Appendix XIII Policy Revision Form

Instructions:
The purpose of this form is to present proposed policy amendments or additions in an explicit and standard manner. Members of the Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver wishing to make policy amendments or additions for Council approval must use this form. Consultation with the Code and Policy Committee is strongly recommended to ensure that the language and style reflects that of the current policy manual. The Committee can be emailed at info@gss.ubc.ca. As per bylaw 13.1.4 and policy 1.2.1, notice of a proposed policy amendment or addition must be posted on the Society’s website and emailed to all Council members at least seven days prior to the motion at Council. For assistance with this, please contact the Executive Assistant at info@gss.ubc.ca.

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What type of change is this?
Amending an existing policy
Addition of a new policy
Removal of a policy

Original Policy #: 7.7.1, 7.7.2, 7.9.2

New Policy # (if applicable): (same)

Proposed Revised Policy:

7.7.1 Council may elect a Committee Chair by ordinary resolution from among the members of the committee who are either Councillors or Ordinary Members.
7.7.2 If Council does not elect a chair within 60 days of the position becoming vacant, then a Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members who are also members of Council, unless a different procedure has been included in the Committee’s Terms of Reference.
7.9.2 Council may by special resolution remove a member of a Committee, including the chair, if the member to be removed has been given written notice of the motion ten days before the Council meeting, including reasons for which their removal is being considered.

Rationale Behind Proposed Changes:

The procedure for electing a committee chair does not specify parameters from which Council can elect a chair, nor specify a time limit before a Committee may bypass Council and elect its own chair.
CPC has performed consultation to determine the appropriate parameters to be specified for this election (including inviting the input of chairs, and circulating a summary presentation to Executives and Councillors in March)

The ability of Council to remove a chair should also be clarified