

Meeting Minutes of the SSMU Legislative Council

1) Call to Order

6:27pm

2) Attendance

The attendance was circulated

4) Approval of the Agenda

Councillor Rosentzveig moved to add item 8)e. Council representative to QPIRG Board of Directors.

This passed.

5) Approval of the minutes

Councilor Larson said under item 8, her name should be changed from Vice-President to Councillor.

Vice-President Szpejda said that in one instance, Councillor Larson's name is spelled Carson.

Vice-President Dinel said it says that senator listserv and should say senator Nasr.

Councillor Rosentzveig said that there is no "o" in Shul.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said that the website is not SEDE it's CED mcgill.com.

All of the above corrections were adopted and the amendments reflect the above changes. The minutes were approved as amended.

5) Report of the Steering Committee

Vice-President Dinel stood for questions. The report was adopted.

6) Announcements

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said that there will be a TaCEQ meeting Sunday at 2:30pm in clubs lounge. It will be in French and you are all welcome to attend. This is the first one at McGill since school started. It would be great if you came down said hello. Secondly, Community Engagement Day is happening October 5th. There will be a Milton Parc community tour around the neighborhood. After the tour, there will be a banner painting at New Rez. This is open to everyone.

Councillor Rea said that the 100th anniversary physical education and kinesiology annual Montgomery run of 5-10k is happening Sunday, October 14th. The cost is \$15 for students and \$25 not students. There is a form to fill out on the website.

Cucillor Subhani said that PSA holding a FIFA tournament. McGill Students Flight Club is meeting on October 2nd and an instructor will be dropping by. Courses you can take will be presented. There will be a contract to give flight lessons to anyone who wants to take part.

Councillor Giannakakis said that PT/OT is having world occupational therapy week. Activities, free tea, and other things will be offered at the Y intersection. you can find out what it's about there are prizes.

The Canadian Association of Undergrads is hosting an information session about law, graduate, and professional schools with Dr. Letkey it's informal and should be fun.

Vice-President Dinel said the GA is October 15th. For any Councillors who were not at Retreat, there is a retreat make-up next Wednesday at 6pm—the room is TBA.

7) Question Period

Councillor Rosentzveig said got complaints about website info being super out of date. Clubs are having difficulty contacting Councillors because the correct information is not up there. Councillor Rosentzveig asked what the timeline is for putting up information contact info.

Chair Tong said it will be up later this week.

Vice-President Briggs said the funding page should be updated in a week or so. The deadlines are also out of date. The deadlines will be posted soon, and there will be ample time to submit to get funding.

Councilor Boytinck said that the listserv shows two different links for the listserv submission forms online. The two different sites give two different dates for submission. One says Friday at 4pm the other Thursday at 5pm.

Vice-President Szpejda said he didn't know there was more than one. The new service has been checking us and we've been having a problem with that. The correct website is ssmu.mcgill.ca/about/us.listserv

Councillor Rosentzveig said that in the Daily Vice-President Dinel was quoted about the Principal's roles and duties and wanted to know if she could elaborate on what kinds of qualifications are being sought out.

Vice-President Dinel commented on this in reference to the committee she sits on which is finding a new principal. One of the qualifications of the new Principal is that they should be bilingual; someone who can speak to those in government, who understands how provincial and Canadian politics work. A big thing Principal does is working with the government. Working with government in financial crisis would be important for the University. Vice-President Dinel said if you have any questions about the process for finding a new Principal please ask her. She would be happy to answer more questions.

Councillor Subhani has a question room booking service. He said he's not sure who it's run by. McGill PSA has made a booking from 5pm-1am Saturday but it just says locked. What's going on there?

Vice-President Cooper said that the SSMU room booking software has been difficult. There is a room booking coordinator Mary who is really overwhelmed with bookings. She has almost 100 requests per day. You will probably only hear about it two days before. A website developer is coming to revamp the software. It will be a big improvement this year and that should be done in the coming months to make things a lot better.

Councillor Subhani said if clubs have a room to book for the rest of the semester but find it insufficient, for example MSA, what should they do? At a recent event, there were 55 people and there weren't enough chairs.

Vice-President Cooper had a meeting two hours ago and worked that out with MSA today.

8) New Business

8a. Notice of Motion Regarding Referendum Question Regarding Increase of SSMU Base Fee Towards the McGill Emergency Response Team

Chair Tong said that Council-Initiated referendum requires four councilor signatures. This is the first reading notice of motion. Debate is not open and no amendments will be entertained right now. This is a first reading, and the goal is simply to read it. The second reading is at the Steering Committee. Third one will come to Council for debate and it can be amended. You have to save your issues until it is presented on October 11th.

Vice-President Cooper read the Resolved clauses.

Chair Tong invited Vice-President Cooper to elaborate on the purpose of the motion.

Vice-President Cooper said that operations have been expanded significantly. Because of the SSMU base fee change, the DPSLL suggested that they don't make an additional fee and it's an internal safety fee. Instead of making a new list of fees on Minerva.

8b. Motion Re: Elections SSMU Election & Referenda Schedule for 2012-2013

Chair Tong said we passed a motion at last Council. The CEO resubmitted an amended schedule. The only change is that the time between due dates for referendum questions and opened polls is 21 days as it must be.

Vice-President Dinel read the two Resolved clauses.

Senator Zidel made a motion to previous question.

This motion passed.

8c. David Chaim's Employment at Gerts Bar

Councillor Chaim recused himself from the discussion.

Councillor Larson read the Resolved clauses.

Debate began on the motion:

Senator Zidel asked how long he's been working at Gerts.

Vice-President Briggs said he was hired as serving staff at Gertrude's in September.

Councillor Zidel asked if he followed the normal procedures to be hired.

Vice-President Briggs said the he was picked out of hundreds of applicants because of his experience in the restaurant service industry.

The motion was called to question.

This motion passed.

8d. Motion Re: Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

Vice-President Reid-Fraser read the Resolved clauses.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser moved to amend to add "aboriginal" after Canadian's Association of Missing and

Vice-President Rosentzveig made a motion to amend "women's Association of Canada" to "Native Women's Association of Canada"

8e. Council Representative to the QPIRG Board of Directors

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said the QPIRG Board has a representative from the SSMU Legislative Council. They are anxious to find out who it's going to be. They were unclear about what this process looks like.

Chair Tong said that there was only one nominee, Vice-President Fraser, who was appointed automatically.

Senator Zidel asked about the time commitment.

Councillor Rosentzveig and said that it's one Board meeting every couple of weeks for about 4 hours each. The Board member is invited to participate in QPIRG's organizational activities. As a Board member, you can put as much into it as you like.

Councillor Chaim asked, since this is a SSMU representative to QPIRG, where would they explain what their involvement is with the Board?

Chair Tong said that it would be part of their Councillor report.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser nominated herself, seeing no other nominees.

There were no other nominees.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser was elected unanimously as the Council Representative to the QPIRG Board of Directors.

9) Reports by Committees

9a. Executive Committee

Vice-President Dinel stood for questions on the report.

Councillor Dziadyk asked what the Daily add package is.

Vice-President Dinel said the execs bought \$5,000 worth of online ads which will be circulating throughout the year. Execs picked the events that they want to advertise for. The initial proposal for ads that the execs got was not one that they wanted. Execs approved fewer print ads so that they could use those funds to advertise in other places.

Councillor Larson moved to adopt the executive committee report.

10) Reports of Executives

10a. Vice-President Clubs and Services

Vice-President Cooper stood for questions.

Councillor Lam asked if there will be a relocation of Organic Campus because of the renovations in the Green corner.

Vice-President Cooper said that the Green corner never flourished to its full potential. Vice-President Cooper would like to have another place for green things in the SSMU building. Organic campus storefront will be put in again after.

10b. Vice-President External

Vice-President Reid-Fraser stood for questions.

Senator Zidel asked if there was an effort to better accommodate Anglophones at TaCEQ by having a translator.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said the only people in attendance so far have been able to speak French comfortably. Reid-Fraser said people could come and speak in English they are open to that. She can let TaCEQ people know that there will be Anglophones coming and she could do periodic translation for anyone who attends.

Senator Zidel asked if we can say that there will be translation in advertisements for the meeting (on the listserv) instead of saying it's taking place in French
Vice-President Reid-Fraser said that advertising will be changed to reflect that.

Councillor Morawetz asked if the members of Community Ambassadors initiative would be part of the MPCC itself.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said that the MPCC holds a general assembly every year in April. Currently, Community Ambassadors do not formally sit on the MPCC. If there are people who would like to sit on it, arrangements could be made.

Councillor Lam asked if she can speak to the summit on education between Concordia and Dawson. Vice-President Reid-Fraser said that the planning of a summit on education is in its preliminary stages. This is a PQ summit and it's not supposed to happen until the new year. She had a meeting in which they spoke about the summit a bit. There was also a debrief about the debate. She will speaking with them Friday and with the Vice-President External of PGSS about the Anglophone presence at the conference.

Councillor Morawetz asked if there will be separate committee formed regarding the education summit.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said if there are some who are interested on Council they could definitely help her out.

Councillor Morawetz asked if other interested students could help out.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said yes, send them my way.

Councillor Dziadyk asked what is happening with reference to the war in Iran and whether there will be a statement.

Vice-President Reid-Fraser said that other associations especially Concordia there are issues especially external portfolios. There was conversation about the fact that in 2003, the war in Iraq was declared. There are groups there and interest in bringing some awareness to the issue. In terms of taking a position, it's being discussed in various associations.

10c. Vice-President University Affairs

Vice-President Dinell stood for questions.

Seeing none, Vice-President Dinell was thanked for her report.

10d. Finance & Operations

Councillor Boytink asked what the club management packages are and whether they go to all clubs or just full-status club.

Vice-President Briggs said that anyone who wants one can have one. They explain audit procedures and ways to deal with it. The goal is to improve the audit between the club side and the SSMU side.

Councillor Rosentzweig asked if we're expecting student fees report.

Vice-President Briggs said we don't have them yet but will have them by next week.

10e. Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Szpejda stood for questions.

Seeing none, Vice-President Szpejda was thanked for his report.

10f. President

President Redel stood for questions.

Seeing none, he was thanked for his report.

Closed member sessions happen with the exec and General Manager Gervais out of the room.

The efficacy of this exercise rides on the inherent trust to not attach a name to the person in the room who says what they have to say. Everyone should be able to openly make comments on Executive and General Manager's performance. They will take comments and suggestions, and those will be given to Executives after the session. This will happen at every other Council meeting. Executives excused themselves.

11) In-Camera Session

12) Adjournment

8:59pm

Approved