In the event that one of the Vice-Chairs is no longer part of the SCSG, the following procedure must be followed: Within two weeks of receipt of the letter of resignation, the SCSG Executive President must post a notice to the Stong community in reference to the member's departure. Any objections must be submitted to the President in writing, outlining their objection to the remaining party acting out the duties of the position alone. If any written objections are received within the allotted time frame of at least 5 business days , a vote of confidence must be held. When a vote of confidence is held, by-election procedures are followed. If a vote of confidence fails, the position is put to by-election.

## **6.6**

- a) Every member of the SCSG must be a member of Stong College, and must comply with Article V, Section 5.1. If at any point during their terms of office they fail to qualify with Article V, Section 5.1 , their positions shall be declared vacant and a by-election shall be held in accordance to By-Law III, Elections, of the Constitution of the SCSG.
- b) Following the vacancy, the CRO shall submit an official statement regarding the election timeline within 5 business days of the vacant position being announced.
- c) SCSG members in Article VI Section 6.1 and 6.2 must have full-time student status deemed by York University.

**6.7** Any member of SCSG may resign or give notice of intention to resign, either verbally in an SCSG Meeting or in writing. Any written notification shall be deemed to be addressed to the SCSG President. When it is determined that the written notification is genuine, the SCSG shall declare such a seat vacated (or that it shall become vacant on some future day, as indicated in the written notification).

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a) Any member of SCSG that resigns shall not receive any of their honoraria from the start of their term to their resignation; and

**6.8** Despite Article VI, Section 6.7, the SCSG shall not accept a member's resignation if there is reason to believe that such member's resignation was not completely voluntary and, in such a case, the SCSG shall investigate the matter completely.

**6.9** A member of SCSG may be removed for just cause. In the event that circumstances warrant the removal of a member for just cause, another sitting member of the SCSG shall give notice of motion at least 14 days in advance of a meeting at which the issue of impeachment will be discussed. Furthermore, the member who is the subject of a notice of impeachment shall also be given 14 days notice, and be asked to attend the meeting where the substance of the allegations are being brought forward. At the meeting where, inter alia, the matter of the allegations against a member are to be brought forward, a member of the SCSG will read the allegations, and the member against whom the allegations are being made, will have an opportunity to defend against the allegations being brought forward. After all parties have been given a reasonable chance to discuss the issue, the SCSG may proceed with a motion of impeachment if it so wishes. Notice of Motion will be given and 14 days hence the SCSG may vote to remove the member from office. Removal requires a 2/3 majority vote in favour of the motion to impeach. Removal of a SCSG member shall be done in a manner that is reasonable, equitable and fair. Grounds for removal include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

a) Misappropriation of funds.

b) Flagrant abuse of powers and responsibilities of the position.

c) Serious conflict of interest between the position of government and another position held by that individual.

d) Failure to represent the SCSG effectively.

e) Actions which cause severe public criticism of Stong College.

f) Failure to sufficiently complete the duties and responsibilities as stated in this Constitution.

**6.10** In the case of the resignation or removal of a SCSG member, the procedures for replacement are as follows:

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a) The vacancy must be advertised around the campus at least five (5) days prior to the selection date. If the vacant position is an elected one, then the procedures outlined in By-Law III, Elections, of the Constitution of the SCSG shall be adapted. If the vacant position is an appointed one, the procedures outlined in Article VII, Section 7.2,(I) (appointment of Vice-Chair) shall be adapted.

**6.11** SCSG members under section 6.1 and 6.2 are subject to a probationary period, suspension or deduction of honoraria that may be enforced for actions that do not warrant impeachment.

a) a council member may be placed under probation for committing acts that are outlined in but not limited to section 6.8 of the constitution.

b) the executive President has the power to temporarily suspend a SCSG member until their case can be reviewed by the SCSG at the next SCSG meeting.

c) The SCSG shall give notice of the disciplinary meeting at least 7 days in advance of a meeting at which the issue of discipline will be discussed. Furthermore, the member who is the subject of a notice of discipline shall also be given 7 days notice, and be asked to attend the meeting where the substance of the allegations are being brought forward. At the meeting where, inter alia, the matter the allegations against a member are to be brought forward, a member of the SCSG will read the allegations, and the member against whom the allegations are being made, will have the opportunity to defend against the allegations being brought forward. After all parties have been given a reasonable chance to discuss the issue, the SCSG may proceed with a motion of probation, suspension, or honoraria deduction.

d) After hearing from the SCSG member in question the SCSG will come together at a SCSG meeting to determine a disciplinary action whether it be enforcing a probationary period, suspending the SCSG member from Stong College and or SCSG, deducting or withholding honoraria or a combination of the aforementioned options, or not enforcing any disciplinary action.

e) The length of the probationary period or suspension is determined on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the SCSG as well as the behavior and actions that warrant the successful completion of the probationary period.

f) At the end of the predetermined probationary period the SCSG will meet at a SCSG meeting to determine whether the SCSG member under probation

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has successfully completed the probationary period or whether further disciplinary action will be required

MOVED: Farina

SECONDED: Suri

RESULT: Motion Passes

**B. Motion 2022-04-10: N02  
MOTION TO REPLACE WORDING**

**WHEREAS** the the use of “they/them/their” is quite repetitive in the constitution

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** any instances of “they/them/their” in the constitution be read as “they” throughout the entirety of the constitution

MOVED: Rachitsky    SECONDED: Logan    RESULT: Motion passes

**C. Motion 2022-04-10: N03  
MOTION TO REPLACE WORDING**

**WHEREAS** there are many instances in the constitution that read “her/his” or “his/her” which is not inclusive to all members in our community.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** any instances “her/his” and “his/her” be read as “their” throughout the entirety of the constitution.

MOVED: Clarke

SECONDED: Aban

RESULT: Motion Passes

**D. Motion 2021-12-07: N04**

**MOTION TO CHANGE WORDING UNDER ARTICLE VII: SECTION 7.14 THE DUTIES OF THE YFS DIRECTOR**

**WHEREAS** the YFS Director is responsible for organizing and running SCSG’s annual pride week but may not always be apart of 2SLGBTQ+ community

**WHEREAS** implementing a committee would be beneficial in representing the 2SLGBTQ+ community to help organize events and give input and feedback

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 7.14 h) be changed and read as “To create a committee to organize and plan the SCSG’s annual pride week event. This



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committee should be reflective of the community being served and can include other council members, people from other colleges, constituents, etc.”

MOVED: Clarke      SECONDED: Joseph      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **E. Motion 2021-12-07: N05**

### **MOTION TO ADD CLAUSE UNDER ARTICLE VII SECTION 7.14: DUTIES OF THE YFS DIRECTOR**

**WHEREAS** the YFS director should be responsible to organize and run black history month events at Stong

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 7.14 i) ”be added and read as “ To create a committee to organize and plan the SCSG’s annual Black History Month programming and events. This committee should be reflective of the community being served, which can include other council members, people from other colleges, constituents, etc.,

MOVED: Clarke      SECONDED: Rachitsky  
RESULT: Motion Passes

## **F. Motion 2022-04-10: N06**

### **MOTION TO REMOVE AND REPLACE CLAUSE UNDER 7.3: The Duties of the Vice-President Administration**

**WHEREAS** the role of the Outreach Director and Vice-President of Administration is to maintain office supplies

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.3 j) be read as “To work in collaboration with the Outreach Directors to maintain office supplies”.

MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Charbonneau      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **G. Motion 2022-04-10: N07**

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## **MOTION TO ADD A CLAUSE UNDER SECTION VII ARTICLE 7.3: DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS** the outgoing Vice-President of Administration is responsible for aiding the smooth transition of incoming and outgoing council

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.3 aa) be read as “To ensure council members are prepared for their crossover meeting and the preparation of crossover notes”.

MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Gakhal      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **H. MOTION 2022-04-10: N08**

### **MOTION TO ADD CLAUSE UNDER SECTION VII ARTICLE 7.6: THE DUTIES OF THE PROGRAMMES CHAIR**

**WHEREAS** the introduction of the current SCSG is important to fostering a strong relationship with Stong constituents

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.6 m) be read as “To coordinate an annual “Meet your council event” prior to the end of the fall semester

MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Feldman      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **I. MOTION 2022-04-10:N09**

### **MOTION TO REMOVE AND REPLACE CLAUSE UNDER 7.9: The Duties of the Outreach Director**

**WHEREAS** the Outreach director is responsible for the maintenance of office supplies along with the Vice President of Administration

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.9 F) be read as “To work in conjunction with the Vice President of Administration to ensure all Outreach and office supplies are maintained”.

MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Cole      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **J. MOTION 2022-04-10:N10**

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## **MOTION TO REPLACE CLAUSE UNDER 7.0: The Duties of all SCSG Members**

**WHEREAS** all council members are required to participate in a minimum of 5 intramural sports per semester

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.0 i) be read as “To be a representative of Stong Athletics by participating in a minimum of 4 intramural sports per semester”.

MOVED: Suri                      SECONDED: Rachitsky                      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **K. MOTION 2022-04-10:N11**

### **MOTION TO ADD CLAUSE UNDER 7.2: The Duties of the Vice President of Finance**

**WHEREAS** the role of the Vice President of Finance is to ensure the financial integrity of Stong College

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.2 u) be read as “To ensure that a minimum of 70,000 CAD is in the Stong College bank account by the end of the academic year, in the event that the annual levy does not come through ”.

MOVED: Gill                      SECONDED: Badru                      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **L. MOTION 2022-04-10:N11**

### **MOTION TO REMOVE CLAUSE UNDER 7.7: The Duties of the Commuter Representative**

**WHEREAS** the current constitution states that the position of Commuter Representative currently requires at least one year of experience as a FROSH leader

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.7 II) “The Commuter Rep(s) is/are required to have one year experience as a frosh leader to be eligible to run for this position”, be removed from the constitution

MOVED: Charbonneau                      SECONDED: Banaag                      RESULT: Motion Passes

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## **M. MOTION 2022-04-10:N13**

### **MOTION TO REPLACE WORDING UNDER 7.11: The Duties of the Promotions Chair**

**WHEREAS** the Promotions Chair is responsible for maintaining current information for constituents regarding members of the SCSG

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 7.11 b) be read as “To ensure that all SCSG boards are up to date with all SCSG information, and that all posters are removed within 2 weeks of the conclusion of SCSG Fall Elections”

MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Shippey      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **N. MOTION 2022-04-10:N14**

### **MOTION TO ADD WORDING UNDER ARTICLE VI SECTION 6.5: Membership and Responsibility of SCSG**

**WHEREAS** the current constitution states that all members of the SCSG must hold full-time status, which is not inclusive to all members of the community

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section 6.5 c) be read as “SCSG members must have full-time student status, as deemed by York University”

MOVED: Farina      SECONDED: Charbonneau      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **O. MOTION 2022-04-10:N15**

### **MOTION TO REMOVE AND REPLACE WORDING UNDER By-Law III: ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS** the constitution states that “Properly completed nomination forms shall be filed to the Office of the Head of Stong College”

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Section D.1 be read as “Nomination forms may be obtained in the SCSG Office during the nomination period. Properly completed

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nomination forms shall be filed to the Chief Returning Officer. The names of the nominees shall only become public information directly after the closing of the nomination period. The CRO may modify the deadline for filing of nominations where they reasonably believe circumstances warrant the exercise of this discretionary power.”

MOVED: Farina      SECONDED: Nguyen      RESULT: Motion Passes

## VII. Motion to Adjourn

### A. Motion 2022-04-10: A02

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting is adjourned at 7:43

MOVED: Farina      SECONDED: Poonia      RESULT: Motion  
Passes

# APPENDIX A

## VIII. Call to Order - 7:12

### IX. Land Acknowledgment

### X. Welcoming Remarks

## XI. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

### A. Motion 2021-12-07: A01

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the SCSG be accepted as presented in Appendix A.

MOVED: Farina

SECONDED:Guleria

RESULT: Motion Passes

## **XII. Approval of the Agenda**

### **A. Motion 2021-12-07: PM01**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be accepted as presented in Appendix A.

MOVED: Charbonneau

SECONDED:Guleria

RESULT: motion

passes

## **XIII. New Business**

### **A. MOTION 2021-12-07: N01**

#### **MOTION TO CHANGE WORDING**

**WHEREAS** the position of Commuter Representative is known in the Constitution as ‘Commuter Chair’ and will now read as ‘Commuter Representative’ throughout the constitution to align with its status.

MOVED: Farina

SECONDED:Riaz

RESULT: Motion Passes

### **B. MOTION 2021-12-07: N02**

#### **MOTION TO REPLACE WORDING**

**WHEREAS** the position of Webmaster is known in the entirety of the Constitution as Network Integration Director (Webmaster) and will now read Communications Director to align with its director status.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 6.4 k) be changed to Communications Director and any other subsequent mention of Network Integration Director (Webmaster) in the entirety of the constitution be changed to Communications Director thereof.

MOVED: Rachitsky

SECONDED: Charbonneau

RESULT: motion passes

### **C. Motion 2021-12-07: N03**

#### **MOTION TO ADD CLAUSE UNDER ARTICLE 7.2: DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**

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**WHEREAS** the position of Vice President of Finance is to ensure the financial integrity, and aid in the distribution of honorarium of the SCSG

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 7.2 t) be added and read as “To collect and compile all T4A slips, of all council members”.

MOVED: Gill                      SECONDED: Joseph                      RESULT: Motion Passes

## D. Motion 2021-12-07: N04

### **MOTION TO ADD CLAUSE UNDER ARTICLE VII SECTION 7.12: DUTIES OF THE ORIENTATION CHAIR**

**WHEREAS** the position of Orientation Chair has a demanding workload and warrants a split into two chair positions

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 7.12 point I) be added and state: The selection of the Orientation Chair is able to be split into two chair positions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** If the Orientation Chair Position is split into two chair positions, then the honoraria, duties, and responsibilities of the Orientation Chairs, will be split evenly.

MOVED: Nguyen                      SECONDED: Sahoo                      RESULT: Motion Passes

## E. Motion 2021-12-07: N05

### **MOTION TO REMOVE CLAUSE UNDER SECTION VII ARTICLE 7.3: DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS** the position of Speaker is responsible for the creation of meeting minutes and taking notes of motions, discussions and decisions

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 7.3 s) under Section VII article 7.3, be removed from the duties of the Vice President of Administration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** these duties be transferred to the duties of the Speaker

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MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Rachitsky      RESULT: Motion Passes

## F. Motion 2021-12-07: N06

### **MOTION TO ADD A CLAUSE UNDER ARTICLE VII SECTION 7.16: DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER**

**WHEREAS** the role of the Speaker is to record details of SCSG Meetings

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** A clause is added under Section VII article 7.16 stating the duties of the Speaker pertaining to the meeting minutes of the SCSG

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** these duties state: “During all meetings of the SCSG, the Speaker must present, record, file and distribute accurately detailed: I) detailed meeting minutes of all meetings of the SCSG, II) discussions, III) motions, IV) decisions.”

MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Suri      RESULT: Motion Passes

## G. MOTION 2021-12-07: N07

### **MOTION TO ADD A CLAUSE UNDER SECTION VII ARTICLE 7.3: DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a clause is added under section VII Article 7.3: Duties of the Vice President of Administration

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the duties state: The Vice President of Administration will assist and aid the Speaker in their duties for the meeting minutes of the SCSG

MOVED: Nguyen      SECONDED: Downs      RESULT: Motion Passes

## H. MOTION 2021-12-07: N08

### **MOTION TO CHANGE WORDING**



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**WHEREAS** the position of Promotions Director is known as Promotions Director within the constitution be read as Promotions Chair to align with its status.

MOVED: Joseph      SECONDED: Charbonneau      RESULT: Motion Passes

## **XIV. Motion to Adjourn**

### **A. Motion 2021-12-07: A02**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting is adjourned at 7:31

MOVED: Farina      SECONDED: Ng      RESULT: motion passes