



**SSMU Legislative Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11<sup>th</sup> 2012**

1) Call to Order

At 7:26pm Chair Nizam called the session to order.

2) Attendance

The attendance was circulated.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

It was moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to add move speaker Kerry Blake-Savery to the end of the agenda. The agenda was amended.

4) Approval of the Minutes – 09/27/12

The spelling of Councillor Boytinck was corrected from Boeting. The spelling of Councillor Giannakakis's name was corrected from Fiannakakis. Chair Nizam asked Councillors to send spelling errors directly to the speaker or the Recording Secretary.

5) Report of the Steering Committee

President Redel stood for questions.

Vice-President Dinel asked President Redel to elaborate on why we're visiting Mac Campus. President Redel said that we wanted to start doing roaming councils. We don't represent students that go here, but MCSS represents students that work with the same administrators that we do. It's interesting to look at the context in which students attend Mac Campus and how MCSS represents students in different ways from SSMU. Also, students at mac campus tend to spend some time on the downtown campus and partake in SSMU clubs and services.

Councillor Rosentzveig asked why Councillors got the message about meeting at Mac Campus only 30 hours in advance.

President Redel said that Councillors have to be at Council anyway.

The report was approved.

6) Guest Speakers

a. David Gray-Donald, SSMU Sustainability Coordinator

David said he works full time as sustainability coordinator. All undergrads input SSMU to pay him to do this stuff. It's important to share what he's doing. The establishment of sexual assault centre, the establishment of the senate subcommittee on women, and the institute for gender, sexuality, and feminist studies all happened because of student advocacy. Also, students camped out on the lower field of the downtown campus so that



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McGill would adopt an environmental policy, and in 2001 such a policy was passed. Students voted to support a sustainability projects fund in 2009 for student faculty and staff to create a culture of sustainability at McGill. The fund started in 2010 and has been doing great work to grant funding. However, the director was incompetent and fired in 2011. Because of the Director's lack of engagement, there is no plan for creating a culture of sustainability. So, there's a policy and lots of money but no community sustainability strategy. Under Maggie Knight and with Mr. Gray-Donald's input, there was a sustainability policy passed through council last year. Vision 2020 is an initiative by the Office of Sustainability which started in February. There has been an analysis about how the Office of Sustainability works at McGill. There are five working groups that any student or Councillor could join. The working groups cover areas of the university in which we want to see sustainability happening –the operations of the University, research (what we're studying), education (what we're learning), connectivity, and governance and administration. Three of the upcoming meetings for these committees are happening in the SSMU building and the others are happening in the basement of MacLennan Library. Mr. Gray-Donald stood for questions.

Councillors Nam asked where all of the money went since there was no strategy.

Mr. Gray-Donald said that anyone in the community can apply for funding. There are two undergraduate students two downtown, one from mac and it's chaired by Jim Nicell. They review the application to assess whether it's going to build a culture of sustainability or not. \$1.7 million has been advocated to projects. Vision 2020 is an SPF funded project. A lot of things get proposed and are implemented through the fund, but there is no particular strategy.

Nam asked what percentage of projects that are funded come from the downtown campus.

Mr. Gray-Donald says he doesn't know but there were annual reports produced in 2011, 2012, and there was a report recently. Lillith Wyatt will be coming to another meeting of Council to discuss that.

Mr. Gray-Donald was thanked for his presentation.

## 7) Announcements

President Redel said that the second Board of Directors will be happening next Thursday at their Council. The GA is on Monday. It will be awesome. He has not seen a lot of emails back about participation in that it will be handing out a sign-up sheet. As long as you don't have an exam he is happy to be there

Councillor Lam announced that since there is arts and science seat on SSMU Council, the Arts and Science faculty is looking into having a seat on senate. They are proposing a referendum question to amend one of the SSMU bylaws in the bylaw book that if there is any vacant seat after extended nomination period, that should be allotted to arts and science. He would prefer that those not in arts, science, or management sign this so that many people who are in different faculties sign it.



VP Cooper said that culture shock is happening October 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. It's a week of really cool anti-racist programming including immigrant issues and migrant justice and is co-sponsored by QPIRG and SSMU.

VP Reid-Fraser said that a conference called Power Shift is happening from October 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, a youth climate action conference in Ottawa/Gatineau to have a national conference and will include students who have been doing media work, campaigns, and research. There will be a bus leaving from McGill on Friday and coming back Monday. The website is [wearepowershift.ca](http://wearepowershift.ca) and the registration is \$45. For a group of more than 10 people, the group is awarded 15% off. Vice-President Reid-Fraser can direct you to someone to get that discount and get you on the bus.

Councillor Chaim said that the SUS charity fair is happening next week. N64 super Mario tournament is happening, including a club night at Tokyo benefitting head and hands. Head and hands supports underprivileged youth who have social and medical issues.

Vice-President Dinel said the consolation fair is happening on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm in Redpath hall. You can register at [mcgill.ca/consultation](http://mcgill.ca/consultation). You can pick which specialized tables you want to go to. There are concrete ways in which this will be brought back to the University and actually be used. Also, Vice-President Dinel highly recommends that you attend senate. There will be an update on the asbestos investigation, Dean Manfredi's report, and the admin's response on the principal's taskforce on diversity, excellence, community engagement.

Colleen Morawetz said the AUS is hosting OctoberhAUS tomorrow night  
Councillor Nizam asked if there will be steins.  
Councillor Morawetz said yes.

#### 8) Question Period

Seeing no questions, Chair Nizam moved forward with the agenda.

#### 9) New Business

- a. Motion Regarding Referendum Question Regarding Increase of the SSMU Base Fee Towards the McGill Student Emergency Response Team

VP Cooper read out the Resolved clauses.

Councillor Guan asked if there's a detailed report on what MSERT is using the money for.  
VP Cooper said that they're expanding their available hours and they were interviewed about how they want to add a meal plan for volunteers who are doing overnight shifts. The increase in the fee will correlate to an expansion to what they do already.

Councillor Shamji Asked what MSERT is.

VP Cooper explained that the McGill Students Emergency Response Team used to be McGill First Aid Service, but they were forced to change their name as of last year's MOA. They help out at events, like frosh, and they save lives.



VP Szpejda moved to the previous question.

Chair Nizam explained voting procedure for the new Councillors.

With a vote of 21 for, 2 against, and 1 abstention, this motion passed.

10) Reports by Committees

a. Executive Committee

President Redel stood for questions.

Councillor Dziadyk asked him to elaborate on the Executive's position on the question report. President Redel said that the Executive hasn't had a chance to expand on it.

Councillor Nam asked where the new printer is going

President Redel said that as part of the archiving process, SSMU needs a machine that is useful and makes the resulting pdfs text searchable. An attachment would have cost a lot—refinancing the machine we have now would not be economical. GMG said that the yearly amount split quarterly for a total of 60 months of the lease.

11) Reports by Executives

a. VP University Affairs

VP Dinel clarified the indigenous studies researcher position. Just to clarify, the program was approved of in principal and it has not yet come to the Dean. It was proposed to the academic policy committee and has to go through a university process not just a faculty process. They are looking for content right now. If you are interested in contributing, please contact her. Their first APC meeting of the year was excellent. Senate Steering happened on Tuesday. Senators will be working really hard this week and next and they will also be working at the consultation fair. Regarding Dean Manfredi's report she is a co-chair on a committee with Lydia white. Tell her about any changes you'd like to see. Changes have been proposed but not brought officially to senate. Jane Everett sent those changes to different committees. A lot of what she wrote was written before last year and what was written before last year sounds bad when you take into account what happened last year. Dean Manfredi's report will help to inform the content. The link is in her report about how to register for the consultation fair. For the SSMU daycare, there was a funding meeting. Daycare bursaries are allotted every year, and there is up to \$15,000 given to parents. It's a great program. Mental health week was last week and there will be a debrief meeting soon. The Quartier de L'Innovation (QI) is a partnership between McGill, Ecole Polytechnique, and the city of Montreal. It's in the area of Griffintown and they want to make it a social community/technically advanced area. There are some problems but right now they're trying to figure out the content that they'd like to put in the QI. She will be explaining the project as it develops.

b. VP Clubs and Services

VP Cooper said there was more debriefing on activities night. How to make fall activities night better and winter activities night including different clubs each night could be good to make it



happen in the winter. Thanks to General Manager Gervais for making sure projects in the building are happening. The green corner looks beautiful. The musicians collective space will be renovated. There are a lot of fake tree trunks and stuff in that space right now, from the theater groups that were in there before. Half of the room will be players and savoy and the other half will be the musicians collective. They had space in the sub-basement under some of the other space. The co-curricular record is important to highlight and the CKUT GA was really nice last night. The co-curricular record project was being promoted by Anushay Khan (the Vice-President Clubs and Services two years ago). Because of a lot of stuff that was going on last year, there wasn't a lot of involvement from students. You can see the updates online. They want SSMU clubs and services on this management system, but VP Cooper would like SSMU to have a co-control of the system (with McGill). There have been some conflicts that are going on with setting up the co-curricular record, and events like QM's rad sex week would probably be excluded from the record. Nida Nizam said that the date of the thing depends.

Councillor Dziadyk asked if the work on the reservoir is happening. VP Cooper said that only one of the things is fully functioning right now. There was feedback from the public. They are not sure how they're going to fit ambulances while the roads are happening. They are starting with Pine, Penfield, and they will tear up MacTavish. That's why they're hesitant on doing a lot of stuff on MacTavish. They were worried about it happening this fall.

Councillor Rosentzveig asked for elaboration with SACOMSS and harassment policies. VP Cooper said that the A-Branch is the advocacy branch to lobby McGill. They are working with departments on making an equity statement incorporated into McGill's mission and public statements including sexual harassment response procedures. They have a system with assessors and did a lot of work trying to get them to update things. They would like it to be the correct assessor's names and they would like to increase resources. She said that you should get in touch with the A Branch for more information.

c. VP External

VP Reid-Fraser said that the big thing that she's been emailing people about is the education summit being planned by the Quebec government to hold a post-secondary education summit in Quebec. It has been up in the air as to what that's going to look like and how it would take place. She's hearing that it's likely to be in February. FEUQ is asking for this to happen in the first 100 days after the PQ election, but that would be very soon. A similar thing could happen on McGill campus to lead up to that summit. University governance, research, roles of international and out-of-province students studying in Quebec and studying in English she would like to have a process doing smaller discussion groups. Seeing students who don't necessarily take part in big debates and weren't necessarily heard when we were talking about tuition increases next year. She has been talking with Errol at PGSS and is working together to find out how they can work together. She can't expect everyone to be working on this and how best to reach students—some of the issues are going to be important. There will be a meeting for the community ambassador's project on Thursday. Community engagement day happened on Friday and it was really wonderful. She had a great time picking up garbage with music students and had a nice discussion. There was a good meeting with



TaCEQ about internal and external communications and creating visibility for TaCEQ. There was a teach-in on Wednesday at the Y-intersection about the Iran war and McGill's relationship with military research. It was well done and information was quite comprehensive.

Councillor Rosentzveig asked if the summit happens and TaCEQ sits at it, what is the input coming from SSMU

TACEQ works from the ground up and the different positions and McGill as an anglophone institution will have different things to say. There will be a bigger conversation about what the format will be. They will try to get strong mandates from consultation bodies with a summary of some of the positions

Councillor Morawetz asked if the TaCEQ meeting was well attended by McGill students. VP Reid-Fraser said no, she's never put it on the listserv that it's a TaCEQ meeting. She hopes to find a better way to connect students here to TaCEQ. It was herself and the political attaché for SSMU. Councillor Dziadyk also came to say hi.

Councillor Morawetz asked if VP Reid-Fraser is looking for further consultative bodies where she would get input on what to say to TaCEQ.

VP Reid-Fraser said that students might be interested in checking out the larger events. Because most of the membership is around Quebec City, if TaCEQ has ideas those will come back to campus. VP Reid-Fraser hopes that Councillors with ideas about engagement could help her to work on it.

Councillor Nam said that for the education summit it might be more helpful to have an online questionnaire instead of asking people to respond in person.

VP Reid-Fraser said yes, there will be surveys about it.

Councillor Zidel asked if it's possible to have that section of the report to be referred to the policy committee.

Chair Nizam said that is not in order at this time, but during an open period in session, Councillors could recommend that they work with said committee to develop a strategy for the education summit.

Councillor Zidel said that it seems like a policy-heavy thing, so will the external affairs committee be involved?

VP Reid-Fraser said that 's a really good suggestion. The external affairs committee could be in contact through E-mail about it.

#### d. VP Internal

VP Szpejda said that there will be a digital version for Old McGill available in the future. Books aren't being purchased as they were in the past. He will sit down with Old McGill staff and see if they're able to work on this. If anyone wants a print format they could get that printed. If they really want a print copy they could get it for \$75 which has been a big reason why they haven't been sending many. He will have a draft of the Social Media Policy next time.



e. VP Finance and Operations

VP Briggs said that in the budget for frosh they have paid for most of the faculties. The 4Floors budget has been made with Mike. The SSMU budget process is on track and final reports were reconciled this afternoon. They will be soon coming to Council. Club management and audit revisions will be happening. Services are going through making budgets for the first time this semester. He has no sales figures from Gerts and Gertrude's this time, but those will be coming up soon. There is a second floor tenant meeting to talk about what's been going on thus far. The operations management committee is meeting tomorrow to start a feasibility study for student-run café. They put the fun in funding committee last night. VP Briggs sat for questions.

Councillor Nam asked what's happening with finance committee

VP Briggs said that a meeting will be arranged for sometime next week.

Councillor Rosentzveig asked if there's an approximate date for the clubs documents for funding.

VP Briggs said that they should be up tomorrow if they're not up today.

f. President

President Redel said that the JBoard has 5 members and is still full. He's not sure how much longer they're planning on working on that. Contrary to popular belief, the AUS case is going to be ratified by the JBoard, because it is within the AUS constitution that the decision lies. Once the JBoard makes its decision it is final and binding. The mobile handbook was launched yesterday. It is fairly mediocre. It's an unfortunate way to learn that we need to find a better solution. He will send the company info about how they completely ripped us off. [Ssmuhandbook.ca](http://Ssmuhandbook.ca) is the address for the handbook. The Presidents' roundtable will happen in 2 weeks. He's not sure where the next one will be. The one after that will be in the faculty of Law. President Redel will be compiling a list of 10 things SSMU does for you, to disseminate to each President. You should check out the GA website. [Ssmu.ca/ga](http://Ssmu.ca/ga) is an awesome website. Thanks to the secretary general for taking his entire weekend to do that. President Redel said that Councillors will be out in the streets on campus tomorrow and Monday canvassing to tell people about the GA. At 4 and 4:15 pm the speakers will be giving info about Robert's rules and how to participate productively. (There will be food and coffee but it's not being advertised yet.) The forces avenir gala happened last week. There were a few McGill groups at the gala. A mac campus group went and an individual student was there. An individual won an \$8000 bursary and each SSMU club that went got \$2,000. He was surprised at the question that Board members posted to administration. He proposed the student activities fair idea to the Chair and the secretary general. It was received with lukewarm reception. He is excited to see that take form. He will be reporting on campus community. He will be working on a new project with DAR on retirees and old staff. They also like to come home and see people who they used to work with. It would be great to have them come back and have an environment that welcomes that. Students in residences develop residences and after they leave. He is working with DAR on the athletics fund and library improvement fund that go through the Alumni office. They want to come up with better programs to show what the library improvement fund does and how it happens.



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Councillor Chaim asked if President Redel tell Councillors when he is going to videotape Council in the future, so that Councillors could be more prepared.

President Redel said he will do so.

The President was thanked for his report.

10) Question Period

There were no questions.

12) Guest Speaker Nick

He said welcome to nick, he is the VP Finance of MCSS the mac campus students' society. They work with PGSS more. All grads of Mac are PGSS and MCSS members . this campus only has 1,950 approx students. Biggest campus in Canada area-wise and the administration tends to be a bit looser. The macdonald side of the administration. Their chief of security was just riding a mechanical bull while drinking a beer. But don't have as much student services and health care here. They do basically the same thing as SSMU and sometimes the committees get moved here but mostly they do not. The students of the school of environment can be registered at mac or downtown. Sometimes members are MCSS or SSMU but use the same services and facilities. He asked for questions.

He was thanked.

Come ride the mechanical bull if you're willing. It's stampede tonight.

6) Guest Speaker

a. Kerry Blake-Savery, President of MCSS

Kerry Blake-Savery was not able to attend the meeting, so this item was removed from the agenda.

13) Adjournment 8:27pm