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# FROM THE WORKBENCH OF MAX LIGHTSTONE

## MEMO CONCERNING THE RECENT SRA SURVEY

December 23, 2016

Dear members of the assembly,

Recently, following the instructions of the Bylaws and Procedures committee, I took it upon myself to obtain feedback from our constituents regarding the idea of having a limit how frequently the same referendum question can be brought forward. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and of 164 responses from all faculty divisions, 2/3 were in favor of having some sort of limit. I also asked students what they thought the time limit should be, and over 50% said that at least one full academic year should pass before a question can be brought back up. A full academic year is an entire May through April cycle. Two academic years was the next most popular response, at 17.7%. Given this, I would like to ask the B&P committee to develop a change to the bylaws to implement this adjustment.

In this survey, I also asked students their opinions on gender neutral washrooms. When the Sexual and Gender Diversity policy was discussed several weeks ago, it was mentioned that the goal of the MSU is to eventually convert all washrooms on campus to be gender neutral. This was shocking to me since I know that a good portion of students would be very uncomfortable sharing a washroom with people of another gender. Questions concerning both single stalled and multi-stalled washrooms were asked, and in both cases, the results reflected my expectations. 80% of people would like to see all single stalled washrooms be gender neutral, and 80% of people are against have all multi-stalled washrooms be gender neutral. We have a responsibility to represent the views of students, and based on this, I feel that we need to be very clear in not advocating for all washrooms to be gender neutral.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maxwell Lightstone". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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