



SSMU Legislative Council – February 20, 2014

- 1) Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:54 pm
- 2) Attendance

President Katie Larson
VP Joey VP Shea
VP Harris
VP Brian Farnan
VP Stefan Fong
VP Tyler Hofmeister
Councillor Ibrahim
Councillor Reedjik
Councillor Jeong
Councillor Baraldi
Councillor Ayukawa
Councillor Lubendo
Councillor Liu
Councillor Jones
Councillor Rioux
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Tong
Councillor Ehrhard
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Benrimoh
Councillor Lynsdale
Councillor El-Sharawy
Councillor Giannakakis
Councillor Vassanji
Councillor Booth
Councillor Chen
Councillor Stewart-Kanigan
Councillor Bissky Dziadyk
Senate Caucus Kuate Defo
Recording Secretary Lydia Jones
Speaker Rida Malik
Parliamentarian Rachel Simmons
General Manager Pauline Gervais

- 3) Approval of the Minutes
 - a. February 6, 2013
Motion to approve by VP Shea
Seconded by VP Hofmeister
Minutes approved



4) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to amend move operations report into Confidential session by VP Hofmeister

Motion to remove services and committee report from agenda by VP Fong

Motion to move motion support for the Social Equity Diversity Office by Councillor Ibrahim

Motion to adopt by VP Shea

Seconded by VP Fong

Motion adopted

5) Report of the Steering Committee

Motion to adopt by VP Fong

Motion adopted.

6) Guest Speakers

a. Equity Committee

Chelsea – one of 3 SSMU equity commissioners

Did a three part project reviewing SSMU equity institution

3 parts: structure, finance (Simon) and 3rd (Megan) – complaints

We can begin with general findings. The first thing: hard research. Comparative project, we chose university of Virginia and uBC of Canada. Also did Concordia because it's the other Anglophone university. Berkeley and Cornell also. Focused on 2 things: student unions didn't have time to do work for other schools. It seems like we're doing more than others which is good news. One notable difference is SSMU is the only school surveyed that has own equity policy. Good things about this: we can have a really progressive policy, the most progressive. Includes things not mentioned anywhere else (fat phobia and size-ism) flip side: smaller jurisdiction, if didn't have own policy could be pressuring McGill to put their own equity policies.

UA officially has portfolio related to equity. Also under CS there are some related directly to equity. Notable features: annual research conference. One of the few schools focusing on political climate of geographical location.

Need more focus of equity executive position: needs this in addition to equity commissioners. Coming up more and more. On the forefront.

UBC: more top down, linear. Equity office functions as resource for clubs. Maybe we could be inspired by that.

Berkley: lost equity policies in bureaucracy. They do offer a scholarship based on diversity.

Concordia: all of their student union employees are unionized so they have their own equity clause. Right now as students involved with SSMU is protected by McGill policies. Non student-employees of SSMU have different access to policy.

Virginia: some good initiatives but very basic.



Cornell: really cool board of equity – university diversity council. Any student services or affiliations sit on one board. Centralized.

SSMU is doing really well so far. Pros and cons to SSMUs own policy. Potentially unionization, centralized, more institutionalized relationship.

Finance:

It's particularly difficult to find information on this because not much percentage base information. You can see full budget for all universities though. Collections from student levies and fees. Funded by multiple sources.

SEDE: desire for more permanent operating budget.

Policy: we wanted to compare the policy to others but it wasn't really possible.

We do have a more comprehensive policy than others, it covers larger population, and greater possibility for consequences and ramification.

Use: 35 complaints to McGill policy, 1 complaint to SSMU policy. Limited access because of confidentiality. Always low complaints. Most related to sexual harassment. McGill policy focuses on the sexual harassment section though so that might be why people report or the other way around.

Why so few? SSMU overlooked because they want to go to McGill for bigger response/consequences and also don't know if SSMU jurisdiction applies.

Or don't know the equity policy exists. Students choose the McGill route because of punishment possibilities.

No French version yet. Also because it's an equity policy it's important that it is accessible – text to voice software, etc.

VP Fong: I'm wondering when you propose creation of VP equity – has there been a previous discussion?

Chelsea: I don't know but maybe you guys have access to that info.

Councillor Benrimoh: interesting idea for VP equity. Also had a couple conversations about sustainability. What do you think of equity and sustainability's joint position?

Chelsea: Yes it makes a lot of sense, Concordia does that. Social sustainability model. McGill is trying already with the sustainability fund. Recently there was a grant given out.

Councillor Reedjik: Do you think the grammatical errors maybe makes people not likely to make a complaint?

Chelsea: a project to professionalize would be useful but the content is what is most important.



VP Farnan: Given research how much importance given to developing students vs McGill administration?

Chelsea: That's a major con of having our own policy. Instead of man power and energy in our own practices, we asked school to change policies. However slow process and need for interesting and new policies. Way ahead of curve – fat phobia, fact that student focus made it easier to move quicker in the right direction. Really important for equity to put pressure on McGill admin also to do own work. I don't think necessarily distinct either, could be helping each other.

VP Farnan: Do we know what the state of non equity harassment is? If not covered what are your suggestions?

Chelsea: The big question of that is the difference between getting feelings hurt or oppression? Very important that equity policy lays out that distinction. That's why SSMU equity is so important because it does lay it out. Not sure if equity speaks to harm not related to equity. I think equity is specific – applies equality hasn't been reached and to get to equality some people need more than others because history has oppressed them in any way. I don't think it is well covered but I don't think it needs to be. There are other avenues.

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: For the disciplinary action of current equity policy: McGill daily. Any precedent?

Chelsea: referring to SSMU equity policy and what disciplinary action they can take?

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: specifically SSMU policy

Chelsea: other schools don't have this situation of admin and student association having different policies. But one thing that has happened is that Concordia has a problem where all their students are covered under university manual but because they are a separate entity their building is in a loophole that isn't "academic environment" and therefore not covered. If equity problems occurs in building not covered by any policy. So this becomes important to have consequence. In terms of appropriate consequences, haven't done much research.

President Larson: in your research : is there a basis for consequences in SSMU policy?

Chelsea: I don't know if I can answer that. Forming my opinion based on research. No, but I believe the interpretation of where we are and where going SSMU is going well



VP Farnan: last answer you gave was awesome. Do you see value in unique harassment policy? If yes, do you think students should administer that in same type as equity?

Chelsea: trying to

VP Shea: keep it relevant to the research please?

Speaker: please don't refer to specific people. Nothing out of line so far.

Councillor Ibrahim: what kind of institutionalized equity training is going on?

Chelsea: becomes a jurisdiction issue, SSMU not in position to mandate TA or profs to do equity training. I think training is great like training tonight has been great. Most other schools are doing that too.

Councillor Baraldi: report available online?

Speaker: yes

7) Announcements

Councillor Tong: VP communications is here to shed light on latest issues concerning PPO.

Kyle: PPO task challenging: people smile -- fake apology to EUS students, satirized Brian apology. I made this decision myself, not on EUS I'm here apologizing. My roommate is a SSMU councillor, and it's not fair that hard work was mocked the way I did, sincerely apologize for this immature action.

President Larson: Pushing page hard this week: McGill Red and White is up on twitter and instagram. If you have students interested, it's may 1-4, SSMU.ca/redandwhite. Shoot me an email for info!

VP Shea: the campaign is well underway. Email me or kareem for VP external

VP Fong: official reminder that building will have reduced building hours during reading week. I will be unavailable to you.

Councillor Benrimoh: Reminder that registration for Montreal simulation is open. Looking for delegates. I'm chairing crisis committee. Theme is access to healthcare this year!

Councillor Ayukawa: ECOLE hiring! Deadline Saturday night!

Councillor Ibrahim: Campus community awards nomination out, community engagement Monday at 5 due. SSMU AUS equity committee this weekend Saturday in SSMU building.

Councillor Giannakakis: We often pride ourselves on being big family in Occupational therapy. So I'd like to cede my time to POTUS president to make announcement.

President POTUS: in light of last week tragedy, the Association of Etudiants Ergotherapy – victim of shooting. The potus community has showed solidarity



and all associations have shown solidarity brainstorming ways to honor memory. She knew everyone in pt/ot world. We have been thinking about making a trophy in her name for most social and altruistic. CA/OT are planning a bursary in her name that will be Canada wide.

VP Farnan: faculty Olympics – march 13-14-15. Registration going well. Need people in medical and law faculties and pt/ot – 2 arts teams and 2 managements stuff like that. FB event any questions let me know.

VP Fong: This is a gentle reminder that job application period for SSMU staff now is the time! Student staff are the backbone of SSMU. Send info to constituents.

8) Question Period

Councillor Ayukawa: is the president's report on vibe?

President Larson: verbal report, no report this week.

9) New Business

a. Motion Regarding the Mental Health Policy

Motivators: Shea, Benrimoh, Reedjik, others.

VP Shea: some members here to help present policy. Everyone met every week on Fridays at 4 pm. Significant group every week. All contributed so all here today!

Katrina: representing Unleash The Noise. Second national conference in a week.

Councillor Reedjik: Arts representative.

Phil: Peer support network

Ethan: inclusive mental health initiative

Councillor Benrimoh: really great committee – smart, engaged members. Never seen people more invested in what they were doing.

VP Shea: policy uploaded at last council has been split into mental health policy and five year plan. Started by discussing what we thought SSMU approach should be. Narrowed down to 5 year plan.

Councillor Benrimoh: mission statement, helped by whole committee. It lays out SSMU's philosophy thought and goals about mental health. Sets very clear goals. [reads out vision statement available online] – not just ideas, but concrete set of steps to lead to change. Living document that will keep changing and improve over the years. Network of services. This document intended to help students have a positive experience at university and their well-being. Another important point is that we tried to create network that recognizes, celebrates diversity. Every student experiences that differently. Important to have access to different ways and means that fit and respect needs. We can tell people what mental health means.

Katrina: Tangible outcomes: website: collaboration with students to design mental health website where you can submit survey of mental health services



and have feedback that's more general. E calendar posted too. Also have a space, permanent. In SSMU building.

Councillor Reedjik: tenuous plans for fee levy not this year though. Hopefully will reach a point where we can create one. It would go a long way.

VP Shea: 2 other point for 5 year plan: MH coordinator. Coordinates mental health committee – continuation of our committee. Not as often but to ensure institutional memory. Chair of mental health committee. We have an outline for terms of reference for committee. 3 councillors, coordinator chairing, and representatives from MH groups. Didn't want to specify because new groups and don't want to exclude any.

Best committee worked on all year. Really difficult to continue to pay attention at 4pm on Friday but this was amazing. Pierre Luc, Emily, and these people had to draft a policy each. This was in December with exams so a lot of work went into this.

Questions?

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: looking for space any ideas where?

VP Shea: clause about space was to help facilitate booking for groups. A club tried to get help with that this summer and so we decided to draft it into policy. Give mental health groups an avenue. Physical space in there to have 5 year plan greatest dream. 5 year plan so we'll see.

Councillor Benrimoh: really important because resource centre drop in and questions sometimes you need personal touch. In there we have timeline one of the benchmarks.

Councillor Simpson: collaboration with student services? Considered with VAC faculty members?

VP Shea: yeah law senator came to me because law in particular has been advocating for mental health. Definitely be a huge part of going forward. Whole point is to create a network. In terms of administration, I have meeting with general regarding this. Also within student services to diagnose problems at McGill. All been trying to put it out there.

Councillor Benrimoh: vision mentions working with university.

Councillor Baraldi: Congrats great initiative! Just because really want to be aware what communication channels are in place to communication to students in general?

Katrina: list serv for mental health. Also once website is out we're definitely going to be contacting Ryan communication Manager based on if it passes.

VP Shea: social media campaign and up to you guys to communicate to constituents. We want to collaborate and build network. The press too.



Councillor Benrimoh: also because it's a network – each service will help represent another service. One point will lead to the other. Accessible to all resources.

Councillor Ibrahim: Thank you so much for your work! Looking up composition of communication everyone who is on community now or have new people?

VP Shea: I think it says representatives from different mental health groups. So we could be as open as possible. Observers – interview various groups across university – we can.

Councillor Ibrahim: is healthy McGill aware?

VP Shea: yeah Amanda came to meeting and big grant from Bell – website and app.

Councillor Jeong: How do you differentiate yourselves from mental health services already there because already a fee?

VP Shea: excellent question. Large part of philosophy is not that mental health should be only distress, just overall wellness. Reason why big strain is because people feel need to go there. If students didn't get to that point there would be less of a strain. Perpetuate culture of wellness and overall wellbeing. Strategies to keep less stressed and well. That's how we differentiate.

Katrina: Analogy of legal aid vs actual legal services – could be like us. Info, not professional services. Good analogy.

A lot of what we talked about: community building. McGill become a place where people connect. Spirit of mental health. Student services = not much cohesion between student groups. Another benefit of SSMU policy.

Councillor Ayukawa: under VP UA – how integrated into other portfolios?

VP Shea: like we said living document, expect it to be revised and added to definitely something to look at mental health coordinator sitting on UA, but through GA and other activities will be looked into.

VP Hofmeister: how large is student fee?

VP Shea: like 25 cents semester similar to equity fund

Councillor Liu: Plans to involved health services into group therapy program?

Katrina: Two years ago representative of mental health advisory board such a long waitlist for services – group support reduced it. So they paired up with another community (anxiety club) – that was helpful so that's just one avenue for collaboration!

VP Hofmeister: To what extent should you be working with financial committee?

VP Shea: expect it to be allocated the same way as anything else in SSMU.

Would not be outside realm of other workings.

VP Hofmeister: it is delicate. Do you think it's good to have a separate fee levy? Because so small because of high number of very small fees, ways to consolidate?



VP Shea: this 5 year plan, you're not voting on it to be an institutionalized plan that we're obligated to fulfill --- just mandate to carry this out. Vetted and debated properly at the time. This is a very broad question that has to do with all of ways to be funded by SSMU.

Councillor Benrimoh: mental health is such a huge issue, makes sense to consolidate but fee is really important.

Councillor Jeong: so many mental health issues, what kinds of initiatives or events in mind and how to avoid duplication?

VP Shea: why this exists: so everyone knows about each other and no duplicates collaboration and know what's going on. One thing in 5 year plan – mental health awareness week – mentioned specifically so more than just one event like this year.

Katrina: the e calendar: coordinator will be in charge of streamlining different events so if they notice duplication they can nip it in the bud and allow merging. The club was before 3 clubs now one massive club.

Councillor Lynsdale: thank you for work. Have you considered residences?

VP Shea: yes definitely important – outreach clause in club description for coordinator. Living document. You can send me emails

Farnan motion to move to previous question

VP Farnan withdrawn

VP Fong motion to amend: two slight hopefully friendly amendments – composition of committee: all of the other points except one representative from each committee defines an explicit number of members. Since doesn't explicitly say how many members of committee – suggestion would be to say 3-4 members so you know position of committee

VP Shea: not friendly because don't know future groups – 5-6-3 year to year want to keep it open. Not a committee that makes decision with quorum, just network and facilitation of projects, so in terms of quorum not needed.

Speaker: maybe just take out each?

VP Shea: still needs to be approved by council

VP Fong: in that case not better to amend terms of reference?

VP Shea: way more complicated to amend terms of reference every year instead of council approving.

VP Fong rescinded amendment

VP Fong motion to amend: advise funding committee on allocation of funds and allocate.

VP Shea: definitely friendly. Oversight on our part.



VP Hofmeister: amend section A – main funds allocated BY the council in conjunction with funding committee.

VP Shea: friendly again

VP Farnan motion to call to question

VP Fong seconded

Motion passed

Motion adopted.

b. Motion Regarding Changes to By-law Book I-1

President Larson: cede time to Ben Fung

Ben Fung: CEO. Major changes we're making:

- motivation because changes up for 2 years. Both myself and department elected office – research for bylaws by 15 universities.

- came up in priority by laws

- general changes: title of agency elections SSMU to service

- Changed wording of online voting system to electronic voting system

- changed dCEO to CEO

- removed all mention of poll clerks

- campus publications terminology – any publication more than 4x times a year

Reason: certain sections privilege McGill Daily and Tribune. Now treated same. Mainly the faculty association papers.

- also merged by laws.

3.1.1.: include rule to include exceptional regulations. Technically already does this. Now in by-laws for institutionalizing this rule. This by law found in different universities. Often new rules when new issues come up important CEO has power to make rules.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: rules can be overturned but not informed. Can council be defined in that?

Fung: friendly amendment to the movers

14.1.9: slate candidacy – decided that this is more troublesome than beneficial.

Against attitude and spirit of elections

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: How will it be defined instead of writing name son chalkboards?

Fung: if CEO can see two being related, a lot of judgment. Class room announcements made back to back... case by case

Councillor Baraldi: so if two candidates don't say running together just doing classroom together...?

Fung: No. if they mention association then it's a slate

VP Shea: Chalkboarding – one person chooses to write down names of people they wish would win... is the name on the board penalized?



Fung: by writing your name on board, if they're not on your campaign team not your fault if you've said you need to be contacted beforehand. If they were a nominee = sanctioned.

Councillor Ibrahim: completely limited to actions taken by candidate themselves?

Fung: actions taken by people who are candidates or in committees. Anyone doing campaigning without being on team will be informed not to.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: does this mean that one person can only be on the campaign team of one candidate?

Fung: you can do more than one, but must be separate activities.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: but in practice if two candidates seen to be running together what about campaigner for both candidates?

President Larson: keep things general about by laws themselves. Speculative away from point.

Councillor Ayukawa: candidates endorsing another candidate be counted as slate?

Fung: Can I get back to you?

Councillor Reedjik: How deal with organization explicitly related to candidate not related to campaign, no jurisdiction?

Fung: ask them not to make these endorsements. Reach out early.

Article 16.4 : campaigning deposit – 50\$ when they want to put nomination forward not this nomination period because already passed. Rationale: postering and refusal of reimbursement candidates still sanctioned, they don't care. No weight carried. Other schools do this rule. Working out well.

Councillor Rosentzveig: I like this idea. Currently what we can do is to not reimburse them the money spent on campaign how has this not worked?

Fung: indicative of the fact that money doesn't matter to them. They've already spent the money towards campaign so already spent. Deposit is different.

Councillor Rozentzveig: 50\$, why?

Fung: reasonable, amount used in past

Senate Caucus Kuate Defo: Steps toward having sanction for qualification, why is that related to this?

Fung: related to minor infractions, rules regarded disqualification and these would fall into that.

Senate Caucus Kuate Defo: necessary for this specific situation?

Fung: we'd like the minor infractions to carry enough weight that candidates discouraged from doing them.

Councillor Reedjik: more detail on research of campaign deposits? Seems like same thing as before?



Fung: testimonies of CEO at QbU and other schools. Highly recommended from them.

Part 5 – entire section SSMU fees referendum: two types of fee – fees collected by university supplemental to tuition and can create direct fee for services or allocation from SSMU fees. But no explicit creation of fees for funds. So it's a housekeeping thing. Almost duplicated of part 9 for other fees. Recommended by President Larson and Tyler.

Councillor Rosentzveig: article not in presentation: don't understand 14.10.8 – candidates not allowed to media?

Fung: just changed semantics – terminology change.

Councillor Rosentzveig: 14.1.3 the wording seems okay but in comment on side journal and clubs positions in referendum but not elections?

Fung: currently states only imply neutral attitude but were leaving it open for referendum and they should be able to take a side. Clubs can endorse candidates.

Councillor Benrimoh: daily cannot now endorse candidates?

Fung: tribune and daily fall under exception. They are allowed.

Councillor Benrimoh: old rule: candidates aren't allowed to approach publications why is that not allowed?

Fung: historically as with a lot of rules: to prevent harassment of campus publications. Often elections are stressful because of unsolicited emails and spam. Mediation of situation – press can approach candidates to interview and we send them their info.

Councillor Benrimoh: possible to provide bullet point summary for candidate along with contact info when passing along info to press?

Fung: can include link to Facebook pages and platforms I think it's a bit taxing on elections SSMU to come up for bullet points for every candidate, just ask publications to visit websites. As a follow up though this year press debate for candidates so press has opportunity to ask questions and learn more. Allow publication to make more informed articles

Motion to amend by Councillor Rosentzveig – strike 14.10.9

President Larson: unfriendly

Motion to amend 3.1.1. by Councillor Stewart Kanigan

Friendly

VP Fong: motion to amend 22.3: 50% of the society's services (add the last part)

Friendly

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: 32.2: include language for severe breach in 33.3



Friendly.

Move to debate on amendment.

Councillor Rosentzveig: I understand spirit of what trying to do. Concerns about banning slates. Un-enforceable. Stronger argument is that in my mind democratic to allow campus to organize themselves however they like. Being on slate does not favour any party vs any other. Just allows students to work together.

Motion to extend speaking time VP Shea

Motion approved

Councillor Rosentzveig: forcing candidates to make it secret rather than open.

Better in my mind

VP Harris: speak against amendment: in my experience we didn't run as a slate – politically came from different places and were able to work together regardless – avoids groupthink, if everybody is convinced it would not be healthiest thing for society to all think similarly

President Larson: unbridled optimism from Rosentzveig: although I understand what reflecting upon – do people like to play in gray areas and or are friends with each other grouped together with similar ideologies. Diversity from non slate comes from different background and leads to healthier exec on whole. More objective decision making from society.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: a lot of points to diverse executives. Not having explicit rules would make that happen you're going to have that but slate candidacy will happen behind scenes working together – leads to ambiguous enforcement issues I think this is a lot of walking on eggshells and feel as though it's not enforceable. Not having this will not affect diversity of executives. Not an issue.

Councillor Reedjik: speak against amendment – democratic deficits u of Toronto students union its gone so bad that trying to disassociate – 4-5 councillors could agree to run ahead of time and one party situation rather than individual candidates. Bad for democracy in student government.

Fung: seems to be concern as to enforceability: done last year and worked well. Logistics of banning less than allowing – i.e. single website creation for all slate candidacy (budget comes from whose finance report? Unfair advantage, spending goes up? Can't control that)

Motion to move to previous question Reedjik

Councillor Ayukawa: most of people that spoke previously spoke against it

Speaker: picked randomly

Seconded by Larson

14 for

7 against



Motion passes

Favor of adopting: 2

Amendment fails

Councillor Benrimoh: question about 50\$ fee amendment at same time – those willing to burn 150 already allocated probably willing to burn rest. People can't afford that. Puts people who can't afford in awkward situation. Better way of enforcing this, talk about first to come up with alternatives.

President Larson: response to 50\$ fee. Major issues with enforcing reimbursement – people don't record expenses to begin with. So now they have to get their money back. In addition the other option would be to require expense report otherwise invalidating elections as a whole but then people might do that to invalidate an election they lost.

Councillor Ayukawa: considering that this 50\$ fee might decrease accessibility what other punishments were considered?

Fung: currently elections SSMU has most diverse choices of sanctions in terms of postering or reimbursement. One that involved lowering budget of candidate – invalidation of referendum but often they don't know their violating by laws. Most other school had no other option because this worked best.

Councillor Benrimoh: would it make sense if it was in rules. Now that if you don't report, do you keep position? Can u make it so that if you win and don't follow rules, you don't win. We can work with that somehow? Punishment fee or something significantly more than 50\$ at end?

President Larson: recommendation at second meeting if specific bylaws table until next council or propose amendments later on to approved by laws. A lot of these were because of elections time line.

Fung: currently by law for us to change would be really hard I suggest we pass it now and then look into other ways and follow up with another council motion but just to make sure elections run smoothly we should approve now.

Motion to previous question Reedjik

Councillor Benrimoh motion to amend – add instead of extenuating circumstances

Speaker: already in bylaws

Councillor Benrimoh: verbal confirmation of that?

Fung: exactly what it's there for. Just to clarify not applied this year because already passed

Councillor Benrimoh: motion to table specific by law 16.4

Motion to call to question

Passed

Invalidates amendment

All those in favour of adopting



Motion adopted.

c. Motion Regarding Support for the Social Equity and Diversity Office (SEDE)

Councillor Ibrahim: thought I'd take opportunity to give more info. Same motion passed last motion. We really want administration specifically Provost Massey to be well aware of need to fund SEDE in addition we hope you support campaign because time of essence we need ball rolling.

Councillor Rosentzveig: conflict of interest – my partner is a program coordinator at SEDE.

Councillor Reedjik: my question was because issue of limited resources what are they proposing changes instead because we seem to have a lot of motions of support without reality of accounting?

Councillor Ibrahim: evidently given nature of budget cuts, we have confidence that if enough reports the provost will be able to have funding us not being aware of all funding in university it's not our place to say this is what to fund and what not to.

Councillor Liu: now communicate to McGill sending email to set up meeting that's all?

VP Shea: Yeah those would be definitely standard things were going to start also brainstormed entire campaign surrounding it. More pressure on them this year best idea I hear was getting all kids of homework zone out there with signs Massey – please let us do our homework. Number of ideas.

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: reason for skeptical – 2nd resolved clause motivation?

VP Shea: even though this was GA motion from last year we wanted more current mandate this year. That is why

Councillor Ibrahim: is that also not something that would be ongoing?

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: just seems like already doing it. It seems out of place

VP Shea: propose amendment to abolish 2nd resolved clause.

Councillor Ibrahim: motion to amend second o last resolved clause --

holds provost Massey accountable to McGill's policy

VP Harris motion to move to previous question

Seconded by Councillor Baraldi

Passed

Motion adopted

Meeting recessed for BoD meeting.

10) Reports by Councillors

a. Councillor Councillor Ibrahim



Campus Community Engagement Awards • The 1st Annual Campus Community Engagement Awards nomination packages are now out! SEDE, the Arts Community Engagement

Committee & SSMU Community Engagement Committee are collaborating to bring together this awards ceremony which we have planned for March 26th in the SSMU Ballroom from 6-9PM. Mark your calendars!

Arts Community Engagement (ACE) Committee • Planning embrACE Volunteer Week (March 17-26)

Accountability Committee • Having discovered that the information that we planned on compiling was partially confidential, our new direction is Work Plan Compliance and simply serving as a tool for Council to make sure that all committees and execs are proceeding with their proposed projects and initiatives
Referendum & AUS Elections • 2 referendum periods are happening this semester, one of which is over, with 2 questions having been passed
Question Regarding the Accessibility of AUS Executive Positions and Work Study Payment for AUS Executives in Financial Need

Question Regarding Adding the Arts Community Engagement Committee Representative to AUS Legislative Council

<http://ausmcgill.com/en/january-15-2014/> • 2nd referendum period begins in the few weeks, along with elections

Laptop Lending Program • Funding has been granted through the Arts Computer Lab Fund and we will be purchasing ~50 laptops available to Arts students in 2014-2015

Councillor Lubendo: speak quickly on decision of AUS motion about SSMU representatives of arts sitting on Ex-comm and why?

Councillor Ibrahim: been fortunate to have informal channels of communication there's a lot of potential for projects except communication is very limited almost a waste of energy because at exec committee very busy but we don't have time to do. As was very recommended, we want them to sit on exec committee. That way more privy to in depth account at AUS not as voting member won't have impact on legal matter or matters of execs but imply increase on communications if they want they can go to committee but don't have to.

Councillor Jeong: the motion was brought up as Kareem mentioned because as you realize as a councillor on SSMU there's a big communication gap between SSMU and reps of faculties especially for arts reps that don't sit on ugrad society committees. This motion was brought up so that a better bridge in communication gap that exists that can be done through sharing knowledge.

b. Reedjik



[couldn't find report by this councillor]

c. Giannakakis

SSMU:

February 3rd: Attended Steering Committee

February 5th: Attended SSMU GA. We reached quorum for a few motions!!!

February 6th: Attended SSMU Council. Long council, but many motions passed.

POTUS:

- Working on the PTOT games for next year. I have been going to meetings for gym rentals and consulting with other groups as to the logistics of the running the games.

- POTUS Wheelchair Basketball Tournament is official for March 14 from 4-6pm Currie Gym! I will be making announcements this week and the teams will have the chance to sign up in the coming weeks. The tournament is to raise awareness and fundraise for Parasports Quebec! I am already super excited.

11) Reports by Committees

a. Services Review Committee

b. Operations Committee

c. Executive Committee

Start with show of hands of those who read the report and considered the decisions made in this report.

I am going to suggest that we table this report because I can see only 9 councillors who saw report. The reason you asked for reports earlier – it is disrespectful to exec.

Motion to table by President Larson

Seconded by VP Shea

Hold motion pending questions

Councillor Lubendo: read through report – speak on press release planned decision on dec 5th – didn't see that on exec report

President Larson: it's in report that we planned to do one. Maybe we didn't put it but because it wasn't an executive report it was a necessity. Dealing with fallout and media questions. On website now.



Councillor Rosentzveig: reference to point of councillors reading reports. I understand that you can see things open but can you see who just download them?

President Larson: still didn't get quorum of those who read it.

President Larson: press release was a statement regarding response to general media question outlining decision made who made it and follow up comments distinct unit from university

Councillor Lubendo: more about external groups, response to questions from multinational groups?

President Larson: response to peoples question.

Councillor Reedjik: we didn't get an opportunity push to something happen before national post I wonder why opinions of SSMU weren't enough to generate answer?

President Larson: because external press approached exec for comment the general student opinion are our responsibility to represent.

Councillor Rosentzveig: you wanted to table report so we can look at budgets?

President Larson: no my motion to table which this council can disapprove is because not appropriate when not read ahead of time

Speaker: unless directly related to what written in report. There was a question period but given that not directly in repor...

Councillor Ibrahim: apologize, I thought I read the report but I didn't.

Councillor Lubendo: motion to have question period

Speaker: Larson will take care of that

Councillor Ayukawa: why was apology press release not included?

President Larson: already answered and put up Tuesday.

Motion to table approved.

12) Reports by Executives

a. VP University Affairs

Councillor Reedjik: logic went into research in equity policy? Flow charts and such funding but not anything put into proof reading or what?



VP Shea: to bein I don't control website internal portfolio ryan saff member. In regards to second question purpose of research project was to revise equity policy. Strange to revise equity policy before doing research. Which is what youre suggesting by asking why we didn't revise spelling and grammatical errors. The research done over summer was meant to inform decision of this semester

b. VP Internal

Short report this week most of my work are around 3 big events comes up been in list serv every week. Please get the yearbook out. Crying shame that 5-8k people struggle to sell 4-500 copies.

Lots of work on sponsorship for events and bldg. New marketing guy really meshed well.

List serv, my sensitivity training started and working on campaign obviously fielding a lot of media contact.

Faculty Olympics! Encourage people to join. Up to you to bring this info out . Red and White super excited!

SSMU awards banquet! Trying to revamp it.

Councillor Ayukawa: vandalism reduction communication plan will it increase?

VP Farnan: fair question I don't think so though this is an issue been reporting at council just a campaign a couple of posters can be light hearted its educating that some things are really expensive. A lot of students don't realize costs of vandalism.

c. VP Clubs and Services

d. VP External

Councillor Lubendo: regarding community engagement --- exclusivity to Milton parc or all montreal? Standards of deciding these things? And have you thought of sub awards?

VP Harris: this is actually campus sorry for the confusion – all campus community awards. There is a community engagement award for SSMU awards. This is because we want more diversity.

e. VP Finance and Operations

Councillor Jeong: wondering if thought about alternative options for communities wanting to create fee levies

VP Hofmeister: don't want to discuss yet just met a day ago not far enough along want to figure out better plan

VP Fong: how long are funding committee meetings and how often?



VP Hofmeister: every Tuesday 6-10ish about as long as council

Councillor Lubendo: with new contracts with gerts how sig to boost sales to cut back on 26k deficit>

VP Hofmeister: deficit created due to salary. Been cutting down salaries and we believe it's acceptable. In terms of margins it won't be extremely significant it will help bottom line though.

Councillor Lubendo: different given referendum largest in recent years given that legal clinic tenants here wouldn't that also mean losing revenues through their if there was backlash and the legal clinic didn't pass they wouldn't be able to pay rent so SSMU would lose revenue so is there a contingency plan

VP Hofmeister: specifically for legal clinic – no but if does happen we can have meetings with them wait and see

f. President

Welcome to my non-existent report.

Budgets are stuff you can always ask ahead of time you don't have to ask in council that's the point of reporting early. It's for info. That being said I will compile a report.

My last 2 weeks were extremely busy.

Highlights: red and white week – saw a bunch of venues completed budgets for concert and conference. Hopefully finalizing agreement with alumni relations. Interesting meeting with dean of students and deputy provost regarding McGill harm reduction and community relations.

We met with sustainability committee – decided to break into 3 working groups. At least one has already convened and begun.

Specific things I didn't work on: senate this week, Joey explained well. Complete and not so great answer from deputy provost. I had president's round table with all faculty. Not so well attended. Some didn't show to any.

Now I'm at council. No I did not do my midterm. I'm doing really well.

Stefan and I leaving tomorrow and it will be fun at this conference hopefully learn something see on global scale what people are doing. The other one thing is that if you saw in news Blakey lawyer changed firms because it went out of business. Questions regarding Farnan situation it has been very stressful time for all of and dealing with multiple requests.

Councillor Lubendo: possible to ask question to UA?

Speaker: ok

Councillor Lubendo: any steps being taken so don't lack senate caucus members?

VP Shea: to my knowledge first year of lack of senate so no I haven't but thank you for bringing that to me



Councillor Reedjik: I was told by speaker parliamentarian that I could not respond to media?

Speaker: when were you told that?

Councillor Reedjik: 3 weeks ago

Speaker: you misunderstood. You were told to not speak about confidentiality.

Councillor Reedjik: because matter discussed in confidential session, the issue couldn't be discussed in any matter. It seems like apology goes beyond confidentiality session.

President Larson: clarifying question: speaking about press release or comments in national by exec?

Councillor Reedjik: They reference fact that it was equity

Speaker: after last council session both those minutes were made public so blanket of confidentiality is overturned.

Councillor Lubendo: technically weren't officially not public...

Speaker: hold that

President Larson: the discussion of council meeting was confidential but the equity process was public information. That's factual. Not confidential. If questions about confidentiality you can ask speaker or me for clarifications

Councillor Lubendo: we decided last council they were public

Speaker: they ARE public. The mandate was decided two weeks ago, secondly all that's said in press release is that there is a decision made in council nothing specific in terms of what was discussed.

Councillor Reedjik: first of all reference that decision was on equity policy and second of all what we were told two weeks ago was that we had to wait until minutes were appropriately censored. Double standard of when it can be discussed and when not to.

Rachel: the motivation was to not impact the anonymity of those submitted the complaint. Because topic voted to be public the lag is a lag. The matter was up for public we're not going to discuss identity of people. Please speak afterwards.

11) Confidential session

12) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm