Proposed Amendment #1
By Anjali Suthakaran

Amend section 5.1 (a) in “Article V: Membership in the Stong Community” of the SCSG constitution

From:

Article V: Membership in the Stong Community
5.1 Membership of Stong College shall be limited to:
a) Undergraduate students enrolled in at least nine (9) credits per semester at York University during the current academic year. As well, Stong College members must be registered with the Registrar’s Office of York University as affiliated members of Stong College. The Office of the Head of Stong College shall rule in cases where questions are raised concerning membership.

To:

5.1 Membership of Stong College shall be limited to:
a) Undergraduate students enrolled in at least three (3) credits minimum per semester at York University during the academic year. As well, Stong College members must be registered with the Registrar’s Office of York University as affiliated members of Stong College. The Office of the Head of Stong College shall rule in cases where questions are raised concerning membership.

Reason:

Students enrolled in 3 credits have membership to Stong College and are still contributing members to the student levy that funds the SCSG. This means that the SCSG is spending money that is being contributed by a student enrolled in 3 credits. Regardless of full-time or part-time status, a student should have the right to decide where their money is spent, and this would allow students who are in positions where they are unable to enroll in more than 3 credits to participate and have a voice over where their money is spent. This is about equity and providing students who currently do not have a voice on our council an opportunity to contribute. Looking into other college constituents some state the council members are only required to be “An undergraduate student at York University, enrolled in at least one course (or “half” course) both at the time of election and the fall/winter session for which the candidate has been elected.” This membership rule is applicable to 5 colleges at York university. This doesn’t take away from how smooth or well other college councils run as well or set less of precedent either. A student shouldn’t need to be defined by the minimum or maximum amount of credits they are taking. A student is defined as an individual who is studying or takes a keen interest in a particular subject and or topic. The YFS who is a representation of the large student body at York University are mainly filled with students who are in minimal credits which for valid reasons being benefits their student organization. Negating someone from being a part of student council due to how many credits they need to be is also potentially forcing a financial and educational hand that may not be benefiting them which can also potentially be deemed discriminatory. I believe that as long as an individual is deemed a student for both semesters, they should be eligible to run and be a part of student council.
**Proposed Amendment #2:**
By Anoke Dunston

Article III: Interpretation
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   a) The Head of the College
   b) SC&LD (Student Community & Leadership Development)

**Proposed Amendment #3**
By Anoke Dunston

8.2 General Meetings
From:

d) At General Meetings, an amendment to the existing constitution may be proposed by following these procedures: I) a complete text of such an amendment must be submitted in writing to the SCSG Chair (Chair of the General Meeting) at least two weeks before the General Meeting at which it is to be introduced. II) Proposed amendments must be posted around the college at least five (5) working days prior to the general meeting in which this amendment will be voted on. III) Voting on an amendment will take place by a show of hands or a vote by ballot. VI) An amendment is considered passed when it has received a majority support of 2/3 or more of the members voting. V) A defeated amendment may not be proposed for the remainder of that academic year.

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Amendment #4
By Anoke Dunston

Article VI: Membership and Responsibility of SCSG: A. Membership of the SCSG

From:
6.5 Every member of the SCSG must be a member of Stong College, and must comply with Article V, Section 5.1(a). If at any point during their terms of office they fail to qualify with Article V, Section 5.1(a), 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.

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b) Immediately following the vacancy, the CRO shall submit an official statement regarding the election timeline within 7 days of the vacant position being announced.

Proposed Amendment #5:
By Kingsley Wong

Article VIII: Government Meetings and Procedures, 8.2 d) General Meetings to reduce the time frame of amendments to be submitted in writing to one week.

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Reasoning:

Amendments to the agenda are posted in writing one week before the Annual General Meeting. The reduced time frame will allow amendments to be submitted on short notice as all Annual General Meetings require two weeks’ notice. Should the Chair call for a meeting on short notice, this will allow all members to submit an amendment for up to a week after the notice of an Annual General Meeting.

**Proposed Amendment #6:**
By Kingsley Wong

Amend Article IX: Policies of the SCSG 9.2d) to include financial statements and itemized receipts for all events and expenditures in order to receive future funding.

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Reason:

The SCSG has strict rules in how it secures funding including submitting a detailed annual financial report compiled by an external auditor. The SCSG would like to see the same level of accountability reflected down the line to any party that is not a part of the SCSG.

**Proposed Amendment #7:**
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Amend Article IX: Policies of the SCSG 9.6 to include further details regarding the expenditure of such funds. In addition, to reduce the amount of funding that the Head of Stong College can receive per annual year.

From:

9.6 The SCSG will put aside a minimum of $5,000 for the Head of Stong College for academic support. A further $5,000 can be given upon approval of a detailed proposal. Also there must be a completed budget given in by December and April of each year so that SCSG can see what the money has been spent on.
To:

9.6 Head of College Funding

a) The SCSG will put aside a minimum of $1,000 for the Head of Stong College for academic support. The Head of Stong College must submit a detailed proposal on what the $1,000 is to be used on by September 30th for the fall semester or January 31st for the winter semester. This detailed proposal is to be voted on and approved before funds are released to the Head of Stong College.

b) In addition, up to a maximum of $10,000 in total per school year can be requested upon approval of another detailed proposal regarding this additional funding by the SCSG council. The SCSG voting members must vote to approve additional funding above the minimum amount put aside for the Head of College office.

c) The Head of Stong College must provide at least one detailed proposal by September 30th to the SCSG council annually in order to receive funding. If the Head of Stong College office requires additional time, this date can be delayed to January 31st. However, funding will not be released until this detailed proposal is submitted and approved.

d) The detailed proposal must include a completed budget. In addition to a complete budget, the Head of College must provide a list of events, list of all other expenditures, and their costs.

f) In order to receive funding for an event or expenditure listed in the detailed proposal, the Head of College office must submit a post-event report and include all receipts, invoices, or signed contracts regarding events or expenditures within one month of the event being held. In addition, an event reconciliation must be submitted alongside events.

g) Funding that is requested for an event or expenditure that is not listed in the detailed proposal will not be funded.

h) The SCSG will publish any detailed proposals submitted on time to the SCSG website, stongcollegesg.com.

Reasoning:

The SCSG has strict rules in how it secures funding including submitting a detailed annual financial report compiled by an external auditor. In addition, all ministries are required to submit budgets and all voting members of council must approve the SCSG All-Ministry Budget in accordance to external auditor requirements. These can be seen in the posted minutes on stongcollegesg.com. The SCSG would like to see the same level of accountability reflected down the line to any party that is not a part of the SCSG. This is about accountability.