1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

2) Attendance

President Katie Larson VP Joey Shea **VP** Samuel Harris **VP** Brian Farnan **VP** Tyler Hofmeister Councillor Kareem Ibrahim Councillor Sue Jeong Councillor Lola Baraldi Councillor Courtney Akuyawa Councillor Elie Lubendo Councillor Zachary Rosentzveig Councillor Anikke Rioux Councillor Lilly Tong Councillor David Benrimoh Councillor Catherine Chen Councillor Sophia-Maria Giannakakis Councillor El-Sharawy Councillor Bissky Dziadyk Councillor Sarah Southey Councillor Claire Stewart Kanigan Recording Secretary Lydia Jones Speaker Rida Malik Parliamentarian Rachel General Manager Pauline

- 3) Approval of the Minutes
- a. November 21, 2013
 Motion to approve by Councillor Benrimoh Seconded by Councillor Lubendo Approved.
- Adoption of the Agenda
 Motion to find a place to do a moment of silence for Nelson Mandela by VP
 Shea
 Motion to adopt by VP Shea
 Seconded by Councillor Lubendo

Adopted.

- 5) Report of the Steering Committee Councillor Benrimoh: email about...
 Speaker: yes
 Motion to approve by VP Farnan
 Seconded by Councillor Bissky Dziadyk
 Adopted
- 6) Announcements

President Larson: Want to point out that one of council meetings were over march break and so now is changed. Also GA Feb 5th.

VP Farnan: Sponsorship position for SSMU is lacking applications, commission based potentially with hours included, great learning experience, provide link and email it to you. Spread the word

- 7) Guest Speakers
- a. Sustainability Projects Fund

Lillith Wyatt

Sustainability officer in McGill office of sustainability

Why sustainability at McGill? In light of colliding social eco and environment imperatives these days, this is really important. Experiment and develop better ways of doing things and leading by example.

[short video on sustainability]

SPF it's really important from its design creation and running is that it is a partnership between students and administration. Dollar for dollar matched fee from administration and half students.

Applications: 214

Approved: 121

Youtube videos: 65

About 45% through timeframe and 41% through funds. Half student led and half teacher led, but over 80% are collaborative.

At the three year mark now and it is pretty well on point.

Started with food now more academic and incorporation of social dimension of sustainability. A more conservative focus on social part of sustainability. You can find out more on our website anytime. FB twitter Youtube and you can get in touch with me anytime.

Councillor Ibrahim: Thanks for being here, just wondering what you think with future of SSMU what we can do in sustainability?

Lillith: a group of students have been working hard to make student ambassador board for office of sustainability. Created because looking for hub to connect students and staff. Exciting to see that actually happening again. 12th floor right

now and hidden/not comfortable. Actively looking to move locations to feel more accessible and easier to operate. ECOLE is going on, super exciting! Councillor Ibrahim: sustainability project is under you or could there be more apps or more help?

Lillith: I've presented every year to both downtown student societies, weirdly though never got to point where we had to turn down application when merited funds. The number of people has kept p, themes and areas of focus are exciting to see evolve. As I mentioned heavy on environment and food and more groups working in isolation and increasingly its more dimensions and integrate stakeholders and more aspects of sustainability. Increasingly integrating it with academic mandate.

Councillor Southey: I know SSMU is getting rid of sustainability coordinator. How does that affect your job?

Lillith: good question, worked closely with him and was supervisor for SPF project. For credit management student researched how sustainability institution would work for McGill. Originally she was going to create a website and binder but through consultation she realized really a staff position was needed, similar to what I do with sustainability projects, but routed in student personnel and experience and context at SSMU. What were seeing is the office is getting mro request, less accessible to student and less connected to SSMU so it's a bit harder. IT's our job we know but still.

Councillor Southey: institutional memory: do you think that having another exec would that help? Good or bad?

Lillith: well yeah, I think the starting place has to be looking at the needs of this community and what people would, learn from it and what we would do from here. When that happened back in spring of 2011, research, she found that having a VP or any position that held institutional memory it was a problem, so for this is particular, she found a permanent position was better more connected to students. But all that has to be examined.

8) Question Period

9) New Business

a. Motion Regarding Governance Changes to Accountable Leadership Policy

Motivated by Councillor Ibrahim: To formalize how we're going about fulfilling our mission statement this year. Check it out and hope you go for it.

Councillor Lubendo: in practice how that works, most of the ...

Larson: Thank you for that point but in new constitution members are voted in by members. They can teleconference in over summer.

Councillor Rosenzveig: I'm sorry I wasn't here. Is there a reason this is Board of Directors not council.

Councillor Southey: For continuity. No council in summer.

Motion to move to previous by Southey

Councillor Lubendo seconded

Approved.

Motion adopted.

b. Motion Regarding Membership Changes to Accountable Leadership Policy

Motivated by Councillor Ibrahim: similar lines as other ones, making sure accountability program be more formalized and help us

Councillor Lubendo: Advisors?

Councillor Ibrahim: people contacted at discretion to better understand the issue we need info on. Anyone who can speak to the work that's going on to help us understand the situation. It's important that we consult someone like GM and HR people.

Councillor Benrimoh: Going to be a record of who the advisors are?

Speaker: yes listed in minutes

Motion to previous question Larson Seconded by Councillor Lubendo Motion adopted.

b. Motion Regarding the Adoption of a Policy of Non-Compliance with the Proposed Bill 60

Motivated by Councillor Benrimoh: Quite simply the point is to encourage McGill to adopt policy of complete non compliance to bill 60 requiring employees to wear religious symbols to work. Long step between disagreeing and taking action against it. We want to lobby for action against this bill. There is precedent, not a law yet so allowed to do this, if it were to become a law, it would likely go to the courts.

Larson: reiterate both McGill senators and administration passed bills without non compliance, speak in favour of this motion

Councillor Stewart Kannigan: In light of point of Larson, there was an unexpected contention towards banning face covering, its student councils job to take a stand for that. I'd like to amend that to specifically cover face coverings Benrimoh: friendly

Councillor Benrimoh: I also want to point out relevant: 3rd large inst in Quebec to make this stand if passed, its important to reiterate that this bill cannot pass in any way shape or form.

VP Harris: clrify what benirmoh was tlakign about. Actually 5 unis come out against charter. Director of uqam today and montreal and sherbrooke yesterday, Concordia hasn't formally done it yet.

Councillor Benrimoh: spec non compliance, no.

Larson: in law itself there is actually no spec language about what recourse is if you don't follow it.

Councillor Benrimoh: up to unis itself to make a plan for enforcing it so we could just make a plan not to have plan.

Move to previous question by VP Shea Seconded by Councillor Lubendo Approved Motion adopted

11) Reports by Councillors

a. Councillor Ayukawa

Sorry late. Running office hours holding them on different places on campus, not highest attendance. Similar to everyone else. In terms of basic things, increasing partnerships and join events, Quebec city for Carnaval, two conferences, updating website, EnviroComm: wrap up semester, planning for next semester, guest speaker form UN environmental youth engagement policy maker interesting because came to envirocomm that was cool.

Councillor Southey: Heard you want to separate, why, how, what reason?

Councillor Ayukawa: President taken on this I don't have as many details, this has been something going on for a year now. Last year there was a poll in referendum winter 2013 asking constituents and see if we wanted to separate from AUS and SUS. 86% yes vote. What it entails, from what I understand a lot of our funding goes to AUS then to us, but not expense related just want AUS gives us each year. Currently these things happened because we received benefits from AUS, and now were working with other councils to file to become an independent student group under SSMU and then pay for benefits we had form AUS.

b. Elie Lubendo

Over last few weeks, whole semester looking at companies and creating payments and continuing that until next semester. Service review committee met first time found a lot of problems with by laws and services are really surface level in terms of constitution so a lot coming next semester. By law committee met for first time too, looked at all different bylaws.

c. Lilly Tong

Office hour 9-10 am, one visitor asked about GA, didn't know what it was about, why student participation matters. Provost Massey came to visit, gates vandalised, last AUS council, sit not as bleak as seems, government made promises to reinfuse money next semester. VP academics talked about more peer tutoring. January 2014: drinking competition in departments, Disney theme this year. Engineering department.

Councillor Ibrahim: Why are RTs being made fun of?

Councillor Tong: No comment.

- d. Alaistair Jones Absent
- e. Catherine Chen

Office hours on Tues 12:30-1:30 in music lounge in basement of music building. SSMU special GA also we had one, even had quorum, and passed three motions, library fee, music education fee, and lease. Attended finance committee meeting. Photograph release last week and last coffeehouse.

10)Reports by Committees

a. Executive Committee

Larson: November 27, 2013

MINUTES ARE RECORDED

Attendance: Pauline Gervais, Katie Larson, Samuel Harris, Stefan Fong, Brian Farnan, Joey Shea, Tyler Hofmeister

Absence:

Minutes

The minutes from the October 23, 2013, November 6, 2013 and November 13, 2013 Executive Committee meetings have been approved on Vibe.

The minutes from the November 18, 2013 Executive Committee meeting have been tabled to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Vibe Approvals (since last meeting)

Approval of hiring Anais Cadieux Van Vliet for the position of Harassment Policy Website Content Developer.

Business Arising

Approval of VP Hofmeister taking January 13 – January 17, 2014 as vacation days.

Report of the General Manager

Approval of spending \$2000 to do a study on the ventilation on the second floor to resolve the issue of the repeated fire alarms.

Lampros Stougiannos' recommendations for the Daycare règlements généraux are approved, pending approval from the Daycare Board.

Report of the Vice-President (Clubs and Services)

Approval of M-SERT's room bookings in the SSMU building for their training and courses. They will be using 16 hours a week instead of the usual maximum of 10 hours.

Approval of MUS's overnight event booking for Carnival. The event will run from 2:00am

8:00am.

Approval of BASIC's advanced room booking of the ballroom in March for a wine and cheese and speaker presentation, as part of a conference.

Approval of Chinacare's ballroom booking and overnight storage in the building (without paying the fee) from January 14 – January 16, 2014.

Councillor Benrimoh: Do you review if they ever break rights of us?

President Larson: not sure if registration des lodgements have regulations about control rooms, the restrictions are different in lease at commercial level so we do have rights and we do check on them.

Councillor Ibrahim: comment on awesome harassment website person hired and out of what budget hired and when decision made?

VP Shea: budget cut in half but still budget for this and decision made like a month ago.

President Larson: although research budget cut, hopefully it will go up. We have to tell the council when we hire someone.

Motion to approve by President Larson

Seconded by VP Shea

Report approved

- b. Interest Group Committee
- 11) Reports by Executives
- a. VP University Affairs

VP Shea:

Research

Equity Research Equity Complaints Process Equity Structure Equity Funding Report has been received and will be presented to Council in January McGill's Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy This research will be used to lobby McGill. Social Justice Days Coordinator Hired; planning has started! Equity Take Back the Night was on Friday evening The UGE and SACOMSS rally was awesome! Met with Carnival organizers to go over Carnival names; it was a productive discussion and we were in agreement with things Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Discrimination Policy Project/Website The developer has been hired and this project is underway! Very Excited! Sexual Harassment policy change I have been working with the UGE and SACOMSS to organize a discussion with various groups about policy changes we would like to see regarding sexual harassment. We will be compiling a document to lobby mcgill with SSMU Committees **QPIRG Board** Last Tuesday: they are really frustrated with the Culture Shock contract Ad-Hoc Mental Health We had our last meeting last Friday. The policy has really taken shape, we have developed all of the sections. We will come back in January to make edits and then present to Council!! I am hoping that it will be brought for a first reading in the middle of January Library Improvement Fund We decided to allocate \$110 000 towards student employment. There is still a significant amount of the fund left that we will be allocating next semester. Any and all project suggestions are welcome McGill Senate This Wednesday: I has two questions, one about deregulated tuition fees for international students and the other about a surplus which has accumulated in Student Services. Although both answers were less than satisfactory, the latter question served its purpose of preventing the reallocation of this surplus into the universities operating budget. Other items on the Agenda: University budget presentation, revisions to harassment policy, creation of family subcommittee Check you the docs here: http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2013-2014/senatemeeting-documents-2013-2014/december-4-2013

Senators

Caucus Monday:

We had equity training with Justin!

And we prepped for Senate!

Senators Corner

Senators have begun to submit blog posts.

Committees

Committee allocations = done for now

Senate Steering

Literally the worst meeting ever; so much hate was coming from Masi in response to both of the questions I put forward. Oh and Jonathan Mooney just didn't show up so it was me vs. everyone else in the room

Senate Nominating

Last Friday; names were put forward for the three new committees CESA

Yesterday morning (literally the first of the year)

We are revising the parameters for scholarship restrictions

Workgroup on Mental Health

Our last meeting before the break was this Monday.

Vision 2020

Met with Josee on Monday to discuss how MOOS can be more connected to students *Cycling working group*

First meeting yesterday. We discussed the mandate of the committee. They will be creating a website where anyone will be able to submit suggestions to the committee and where we will be posting updates about our meetings. They are concerned about transparency

Planning committee for forum on consent

The first meeting was this morning. It should be a really great forum; sede is involved in the planning. They want to reach students who do not usually engage with these concepts

Admin Meetings

Ollivier:

Last Wednesday: Talked about the lease, security in libraries, the followup from the football incident, international students

Varia

International students in Exec positions

Haven't gotten to this yet, after my exam on Wednesday I will!

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: You mentioned that lump of money accumulated... over how many years?

VP Shea: not sure.

Larson: I think as long as been in new building. 2005 maybe. Slowly accumulating, bigger over the last few years like munaca strike also interest

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: that's 5 staff at 100,000\$ that could be in student services.

Councillor Ibrahim: meeting with Josee, what did you talk about?

VP Shea: last steering committee I was frustrated and I had said nothing all meeting because vision 20/20 has been removed from students so it was a really cool discussion and told them to get in touch with organizations but most changes won't happen this year because still working on phase

Councillor Southey: any idea of where that money will go and wondering why it's there?

VP Shea: Carnival consulted with me because there was an issue in Gert's. Really good conversation and she was on the same page with most of the issues. Second question: what's going to happen with the money, left up to discretion of director of student services another suggestion would be held for student services and able to apply if needed.

Councillor Ayukawa: UA meetings?

VP Shea: scheduling UA meetings with ARC next semester I apologize for not giving notice of that

Councillor Benrimoh: for 6 million dollars in mental health, any chance of transferring there?

VP Shea: I mean we're looking into how the money can be used, wouldn't be able to earmark for one unit because needs to be distributed equally throughout

President Larson: in original proposal 120k allocated to mental health advisor, for everyone at council why are we looking out of student services when there isn't fixed inside student services.

b. Internal

VP Farnan:

Publications

- > Yearbook:
 - First deadline has arrived
 - Quota reached, we will be on time with the required pages
 - Editors and graphic designers doing a great job

Sponsorship

- ➢ General:
 - PLEASE SPREAD WORD

Communications

• General Communications:

- Instagram is going well! Make sure you get people to Follow us (@ssmuaeum)
- Continue to exceed our Social Media goals above and beyond what we had expected at the beginning of the year
- Will be doing our reassesment of the Communications Strategy to reflect our newly adjusted goals
- > Communications Committee
 - Next project is making a video for Centraide showcasing all of the organization they contribute to
 - Filming to start in January

Events

- Week 101
 - Theme decided finishing graphics before launching
 - Graphics should be ready early next week
- Grad Frosh
 - Planning is going really well!
 - Taking up most of my time at the moment
 - Working with the PRESIDENT to plan and things are comign along well, official anouncement will be out next week
 - WOOHOOO
 - Contact me if you would like to get involved

Faculties & Associations

Internal

- > SSMEWS:
 - Done for the semester
- SSMU Awards Banquet:
 - Planning has started and will continue until April
 - Again, please let me know if you would like to be involved
- > Exam Time Stuff:
 - Going on now!
 - PUPPIEZ
- > Committees:
 - SSPN
 - Stopped meeting for the semester
 - Francophone Affairs
 - Had a meeting with them
 - Office hours have commenced!
 - Conference planning is coming along well

- Athletics Roundtable
 - Need a female volunteer!
- Centraide
 - TVM Video
- c. VP Clubs and Services

Fong:

Office hours:

- VP Clubs and Services: Tuesdays 12-2pm

- General Manager: Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm
- Club Rep Zak Rosentzveig: Wednesdays, 10:20-11:30 and Fridays, 10:30-11:30

- Club Rep Billy Liu: Mondays, 9:30-11:30 and Fridays, 12:30-1:30

CLUBS, SERVICES, and INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

Club Applications: IGC met and has prepared a report.

Club Master List Updating: SQ, always an ongoing task.

Club Audits: Deadline for submission is set (January 15th), club audit workshop dates have also been set.

Services Check in Meetings: Ongoing, I've met with Musicians Collective, Nightline, MSERT, MISN, Midnight Kitchen in the past two weeks.

Services' Constitution: SQ, SACOMSS, Organic Campus, MISN, Musicians Collective, Nightline are all still working on their constitutions. FYC's has been received and will be reviewed by the Service Review Committee at our first meeting next semester.

QPIRG: SQ, meeting with them regularly to work on the contracts we currently have with them/various options for funding the SSMU-QPIRG sponsored events in future years.

PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES

Activities Night: January 20th!

Office and Locker Allocations: Have advised everyone that applied for an office that we are only going to hand out the office door codes in January due to several issues.

d. VP External

Community relations:

Community Ambassadors

-Community potluck happened two Saturdays ago. It was a good initiative, and the food was spectacular. Unfortunately, though attendance was ok, it could have been much better. We will, however, not give up! More potlucks to come next term: tell your friends, tell your neighbours, tell yourselves.

-Will be convening early next term to set goals and determine reporting and accountability mechanisms

TaCEQ:

-Meeting took place this past Saturday in Quebec City. Things of note: -AELIÉS attempted to bring forward a blame or censure motion against the SSMU for not respecting an agreement which we maintain never occurred to have SSMU pay for its share of 40,000\$ in the Laurent Proulx case last February. Unfortunately for AELIÉS, the minutes from this meeting in February are lost, so no proof in this respect exists. Furthermore, SSMU has consistently said it will contributing 10,000 for the case, and TaCEQ Board decisions have been passed many times reaffirming this. The motion was dropped because none of the other associations seconded it.

-AELIÉS also brought forward a motion to re-have the congress that they forced the cancellation of. It also was not seconded because none of us have mandates to have a congress. The timing is very curious given that REMDUS will be having a referendum to determine their future come January.

-Paul-Antoine has prepared a *devis de recherche* in regards to a project on the needs of international students, which we will (hopefully) submit to one of the chantiers on university financing.

-Motion design and other visuals are being worked on to buff up TaCEQ's image. -Research on SSMU's past external memberships is not complete (because it is very thorough and will be awesome), but check out the timeline that was posted on Vibe!

Inter-Union Council

-Meeting in two weeks (Dec. 17th)

Campaigns

Bill 60 aka. Charter of Gnomes

-Working on the following things:

-I've combined a list of other student associations against the charter from across the province. I've gotten in contact with them to see if we can form an informal working group. I'm also always looking to add names to the list

-Attended today's lunch prep against the charter, organized by the IGSF, Equity Committee, and SEDE, and will be attending an event by the collectif Québec inclusive on Monday (talk by Daniel Weinstock – oh yeah!). It should be a good opportunity to network

-In contact with the university about organizing things together. As some of you may have heard, Bernard Drainville cancelled his appearance at a debate at Concordia last week – perhaps McGill could fill in to satiate his lack of direct anglo-hating.

-Following up with the committee in their contact with faculty and others to have events next term.

Varia

-Meeting with community relations people of Off-Campus Housing -Still working on proposal of inter-Montreal university summit. VP Shea: when's the baby due?

VP Harris: ...

e. VP Finance and Operations

Hofmeister:

1. FINANCE Investment Portfolio Necessary Paperwork Necessary Paperwork is being finalized

<u>Budget</u>

Improvements

The SSMU comptroller and I have reviewed the process and found improvements that could significantly cut down on the required time to revise the budget and create the budget presentation

I will be meeting with SSMU and Service executives in January to jointly prepare budgets for the February revision

<u>ASEQ</u>

Survey

Please check it out at http://ihaveaplan.ca/survey/ssmu/.

Responses are still slow. Please respond to the survey if you haven't already and share the link between your respective organizations

Mobile App

Ihaveaplan mobile app version 2.0 is ready for download for free on the Apple App Store: <u>ihaveaplan.ca Mobile App</u>

It includes:

Quick Claiming & Reimbursement by taking pictures of receipts to submit claims Claims history

Coverage summary

Electronic Pay-direct service

Club Audits

Fall Audits

Fall audits due January 15th

Only physical audits will be accepted by the front desk of SSMU

2. OPERATIONS

Gerts:

Monthly Sales

Monthly sales for November and December will be jointly presented in January *Strategy*

Gerts has installed a pinball machine and a fooseball table

A jukebox machine has been delivered, and is in the process of being connected to the sound system

Mini-Courses

Fall Semester

Nearly completed, just several missed courses that are being made up *Room Bookings*

MiniCourses has booked teachers and space for 45 classes for the winter semester 9 courses are pending teacher availability

Poster design for Winter promotions has been completed and posters will be printed next week

MiniCourses website has been revamped: <u>http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/minicourses/</u> 3. COMMITTEES

FERC

Committee meetings

Committee meetings have concluded this semester

I have asked the FERC coordinator to prepare a mid-term report for the first council next semester

I was absent from the last meeting due to illness

<u>Finance</u>

Bylaw Revision

Student Life Fund Bylaw Revision is nearing completion and should be ready for next semester

Operations

Status

Floor plans for the second floor are being drawn up by committee members and will be presented at the last Operations Management committee of the semester, next Monday. Councillor Ibrahim: how much does it cost to play a song on the jukebox?VP Hofmeister: 1\$ for pinball, 50 cents fuzball,

Councillor Southey: why does fuzball cost money?

VP Hofmeister: whenever you have a game in an establishment you need a gaming licence but don't have one, so must rent them out, not liable for damage, entirely run by 3rd party

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: any updates on exciting things talked about?

VP Hofmeister: meeting with DAR and students accounts and department talked about possibility of SSMU receiving donations cautiously optimistic might have a donor, all doors opening, 2 problems: technical route for money to go through McGill so we can get charitable tax receipts, and to make sure its accountable and same time, come up with large scale projects over next 10 years, but the route of money going through McGill because need collaboration of all McGill departments.

f. President

SSMU Governance

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Council – As pointed out at the last Council meeting, the proposed March 6th Council falls during reading week. I propose that we push Council as follows: March 13th, March 27th, April 10th.

Governance Document Review – We had our first committee meeting this week. Its nit-picky, but hopefully over the break everyone will have time to look at the By-laws (including me) and start working on/suggesting changes. Still one spot open on the committee to anyone interested. Nominating Committee – Will have to vote electronically to approve the J-Board nominations that were submitted. Sustainability Ad-hoc Committee – Unfortunately no councillors came to this committee this week. I understand that it is exams, however if members of Council are overcommitting themselves to committee work, please evaluate and consider which committees you can be an active member on. We were able to get a good deal of work done, however with no equity commissioner and no council members, we still have not been able to have a complete discussion. The call-out for a member at large has been written and submitted for the listserv so hopefully we will be able to start next semester with a proper committee. The minutes of the committee last week have been uploaded to Vibe.

Steering Committee – Today's guest speaker presentation will be made by Lilith Wyatt from the

Sustainability Projects Fund.

GOVERNANCE BODIES

Judicial Board – Two more candidates were interviewed this week, pending a nomination and acceptance, the J-Board will be formed for the year. Recruitment for next year will already be beginning in a few months, and hopefully next year the group will be formed more quickly with initial contact through the faculty of Law as has finally worked this year.

Elections SSMU – The Special GA ratification was successful! Total voter turnout was 12.8% or 2838 people. The Nominations to the Board of Directors was successful with 93.1% voting yes.

The auditing firm was approved with 94.0% voting yes.

- 12) Confidential Session
- 13) Adjournment

Nelson Mandela moment of silence

Motion to adjourn President Larson

Seconded by Councillor Benrimoh

Adjourned at 8:33 pm