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Item No: 5
Topic: Election of Deputy Chairperson
Status: For Decision
Meeting: Wednesday, 9 November 2022
Sponsor: Clerk of the MSU Student Senate, Dillon Grace

Election of Deputy Chairperson

Background:

Pursuant to Article 8.9 of the MSU Constitution 2019, the Student Senate shall elect from one of its number no later than at its second meeting a Deputy Chairperson. The Deputy Chairperson shall act if the Speaker is temporarily incapacitated and shall not receive any remuneration. The Deputy Chairperson shall act in an independent capacity.

The duties and authority of the Deputy Chairperson are described in Standing Order 12 and include the following:

- While the Deputy Chairperson (or a temporary Chairperson) is in the Chair they shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Speaker by these Standing Orders, and the MSU Constitution, 2019; save as may be otherwise provided therein.
- Approval of Letters of Recognition of new Caucuses wishing to be recognised as per Standing Order 110.2.
- Recognition of new members to caucuses on receipt of notification of such member wishing to join a stated caucus.
- Recognition of resignations from caucuses.
- Maintenance of the Caucus Roll Book.
- Chairing of the first Academic Affairs Caucus meeting.
- Chairing of a caucus meeting when a caucus leader has been removed.
- Organisation and maintenance of the Working Group of Caucus Leaders as per Standing Order 121.

And other duties as detailed in the Standing Orders of the MSU Student Senate.

The procedure for electing a Deputy Chairperson is described in Standing Order 11. In order to be successfully nominated for the position of Deputy Chairperson the nominee must:

- obtain the signatures of five members of the Senate nominating the nominee as the Deputy Chairperson
- deliver these nominations to the Clerk for review, no later than three days before the sitting of the Senate in which the election is scheduled to take place.

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As per Standing Order 19 no Executive member of Maynooth Students' Union (MSU) may act as Speaker of the Student Senate. Similarly, either can any member of the Board of Trustees.

Request:

That the MSU Student Senate select a Deputy Chairperson from its membership in accordance with the Standing Orders of the MSU Student Senate.