



MARIANOPOLIS STUDENT UNION

**MARIANOPOLIS STUDENT UNION
CONGRESS CONSTITUTION**

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*Recognizing the traditional unceded Indigenous lands of the
Kanien'kehá:ka/Mohawk Nation on which the Marianopolis Student Union presides;*

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Article 1: Definitions

- 1.1. **Director:** Executive voting members of MSU Congress when pertaining to the Company's Act chapter C-38 and A-3.01.
- 1.2. **Congress:** The accredited student government of the Marianopolis Student Union. Student Government; therefore, also refers to Congress.
- 1.3. **MSU:** The acronym for the Marianopolis Student Union, which is the association of all registered students at Marianopolis College.
- 1.4. **Academic Standing:** A student's academic performance at the College, i.e. the student's grades. A student is considered to be in Poor Academic Standing (PAS) when the student is on academic probation, as determined by the office of the Associate Academic Dean.
- 1.5. **Active Member:** A member of a Club is considered to be "active" if they participate in a majority of meetings, and if they contribute positively in the Club's activities, as determined by the Club's executives. Each Club must determine the amount of active members that they have. Clubs can provide a reasonable alternative definition of active membership, as some clubs don't have a constitution.
- 1.6. **Congress Office:** The Congress Office is located in room A-159.
- 1.7. **MSU Platforms:** All media outlets controlled by Congress.
 - 1.7.1. **Congress Website:** The Congress Website; is found at msucongress.com and is a source of pertinent MSU information.
 - 1.7.2. **MSU App:** The official MSU mobile application found on the App store and Play store.
 - 1.7.3. **MSU Facebook Group:** The official Facebook Group of the MSU.
 - 1.7.4. **MSU Facebook Page:** The official Facebook page of the MSU where other pertinent information, such as events, will be posted.

- 1.8. ***Exceptional Circumstances***: Circumstances that drastically differ from the status quo and may jeopardize the best interests of the MSU, as determined by Congress.
- 1.9. ***First-Year Students***: Students who are enrolled in the Fall semester as their first semester of CEGEP.
- 1.10. ***Second-Year Students***: Students who have completed one year of studies at Marianopolis College.
- 1.11. ***Upper-Year Students***: Students who are currently enrolled in the Winter semester and intend to be enrolled at the college for the following Fall and Winter semesters.
- 1.12. ***Congress Term***: The term for elected and appointed members of Congress.
 - 1.12.1. ***Winter Term***: The term for members of Congress appointed or elected in the Winter will begin one month after the end of the Winter exam period and end after the exam period of the following academic year. The only exception holds for the Vice-President of Finance's term, which will end on August 1st.
 - 1.12.2. ***Fall Term***: The term for members of Congress appointed or elected in the Fall will be from the time of their election or appointment until the end of the winter semester exam period.
- 1.13. ***Upper-Year Winter Positions (elected or appointed)***: Positions on Congress that are filled (through electoral or application processes) during the Winter semester and held throughout the Winter term. Only Upper-Years are eligible for these positions.
- 1.14. ***First-Year Fall Positions (elected or appointed)***: Positions on Congress that are filled (through electoral or application processes) during the Fall semester and held throughout the Fall term. Only First-Year students are eligible for these positions.
- 1.15. ***Campaign Week***: A week during which election candidates promote their platforms and reach out to voters.
- 1.16. ***Winter Elections***: Electoral procedures for Upper-Year elected positions that occur

towards the end of the Winter semester.

- 1.17. ***Fall Elections:*** Electoral procedures for First-Year elected positions that occur towards the beginning of the Fall semester.
- 1.18. ***Congress Budget:*** A portion of each student's tuition that is allocated to the Marianopolis Student Union. The total amount transferred to Congress by the College will, in turn, fund Congress initiatives, as well as contribute to the financial support of the various clubs in the school.
- 1.19. ***Quorum:*** The minimum number of MSU and/or Congress members required to vote on a given topic.
- 1.20. ***College Committees or Councils:*** Bodies directed by the college made up of representatives of the administration and student body.
- 1.21. ***Congress Committees:*** Bodies chaired by a Congress member made up of members of the MSU.

Article 2: Congress Mission Statement

- 2.1. The mission of Congress is to serve the students' interests by maintaining a peaceful, enriching and enjoyable environment, by fostering education and social growth, by celebrating our cultural diversity, by encouraging charitable endeavors, by promoting environmental awareness and sustainability, by providing available assistance to persons in need, and by representing students within the College and the greater community.
- 2.2. Congress carries out its mission through its mechanisms including, but not limited to:
 - 2.2.1. Promoting and protecting the needs and interests of students through representation on College administrative bodies.
 - 2.2.2. Providing social, cultural, athletic and academic activities that enrich student life.

- 2.2.3. Acting as an advocate and/or representative of its members in the College.
- 2.2.4. Representing MSU as a whole.
- 2.2.5. Representing its members' interests outside the College through participation in various College Committees and Councils.
- 2.2.6. Equitably distributing a significant portion of the MSU Budget to funding club activities and purchases, as seen fit by the Congress.
- 2.2.7. Listening to student concerns and taking action when possible and necessary.

2.3. Congress' responsibilities include:

- 2.3.1. Informing its members, the MSU, of relevant Congress policies and programs.
- 2.3.2. Promoting and maintaining a responsible and democratic student government.
- 2.3.3. Communicating pertinent information that is relevant to the student body.
- 2.3.4. Dedicating time, effort, and resources towards its mission.
- 2.3.5. Ensuring that the MSU acts within the confines of Quebec and Canadian law, respecting and fulfilling the legal responsibilities of a non-profit accredited Student Union.

Article 3: Congress Elections and Appointment Procedures

3.1. Elected and Appointed Positions:

- 3.1.1. Upper-Year Winter elected positions will be filled, through electoral processes, after the Winter Elections.
 - 3.1.1.1. These positions are the President, the Vice-President, the Coordinator of Social Activities, the Coordinator of Social Justice and the Coordinator of

Student Advocacy.

- 3.1.2. Upper-year Winter appointed positions will be filled, through application processes before and during the Campaign Weeks, after the Winter elections.
 - 3.1.2.1. These positions are the Vice-President of Finance and the Coordinator of Communications.
- 3.1.3. First-Year Fall elected positions, through electoral processes, will be filled after the Fall Elections.
 - 3.1.3.1. These positions are the Coordinator of Charities and Volunteering, the Coordinator of Cultural Affairs and the Coordinator of External Affairs.
- 3.1.4. First-Year appointed positions will be filled, through application processes before or during the Campaign Week, after the Fall Elections.
 - 3.1.4.1. These positions are the Coordinator of Internal Affairs, the Administrative Assistant and the Financial Assistant.
- 3.1.5. If Congress does not receive any applicants for a Winter appointed positions, after having extended the application period, the position will be converted into a Fall appointed position for the upcoming term. This position would, however, be only open to Upper-Year Marianopolis students. The President will assume responsibility for the mandate of the missing member or choose to delegate it to another member of Congress.
- 3.1.6. If Congress does not receive any applicants for a Fall appointed positions, the position will be converted into a Winter appointed position for the upcoming term. The President will assume responsibility for the mandate of the missing member or choose to delegate it to another member of Congress.
- 3.1.7. If Congress decides to not fill Winter or Fall appointed positions in Exceptional Circumstances, Congress would follow the same procedure outlined in Articles

3.5.1 and 3.5.2. Such a decision would require a $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority vote of Congress members.

3.1.8. All students appointed to Congress positions or elected to Congress positions must be in good in Academic Standing (i.e. not a PAS student) at the time of their appointment or election, and must maintain good Academic Standing to remain on Congress, or otherwise risk removal from Congress.

3.1.9. Should a Congress member resign or be removed from Congress in accordance with the Congress bylaws before two months of the semester have elapsed, then the position must be filled as soon as possible by either election or appointment depending on the nature of the position. If a member resigns or is removed after two months of the semester have elapsed, then Congress can choose to either appoint a new member according to the appointment procedures, or can keep the position vacant while collectively assuming the responsibilities of the position for the remainder of its term.

3.2. Voting procedure:

3.2.1. All members of the MSU have the right to vote in all Congress elections, and seek election to Congress, as long as all other requirements are met.

3.2.2. The Chief Electoral Officer is responsible for ensuring that all the membership requirements, electoral and appointment requirements, and specific Congress rules are upheld throughout the electoral and appointments processes. When rules are broken, the Chief Electoral Officer must report these violations to the Elections and Referenda Committee.

3.2.3. Students may run for an elected position as well as apply for an appointed position. However, once a candidate is elected, their name will automatically be removed from consideration for any appointed positions.

3.2.4. The President and Vice-President may run in slates but must be voted separately.

- 3.2.5. Each election process must last no longer than seven (7) calendar days.
- 3.2.6. Votes will be counted in accordance to the instant runoff system:
- 3.2.6.1. Each voter may rank candidates in order of preference;
 - 3.2.6.2. Vote tallying will happen in rounds, the first round being voters' first choices, where each round the candidate with the least amount of votes will be eliminated from the count and that candidate's votes will be redistributed to the other candidates based off of second choice, then third, and so forth.
 - 3.2.6.3. In the event of a tie when there are more than two candidates left, the elimination of one of the tied candidates based on relative ranking per individual MSU student ballot will serve as the tie-breaking method.
 - 3.2.6.3.1. Focusing solely on how one tied candidate compares to the other in each student ballot. For instance, if one student ranked Candidate 1 in second place, and Candidate 2 in fourth, Candidate 1 would win one point because they were ranked higher relative to Candidate 2. This vote-tallying process would continue until all voters' ballots have been considered. The candidate with the least amount of points in this tie-breaking process will be eliminated.
 - 3.2.6.3.2. In the event of a tie that cannot be broken with the previous tie-breaking method, the winner of the tie will be determined using an aleatory procedure.
 - 3.2.6.3.2.1. Prior to selecting the winner randomly, if the tie is between two finalists, Congress may hold a vote, that must be unanimous, on submitting a re-vote for the final candidates. If this re-vote also results in a tie, the winner will be determined randomly.
 - 3.2.6.3.3. In the event of an unaccounted elections scenario that is not specified in the Constitution or Congress Bylaws, Congress will call to

order an Election Review Board comprised of the ERC members and 6 random MSU students in no less than 5 days to come up with a solution.

3.2.7. All candidates are allowed to be present during the tallying of votes, or to have a representative of theirs present. The period during which the votes will be tallied must be set prior to the start of the elections by the Elections and Referenda Committee.

3.3. Winter Elections:

3.3.1. Winter elections must begin at least 4 weeks before the start of the General-Education exam week and must end at least two weeks before the start of the College's General-Education exam week.

3.3.2. Winter Elections are comprised of two campaign weeks. The first is dedicated solely to the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, followed by another campaign for all other Upper-Year Winter elected positions. Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates are permitted to run in slates of two.

3.3.3. Winter Elections for Coordinators will take place exactly one week after the announcement of the winners of the Presidential and Vice- Presidential elections. Coordinator candidates are prohibited from running in slates.

3.3.4. Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates may run for and/or apply for Upper-Year Winter positions, but will be removed from consideration if elected.

3.4. Fall Elections:

3.4.1. Fall Elections are comprised of one Campaign Week for all candidates running for First-Year elected positions.

3.4.2. The start of the Fall Elections must take place within twenty days of the start of the Fall Semester.

3.5. General Rules for Campaigning:

- 3.5.1. Campaigning is defined as soliciting votes directly and indirectly (i.e. through posters, T-shirts, etc.) while respecting school property (i.e. vandalism, littering and the like are strictly prohibited). Candidates are prohibited from pressuring an unwilling student to vote for them.
- 3.5.2. Congress will be responsible for creating a written document with the rules and regulations to be followed, which must be made available five school days before any campaigns officially begin. All electoral rules and regulations provided to the candidates before these five days are to be upheld and enforced by Congress, the Chief Electoral Officer, and the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC).
- 3.5.3. Each candidate will be limited to spending of only up to a \$50 value on campaign expenses.
 - 3.5.3.1. In consequence, the spending limit of a slate is of \$100.
 - 3.5.3.2. In cases of needed financial assistance, candidates may apply for a refund of all campaign expenses.
 - 3.5.3.3. Candidates must provide receipts of their spending at the date and time determined by the ERC.
 - 3.5.3.4. The value of all campaign expenses are to be determined by the members of the ERC. The value of the expense will be associated to the lowest non-discount retail value of the good.

3.6. Rules for Endorsements:

- 3.6.1. For an MSU club or Demons Sports team to publicly endorse a candidate, the club must prove by show of evidence that at least two-thirds (2/3) of its active members voted, and that voting members unanimously support the said candidate.
 - 3.6.1.1. The club or Demons Sports team must make available to its members a

Google Form, and only a Google Form, that includes the following three exclusive and mandatory fields: name, student number, yes/no/abstain multiple choice, for each candidate (candidates running in slates of two require a form for each).

- 3.6.1.2. The nature and question of the form must be unbiased.
- 3.6.1.3. The title of the Google Form must include the full name of the candidate being endorsed, and state the position that the candidate is running for.
- 3.6.1.4. The Google Form can only be sent to the club or Demons team members once the Campaign Week of the candidate begins.
- 3.6.1.5. Absence of a legitimate answer to any of the three fields from a voter will result in the annulment of the said member's vote, and will not count in the total tally.
- 3.6.1.6. Candidates are not allowed to vote in any of these Google Forms.
- 3.6.1.7. Upon reaching the two-thirds (2/3) count, the club or Demons Sports team must provide to ERC members proof of the count before publishing the public endorsement. Once the proof is provided, the club may close the Form.
- 3.6.1.8. Until a week from the end of the Elections, Clubs or Demons Sports teams must keep all records of votes and numbers, and have them readily accessible to any ERC inquiries.
- 3.6.1.9. Non-conformity with any of the above guidelines will result in automatic annulment of the endorsement and demerit points attributed to the candidate to the ERC's discretion.
- 3.6.1.10. Congress is not allowed to endorse a candidate, although members are permitted to do so if they express non-affiliation to Congress as a whole.

3.6.1.11. The endorsement must not be opposed by any club or team member prior to sending the results to the ERC.

3.6.1.12. Club or Demons Sports teams are not limited to endorse only one (1) candidate.

3.7. Appointments:

3.7.1. The process of appointments must last no longer than seven consecutive days.

3.7.2. The appointments will occur within 30 days from the due date of applications submissions and end when the decision has been rendered by the selection committee.

3.7.3. Interviews will be started no later than 1 week after the application submission deadline.

3.7.4. The selection committee reserves the right not to interview all applicants.

3.7.5. If students deem a candidate unqualified for the position they have been appointed to, they may follow referendum procedure to address their concerns.

3.7.6. The confirmed nominees for appointments must be decided upon no more than three school days after the last interview. Since applicants that have been nominated could be running for an elected position that would remove them from consideration for the appointed position, decisions regarding nominees must be confidential between the members of Congress and only released once the election results are to be released as well.

3.7.7. Election results, number of votes cast for every Election candidate, and appointment results must be released simultaneously to the MSU and remain available for a minimum of three days.

3.8. Selection Committees:

- 3.8.1. The selection committee for Upper-Year Winter Position appointments will consist of the following: the President, the Vice President of Administrative Affairs, the outgoing holder of the position in question, the President elect and the Vice-President elect.
- 3.8.2. The selection committee for First-Year Fall Position appointments will consist of the following: the President, the Vice-President, and three rotating Congress members of those either elected during the Winter Elections or appointed during the Winter Appointments.

Article 4: Student Referenda, Opinion Polls, Strikes, and Protests

4.1. Petitions:

- 4.1.1. Petitions must follow a specific format in order to be recognized by Congress.
 - 4.1.1.1. The purpose of the petition should be clearly stated.
 - 4.1.1.2. The full name, student ID and signature of students are required.
- 4.1.2. If one hundred members of the MSU sign a petition regarding a Congress or Administrative action, then the President of Congress must call for a General Assembly no later than two weeks after the receipt of the petition. The GA must address the issue relating to the petition.

4.2. Referenda:

- 4.2.1. Steps Required for a Student Referendum to Pass
- 4.2.2. At least one hundred members of the MSU must sign a petition requesting a referendum regarding a Congress or College action. Congress will then call for a

GA, following the aforementioned petition procedure.

- 4.2.2.1. The President and the Chair of the Assembly will introduce the issue that the referendum addresses at the GA
 - 4.2.2.1.1. Two speakers for the referendum and two speakers against will be invited to present their points, with a speaking time determined by the chair.
- 4.2.3. The GA votes on whether a referendum should be issued. This requires a simple majority to pass.
- 4.2.4. If running a referendum passes, the referendum must run on Omnivox no more than two days after the GA vote.
 - 4.2.4.1.1. Polls must remain open for a minimum of eight hours.
 - 4.2.4.1.2. Congress is required to issue the referendum immediately after the GA if the issue at hand is deemed urgent enough.
 - 4.2.4.1.3. Polls may be shortened or extended in exceptional circumstances within reason.
 - 4.2.4.1.4. A majority of 50% +1 is required for the referendum to pass.
 - 4.2.4.1.5. The decision of a referendum is binding on Congress if 25% or more of the students of the MSU vote.
- 4.2.5. When a student referendum passes, Congress will endorse the decision and present the result of the referendum as well as all other pertinent information to the College. Congress will strongly encourage the Administration to act in accordance to the referendum.
 - 4.2.5.1. If the referendum passes a student strike and/or protest, Congress will endorse and support it.

4.3. Opinion Polls:

- 4.3.1. MSU students are permitted to run various polls regarding the student's opinions, including on the MSU Facebook Group.
- 4.3.2. Polls on the MSU Facebook Group must adhere to the regulations of that platform.

Article 5: The General Assemblies of the members of the MSU

- 5.1. All registered students of Marianopolis College are sitting members of its General Assemblies with the right to attend, speak, and vote.
- 5.2. A General Assembly (GA) must be publicized at least ten school days prior to it taking place.
- 5.3. The Chair of the GA will be the Coordinator of Student Advocacy.
 - 5.3.1. Their responsibilities during the GA include, but are not limited to:
 - 5.3.1.1. Ensuring that the GA runs smoothly and efficiently.
 - 5.3.1.2. Informing the voters on the details of the contents of the agenda and GA procedure.
 - 5.3.1.3. Addressing the concerns of the voters.
 - 5.3.1.4. Presenting the GA agenda.
 - 5.3.1.5. Presenting the constitutional amendments.
 - 5.3.2. The Chair does not vote on matters at the GA.
- 5.4. The President of the Assembly will be the President of Congress. Their responsibilities include those of the Chair, as well as leading voting procedure.
 - 5.4.1. Excluding tie-vote procedure, the President of the Assembly does not vote on

matters at the GA.

- 5.5. In an exceptional circumstance that results in the President being unable to or being prohibited from attending the GA, the Coordinator of Student Advocacy will assume the role of President of the Assembly.
- 5.6. In an exceptional circumstance that results in the Coordinator of Student Advocacy being unable to or prohibited from attending the GA, or in the aforementioned case that they are required to be President of the Assembly, the Vice-President will assume their responsibilities.
- 5.7. The agenda for the Assembly will be set by the President of Congress strongly based on the recommendations of Congress and the MSU.
- 5.8. All members of the MSU may speak at a General Assembly.
- 5.9. Members must be present in order to exercise their right to vote. Voting will take place by a show of hands, or by secret ballot if necessary. In the case of a tie, voting will be redone without the option of abstention. If there is still a tie, the President of the Assembly is required to vote in order to break the tie.
- 5.10. The required quorum is sixty members of the MSU.
- 5.11. No Club meetings and activities are permitted during a Bi-Annual General Assembly.
- 5.12. General Assemblies may be called in the following situations:
 - 5.12.1. At Congress' discretion.
 - 5.12.2. At the request of members of the MSU, who may make such a request through the use of a petition.
 - 5.12.3. On a bi-annual basis, in the form of a Bi-Annual General Assembly (BAGA), during an Activity Period.

- 5.13. A General Assembly can serve to deal with the following:
- 5.13.1. Poll or vote on issues of interest.
 - 5.13.2. Inform the Union of College and Congress policies relevant to them.
 - 5.13.3. Advertise positions available to MSU members in Congress or its affiliated organizations.
 - 5.13.4. Opt by simple majority, to affiliate or disaffiliate the Student Union from any other organization.
 - 5.13.5. Opt by simple majority, if it deems advisable, to hold a referendum on any question, subject to the provisions on referenda outlined in the Constitution and Congress Bylaws.
 - 5.13.6. Approve changes to the Constitution, Congress Bylaws and/or Club Bylaws with a two thirds majority.
- 5.14. In the case that a GA ends without all the points on the agenda being addressed, Congress can choose to extend the GA on a different date. The extension must occur a maximum of six weeks after the GA.
- 5.15. Congress must hold Bi-Annual General Assemblies (BAGA):
- 5.15.1. The first BAGA is held after Fall Elections and no later than six weeks after them.
 - 5.15.2. The second BAGA is held after Winter Elections and no later than three weeks after them.
 - 5.15.3. BAGAs must include a constitutional review, approving changes to the Constitution, Congress Bylaws and/or Club Bylaws with a two thirds majority.
- 5.16. A decision made that changes the MSU's legal standing as an accredited student

union must be approved at a General Assembly that meets the following requirements:

- 5.16.1. Quorum will be set at $\frac{1}{4}$ of MSU members.
- 5.16.2. A $\frac{2}{3}$ supermajority is required for the decision to be adopted.

Article 6: College Committees

6.1. Any MSU (or Congress) member that is in Good Academic Standing can potentially be appointed by Congress through a majority vote of Congress members to represent the MSU on a College Committee.

6.1.1. The appointment process of all College Committee members from the MSU is at the discretion of Congress members and must be voted upon.

6.2. Specific Congress members are required to be an MSU representative on certain College committees:

6.3. The MSU's one representative on the College's Financial Committee will be the Vice-President of Finance, the Financial Assistant, or their delegate.

6.4. Of the MSU's two representatives on the Board of Governors, one will be the President of Congress and one will be the Vice-President, provided they are 18 years or older. If not, they will be replaced by a Congress member of age until they turn 18.

6.5. Of the MSU's two representatives on the Anti-Harassment Education Committee, one will be the Coordinator of Student Advocacy and one will be a member of the MSU.

6.5.1. The MSU's three representatives on the Academic Council will be the Coordinator of Student Advocacy, and two other members of the MSU. It is highly encouraged for MSU members on the Academic Council to be enrolled in different programs.

6.5.2. Of the MSU's two representatives to the Sexual Violence Policy Committee, one will be the Coordinator of Student Advocacy and one will be the Coordinator of Social Justice.

6.5.3. Representatives of a College Committee are allowed to delegate their position on a College Committee to a member of Congress to assume their role.

Article 7: Congress Committees

7.1. Any MSU (or Congress) member that is in Good Academic Standing can potentially be appointed by Congress through a majority vote of Congress members to be a part of a Congress Committee.

7.1.1. The appointment process of a Congress Committee member is at the discretion of the Chair of the committee.

7.2. The Chairs and the required Congress member representatives of Congress committees are specified in the Congress Bylaws.

Article 8: Financing Students

8.1. Any member of the MSU who requests financial support to attend or participate in an educational trip or conference should make their request to the Financial Committee.

8.2. In order for the trip, or conference, to be considered as educational, it must meet at least one of the following criteria:

8.2.1. The trip consists of attending a conference.

8.2.2. The trip contributes to the student's understanding of a specific course's content.

8.2.3. The trip is volunteer based.

8.2.4. The trip contributes to the improvement of one's skills (e.g. cooking lessons, language camp, etc...)

8.2.5. The trip is endorsed by the College.

8.3. Funds will be allocated at the discretion of the Financial Policy Committee based on available resources.

8.3.1. Each student can be granted a maximum of \$500.

8.3.2. A student may request for funding only once, exceptional circumstances notwithstanding.

8.4. Students who receive financial support must provide evidence to Congress to account for their experiences.

Article 9: Amendments to the MSU Constitution, Congress Club Bylaws and/or Congress Bylaws

9.1. Suggested Amendments

9.1.1. The Coordinator of Student Advocacy, MSU students, and other Congress members may move for amendments to the MSU Constitution, Congress Bylaws, and/or Congress Club Bylaws.

9.1.2. MSU Students submit Suggested Amendments by providing them to the Coordinator of Student Advocacy.

9.2. All Suggested Amendments must be then introduced to the Constitutional Review Committee.

9.3. Proposed Amendments:

9.3.1. The Constitutional Review Committee, as described in the Congress Bylaws,

must decide which Suggested Amendments should be brought to the next GA as Proposed Amendments.

9.3.2. If a Congress member disagrees with a Proposed Amendment, they can voice their opinion to the Constitutional Review Committee, as well as vote at the Constitutional Review in the GA.

9.4. If a Congress member has a personal opinion that contradicts a Proposed Amendment presented at a GA, it must be clearly expressed in a way that is not affiliated to Congress as a whole.

9.5. Passed Amendments:

9.5.1. Proposed Amendments to the MSU Constitution can be passed at a General Assembly with a two-thirds majority vote of attending MSU members.

9.5.2. If a Proposed Amendment is passed, it turns into a Passed Amendment.

9.5.3. Congress must integrate Passed Amendments into the Constitution, Congress Bylaws, and/or Club Bylaws no later than 6 weeks after they have been voted on.

9.6. If a Passed Amendment is immediately necessary to the well-being and functioning of the MSU and/or Congress, they must be integrated no later than 24 hours after they have been passed.

9.7. Amendments proposed by Directors of the Marianopolis Student Union follow the procedures outlined in article 185.3 of the Corporations Act (C-38)

Article 10: Access to Information

10.1. Should any member of the MSU seek information about Congress and its activities, they are encouraged to directly contact a member of Congress.

- 10.2. Any request for access to information must outline the motivation behind the request.
- 10.3. Any request for access to information must be provided no later than ten days after the request, unless it is rejected for a reasonable motive by a unanimous vote by Congress.
 - 10.3.1. If the request is rejected, the Coordinator of Student Advocacy must notify the MSU member immediately and inform them of the reasonable motive through which Congress rejected the request.
- 10.4. Any member of the MSU may attend the weekly Congress meeting if a formal request is submitted at least twenty-four hours before the meeting is scheduled to occur.

Article 11: The MSU Facebook Group

- 11.1. The administrators of the MSU Facebook Group consist of the President, Vice-President, and the Coordinator of Communications.
- 11.2. Any member of the MSU who is part of the official MSU Facebook Group is subject to a set of rules and regulations of which they must abide by in practicing appropriate conduct:
- 11.3. All members must refrain from the expression of comments of a crude, disrespectful, or unfair nature.
 - 11.3.1.1. The statement of commentary deemed as Hate Speech (as defined in Article 1) will not be tolerated in keeping with the values and mission of the student union.
 - 11.3.2. Posts or comments published on the MSU Facebook Group must be true and genuine in nature, without the intent to falsify or mislead members of the MSU.
- 11.4. The administrators of the MSU Facebook Group are tasked with the approval and

enforcement of appropriate conduct on the MSU Facebook Group.

- 11.5. The Coordinator of Communications must approve posts made by Congress members regarding Congress activities on the MSU Facebook Group. It is encouraged that the Coordinator of Communications post on behalf of Congress and its members when necessary.