



# YEAR-END REPORT

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## AVP Internal Governance

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
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SUBJECT: Final Report (SRA 18P)  
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Hello, members of the SRA! Congratulations on making it to the end of the term.

Coming into this role, I wasn't sure what to expect; this position is still relatively new with lots of flexibility in its responsibilities.

In general, the committee focused on reviewing bylaws throughout the year. While it took us a little while to find our groove, we developed an effective system that can be used by future Internal Governance committees if they wish. The template we used will allow for a more consistent and streamlined record of each bylaw review, so that issues discussed in previous reviews can be considered each time, with no need to do all the same research and consultation.

The changes to BYLAW 2- MSU MEMBERSHIP will be brought to the meeting today, and several more will follow at next week's meeting (Bylaws 6, 7/B, and the awards bylaws). These changes are mostly done to reflect current practices of various MSU departments, rather than actually changing the way we are doing things. One of my goals for this year was to update these bylaws so they are accurate and can serve their function reliably. Additionally, I created a yearly bylaw review schedule, to ensure that each bylaw is reviewed regularly without some left behind and others reviewed unnecessarily often.

With a set of consistent, reliable bylaws, and a schedule for reviewing them, future Internal Governance Committees can take on assorted other projects and expand the scope of the role where they see fit.

As I'm sure may other people experience, our focuses shifted quite a bit from when I wrote the committee yearplan as well as my personal yearplan as AVP back in September. While we haven't necessarily stuck to those initial plans, the projects brought to us to work on were exciting opportunities that I'm glad were started. We began work on a potential electoral reform project by researching the student union structure and bylaws of several Canadian universities, laying the foundation for the continuation of this project next year, potentially leading to a vote of confidence system instead of acclaiming uncontested candidates to SRA seats.

As AVP, I took on roles projects outside the committee as well, such as moderating the SRA Facebook page and meeting livestreams, and helping with SRA training. I also worked on improving the transition process by creating a transition report template that

can be used for AVP and SRA positions to ensure that transition reports are thorough, effective, and consistent. Hopefully, some of the gaps in transition that some people experience coming into their roles will be reduced next year. For those who have already looked at the template, I'm open to feedback!

Although I never thought I would say this, I'm looking forward to writing my transition report- I'm very excited to hopefully set the next AVP Internal up for success, as there is so much potential in this role and I'm sure my successor will do excellent things next year. However, the end of my term is not quite here yet, and I am hoping to wrap up a few loose ends in the upcoming weeks.

I'm incredibly grateful for the committee who spent many hours researching bylaws, consulting stakeholders, and trying to ensure that the MSU legislation is as accessible, effective, comprehensible, and accurate as possible.

Best,

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