

# Student Group Oversight Restructure

# History

# How things are done now

- Groups choose who to be affiliated with (SU, GSA, DoS)
- SGS handles administration, but DoS has all the decision-making power
- Groups must be recognized by DoS to remain SU groups



# Past issues

- Vague or unreasonable policies and procedures
- Inconsistent timelines and processes
- Poor communication
- Groups left in limbo
- Unfair disciplinary decisions



# Proposed Structure

# Separate SU from DoS

- Oversight and discipline
- Registration and recognition
- Event approval



# Oversight

- Establish a Student Group Committee
- Membership:
  - Two members of Students' Council
  - VPSL and VPA
  - Four Students at Large
  - Two staff members each from the University and SGS
- Mandate:
  - Determinations on registration, event approval, discipline
  - Review of student group bylaws, policies, and procedures

# Registration and Recognition

- Qualifying groups are SU recognized regardless of their status with the University
- Strict timelines will be outlined in bylaw
- Decisions about registration or recognition may go to Student Group Committee as needed or requested





# Event Approval

- Events will be registered with the SU if they require SU venues or insurance coverage
- Such events may be approved and advertised regardless of approval status with DoS
- Strict timelines will be outlined in bylaw
- Decisions about event registration may go to the Student Group Committee as needed

# Appeals

- If an affected party is dissatisfied with an action taken by SGS, they can bring it before the Student Group Committee for reconsideration
- If an affected party is dissatisfied with the Committee decision, they can appeal it to DIE Board
- SGS may also request the Committee make a determination when they are unsure of how to proceed with a group registration or event

# Discipline

- Student Group Code protects groups from unfair disciplinary action
- If a group is thought to have contravened bylaw, the following process will take place:
  - Investigation carried out by staff and reported to Student Group Committee
  - Student Group Committee makes a determination
  - If any involved or affected party is dissatisfied with the outcome, they may appeal it to DIE Board
- Strict timelines will be outlined in Bylaw



# Consultation

# Groups consulted so far

- 2017/18 Bylaw Committee Chair
- 2017/18 Council of Faculty Associations
- Members of DIE Board
- Student group executives



# Feedback received

- Most of the feedback received was incorporated into the suggested bylaw
- See information item for details



# Next Steps

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1. Proposed first and second principles go through Bylaw Committee and Council
2. Additional consultation conducted if necessary
3. Student Group Committee established in May 2019





**Questions?**