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**Office of the Speaker**  
Bureau de Président du Conseil

### SSMU Legislative Council

Agenda – September 25, 2014

- 1) Call to Order  
**Meeting was called to order at 6:19pm**
- 2) Attendance  
President Ayukawa  
VP Fong  
VP Moustaquim-Barrette  
VP Chaim  
VP Bradley  
Councillor Ibrahim  
Councillor Baraldi  
Councillor Stewart Kanigan  
Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy  
Councillor Dunbar Lavoie  
Councillor Chin  
Councillor Houston  
Councillor Lin  
Councillor Shah  
Councillor Klitovchenko  
Councillor Weaver  
Councillor Boutin  
Councillor Rioux  
Councillor Conrad  
Councillor Fullerton  
Councillor Sanon  
Councillor Carolan  
Councillor Zhang  
Councillor Medvedev  
Councillor Nadifi  
Councillor Pelletier  
Councillor El-Sharawy  
Councillor Li  
Councillor Benrimoh (Jacob)  
Councillor Rourke  
Speaker Michael Tong  
General Manager Pauline Gervais  
Recording Secretary Lydia Jones
- 3) Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 11, 2014



**Motion to approve by Councillor Ibrahim.  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart Kanigan  
Minutes approved**

- 4) Adoption of the Agenda  
**Motion to table motion of adoption of a traditional territory acknowledgement  
by Councillor Stewart Kanigan  
Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim.**

**Motion adopted.**

**Motion to adopt  
Agenda adopted.**

- 5) Report of the Steering Committee  
**Motion to adopt report by Councillor Sanon  
Motion adopted.  
Report adopted.**

- 6) Guest Speaker

a. AGSEM Representative

AGSEM rep: For those of you who aren't aware, AGSEM is a group that represents 2800 people on campus. We're trying to create a union for markers, graders, UG TAs, etc. Unionization campaign is a campaign to try and convince people to sign forms to support the unionization of this group. Only grad students can be TAs right now. It doesn't make sense now because UG are doing it for less money. There's problems with working conditions and getting paid on time and things like that.

Union cards signed: sign membership forms and pay 2\$ for union. We need 50% + 1 to create union and if there's 35% of the cards, there's a vote. Would fight for more hours for TAs and pedagogical training. Not only protects employees but helps them.

If nothing else, you guys or some of you are doing things that I do for much less pay and protection.

What we're asking SSMU to do is to distribute information about unionization and assist with outreach. As a clarification: once you sign membership cards, you become a member of AGSEM, so you can elect people and help make decisions. And the last thing we ask is that SSMU endorse the campaign.

Please contact for questions or ask them here.

Councillor Ibrahim: Thanks for coming in and representing. You said in your presentation that UG are not necessarily supposed to be TAs, but they are. Is that something that needs attention as well the fact that undergrads ARE TAs?

AGSEM: in principle we could file grievance with university to hire graduate student if UG student was a TA. But we don't like that. So we could either fight to stop UG from being TAs, or fight for them. We decided second option is better.



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Councillor Benrimoh: any response from McGill?

AGSEM: We were told not to put our u-drive on bulletin boards.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy: how many people are in the positions that you're trying to represent?

AGSEM: 2008 survey of note takers and such. We're pretty sure from our research, we've been told specifically that has not changed but we know that's not true. Our estimate is there are probably 800. A lot of time McGill doesn't know who is in which positions.

Councillor Chin: Why is there a shift in grad students to undergrad students?

AGSEM: sometimes grad students don't want TA ship when it is research heavy or specific fields. So they often hire law students. Otherwise, they are a lot cheaper.

2009: 8\$ to 14\$ for TA ships, which is less than minimum wage.

Councillor Carolan: if the union does represent TAs undergrad, do you plan the union to be a resource for them to go to in the event of dispute, or more actively pushing for rights of TAs?

AGSEM: an accredited union has a collective agreement between employees and employer. Elect a bargaining committee and that committee would negotiate a collective agreement with McGill. Thereafter problems can be pursued with grievances.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: Speak a little bit on union dues

AGSEM: affiliated with CSN, unlike most other labour union, we are not local, we're independent legal entity so we pay them for legal advice and things like that. So our union dues are 2.5%, we've never negotiated a pay increase of less than 2.5%. I can't promise anything obviously, I am not on the bargaining committee, I am for right now's TA agreement, most people don't settle with 2.5%. Invigilators have spent the last decade paying 10\$/h so when they got theirs, it was adjusted accordingly.

Councillor Shah: Do you think there would be a collective agreement that would cover Tomlinson TAs?

AGSEM: That is a fuzzy issue. We're saying that the members of this unit would decide for themselves how to go about this negotiation. We may not ask them to sign cards, and if they are members they also have a say. A collective agreement is what you say it is, so if you got to sort out something specific you can.

Speaker: thank guest speaker and PowerPoint will be uploaded.

## 7) Announcements

Parliamentarian: Welcome all new councillors. On October 9<sup>th</sup> nominations for Board of Directors will be done. Before October 3<sup>rd</sup> (when motions are due) please email blurb to parliamentarian. Also mandatory orientation for those who missed retreat.

VP Fong: Welcome new services rep. Inducted yesterday.



Councillor Baraldi: first the AUS is dealing with second resignation of the year. We will most likely appoint an interim then hold a bi-election. VP UA the week of Oct 20<sup>th</sup> there's a cross campus consent campaign.

Councillor Ibrahim: next week the Aus is hosting tips on self care and mental health. A week today is community engagement day. There are some projects lacking participants so feel free to check that out.

Councillor Subhani: McGill flight is having first Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm!

VP Bradley: early fall referendum voting has started.

President Ayukawa: the GA is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Save the date photo posted on SSMU page. All councillors share and like one of them.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: I'm planning an activity with Milton-arc community so come on out!

Councillor El-Sharawy: new VP external!

Councillor Zhang: emerging leaders 6-9:30pm in Leacock on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, plan how to make a difference in your community. A lot of workshops going on. Free!

Register online at [myinvolvement.com](http://myinvolvement.com)

For community engagement day, volleyball tournament!

Councillor Rourke: Oct 5<sup>th</sup> students and mind conference reducing stigma about mental health.

8) Question Period

Councillor Ibrahim: can new councillors introduce themselves?

Speaker: yes

Councillor Pelletier: I'm from Vegas. I'm excited to be here and get involved and for the next years to come.

Councillor Weaver: I'm Rachel new services rep. I'm excited to be elected last night at 10pm I hope I will do a good job!

9) New Business

- a. Notice of Motion Regarding the Referendum Question on the SSMU TVM-Student Television at McGill Fee

VP Bradley: two clauses missing that are essential to motion.

Speaker: It cannot be amended. I would just say next council meeting just say what the amendments are.

VP Fong: reads question (resolved clauses).

VP Bradley: The first two whereas clauses are about how it is per credit, but students add and drop classes so a lot of parents and a lot of students are confused as to what the TVM bill is and what the fee is for. It won't affect their budget, it's just a restructuring.

Speaker: the notice has now been given.

- b. Motion Regarding Climate Justice at McGill

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: reads resolved clauses.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: motion that basically came from the motion regarding freedom McGill. There are some things added.



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Something SSMU has been working on for a long time most of it was already passed. What's new is about the articles about energy east. If you have any questions please do ask.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: While I support the spirit of the motion, article 3 and 3A, denouncing climate change at senate. Senate does not deal with budgetary matters. It would be better to do that in committees that deal with that kind of thing. From academic perspective, that's what would be better. Would you be friendly to change that?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: yes friendly.

Councillor Fullerton: taken look at this motion we've seen two issues: idea of McGill supporting environment, then against pipeline. Not necessarily council's position on projects that don't directly relate to students. So maybe just support the general idea and if we want to talk about at GA for the pipeline issue. As it is we would be against this motion at the law society.

Councillor Baraldi: very much in favour of motion in spirit maybe just elaborate on item 5?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: article 5 one of the articles from past. The issue of climate change and resistance to energy project is closely related to indigenous communities that have historically been marginalized so that's in line with that.

Councillor Subhani: question for Ayukawa why was this motion not a 2/3 council external issue?

President Ayukawa: it wasn't brought up in steering that it could be considered an external issue.

Councillor Subhani: might it be an external issue?

Speaker: reads the bylaws on external

Councillor Houston: do the movers feel it's more suited for GA? And define article 2?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: Basically this is not new, divest McGill has been a campaign under SSMU for more than a year now as for the room bookings so basically what happens they have to book rooms through me so this would be easier to just book rooms through them.

Councillor Ibrahim: in favour of this motion, as a body we represent our constituents this is something that constituents want. I think we should bring it to GA just wondering that any political stance we take should go to GA, if that is the case, it might be a hindrance. It's for them to bring stuff to us not us to them.

Councillor Fullerton: another thing, pipeline is very external whereas the Divest McGill is more for us. If it is possible to cut that part out and bring it to GA and have more democratic response. I don't know how to do that but I'd like to motion that.



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Speaker: either divide the question or commit one to GA.

Councillor Rioux: in the spirit of representing our constituents. A lot of them get their internships and jobs in these companies. I really like also proposing internships in renewable energies. This is still the main source of these people's internships.

Councillor Rourke: Second Rioux, I believe part of the pipeline is external to McGill it is worth giving them a chance to voice their opinion on it.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: none of the resolved clauses contain the specific pipeline but just pipelines in general. Not a specific project but extension to all projects of pipelines.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: political motions are the nature of my job and if I have to wait until GA really frustrating. I understand internships and we've been working with engineers to appease them. It's a stance that we have against fossil fuels. Open to splitting the motion. I would be open to taking out or amending it to remove the articles concerned and bringing it to GA.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: would you be then just voting on first be it resolved and bringing the 2<sup>nd</sup> to GA?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: so actually no. The only article that mentions the pipeline is article so I would amend the motion to remove the article and subsequent articles concerning the pipeline.

Councillor Chin: Where would clubs and services stand in this?

VP Fong: Currently it would be dealt with at the same level as clubs and services.

VP Bradley: hierarchy of booking. It would make a lot more sense if it didn't go through VP external for booking. A lot more reasonable for other clubs and groups.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: strike article 3 and 3A and edit it.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy: are we moving to vote for this motion tonight or is it going to brought to GA?

Speaker: for tonight. No motions to table the whole thing.

Speaker: friendly amendment?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: That's friendly.

Councillor Ibrahim: I understand that political stance is uncomfortable but my question to the general council if we were to perhaps table until GA and abstain from political motions, would that not put a huge dent in VP External's work?

VP Fong: small correction, it doesn't have to go to committee, things that have to go to exec committee are things like awarding things. Divest McGill are not currently under SSMU though so it's different.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy: typo in motion.



Stewart Kanigan: article 3 another typo. Will article 1 be struck and sent to GA?

Speaker: someone needs to make a motion for that.

Councillor Greenseon: minor typo again in the amendment.

President Ayukawa: amenable to removing and in opposition to pipeline?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: yes.

Councillor Fullerton: make a motion to strike article 1 and bring such a motion to GA.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: can you submit motion written?

Speaker: it's just article one that is being struck.

Councillor Conrad: There's still a statement on the first page...

Speaker: unfortunately cannot be amendment.

Councillor El-Sharawy: I know whereas clauses, but if we feel that whereas clauses are inaccurate, wouldn't it be better to change it?

Speaker: the procedure would be to change it before tonight since you get this earlier on in the week.

Councillor El-Sharawy: so right now we can't do anything?

Speaker: no but there are no substance to those clauses.

**Motion seconded by Councillor Sanon.**

**6 opposed**

**Motion passes.**

VP Fong: amenable to removing the booking clause, because as is they have the highest booking priority.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: yes.

Councillor Ibrahim: provide info, in 2012 SSMU motion to not invest in tar sands etc. Very similar ideas, but nonetheless I just want to reiterate that this is something we've done in the past.

Councillor Subhani: what's the point of bringing it back to council again?

Other than the formation of divest what actions were taken last year?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: I could go on for like 10 minutes, we have implemented student faculty staff, upwards of 50 events, etc.

Councillor El-Sharawy: we need to remember that we're in 2014 so previous support doesn't mean anything for this year.

President Ayukawa: in favour of spirit of motion. The role of SSMU is to seek to bring about change in McGill community.

**Motion to close debate and vote by Councillor Ibrahim**

**Seconded by Councillor Conrad**

**Motion passed, debate closed.**

**3 opposed**

**2 abstentions**

**25 for**

**Motion passed.**



c. Elections Timeline

CEO Fung: Two main amendments the first one is we overlooked the nomination period overlapped with voting of polling period. Not a huge issue but less confusing for students. Second issue we originally had a 3 day period anticipating changes in bylaws, but the bylaws are not adopted yet so we have to change it back to 7 day polling period so as to not violate current bylaws.

Councillor Houston: I thought we voted online?

Speaker: quorum on it.

**Motion to move to previous question by Councillor El-Sharawy  
Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim**

**Motion passed**

**Motion passes unanimously.**

11) Reports by Councillors

a. Councillor Dunbar-Lavoie  
Reads report.

b. Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy  
[reads report]

VP Bradley: Is there a reason that first resignation why appointed for the person in line what was the decision making behind that?

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: different in roles for VP finance and VP internal, in this case the VP internal is more of a political role and we thought it would be a different situation.

Councillor Baraldi: VP Finance was effective at the end of frosh and that was very timely and it was operational and we didn't want to appoint someone in interim, and we thought that would be unfair for them because they would have to run afterwards. We haven't decided yet, but we are hoping to run an election. The finance was resigning after frosh so we had that date to replace him.

Councillor Chin: Is this something that happens often in the past?

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: last year we had two representatives who quit as well and Lola and Jacob took their places and normally this is rare.

Councillor El-Sharawy: Are there any plans to try to avoid these issues, is this a new trend?

Speaker: better to bring this to AUS.

c. Councillor Carolan

Councillor Carolan: Not much to report on. Both Devin and I have full access to vibe. We had our first MUS Board of Directors meeting. We had updates from all VPs and regarding yes vote. We also tried to promote it to other VPs in MUS. Also I've been elected to sit on finance and government committee in MUS. MUS right now is renegotiating their agreement with McGill so he'll be able to give you updates on that. The MUS is holding a



referendum on 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding wording of first year representatives. i.e. U0 and U1, now it's first year and second year representatives. Also defined as a member of MUS only if you're a student not if you pay fees to MUS.

10) Reports by Committees

a. Interest Group Committee

President Ayukawa: could VP Fong please highlight major points of report?

VP Fong: yes. Reason it is so long is because of pile up since summer. The reason there are so many constitutional amendments is because of clubs who changed their constitutions. They're pretty standard.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: what is the expulsion procedure?

VP Fong: they mean when execs aren't fulfilling their roles. It was a wording thing.

**Motion to adopt by Councillor Ibrahim**

**Seconded by Councillor Rioux**

**Report adopted**

b. Executive Committee

**Motion to adopt by Councillor Ibrahim.**

**Seconded by Councillor Rourke.**

**Report adopted**

11) Reports by Executives

a. VP University Affairs

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: If you have any questions about SSMU's response to the arrest of football player (Redmen) please refer to me. [Reads report.]

Councillor Zhang: the report date is not right.

Speaker: That's okay.

Councillor Baraldi: do you have a date set yet?

Stewart Kanigan: Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

b. VP Internal

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: Hi! Not a chance to meet all of you. I've had a rough month but I'm back now. Email me I'm there most of the time. [Reads her report.]

What they're recommending is a shared space on campus. Because people don't abide by discount policy, they would give us a shared space.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: just wondering if you have the feeling that more student associations will be signing on for vie etudiante?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: yes. Hopefully! It should be coming up soon.

c. VP External



d. VP Clubs and Services

VP Fong: reads report.

Councillor Houston: what happens when clubs don't attend workshops?

VP Fong: they have to do 3 things to keep active, if you don't do any of those 3 things, after 2 years of not doing it, expires

Councillor Conrad: where info about building hours?

VP Fong: right now assuming budget does not pass. SSMU will send out something.

Councillor Lin: involvement is in experimental period, if we decide not to subscribe to this program do I get to keep my hours of community services?

VP Fong: all 20 services will be allowed and then it will first come first served after that.

Councillor Baraldi: limiting external group to be at activities night, can we make sure faculty associations to be exceptions?

VP Fong: currently internal

Councillor Ibrahim: willing to hold activities on field?

VP Fong: we realized the format this year would be difficult because of construction but problem is that the planning starts earlier and tentatively for weather, or have to be everything into building it is something we've considered, not necessarily something we want to do. Outside building a lot more logistical planning. We don't have time to do that.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: would this restrict ISG?

VP Fong: no they are considered internal groups.

Councillor Rourke: first come first served basis?

VP Fong: didn't want to select groups so first recommendation was to take more established groups and I wanted to give most equal opportunity to everyone. People who come close would have their shit together. Also thought about different categories possible, but too hard.

Councillor Sanon: curious long-term goals is it just for SSMU clubs and have you considered extending it to clubs under different portfolios?

VP Fong: we're responsible for SSMU clubs but Lina and Tim have been working with faculty associations. Not just clubs either, also for workshops and such. You can register through this system. The main consideration is that it is American so usually it's the university that buys this system but in Canada it would be student society doing it. A lot of legal consideration to consider before we jump in on this project.

Councillor Rourke: Details of who would get credit for clubs is it execs volunteers or any members?

VP Fong: details not sorted out yet once we figure out what the interest is we would help them build their own profile for now we would bar minimum recognize execs. The constitutions outline the responsibilities and number



of execs. The way the university is approaching the clubs is what have I learned if already outlined, it would be easier to define these. To them it's really good for marketing yourselves. Easier with execs than volunteers, if we expand it we could talk about them and attending a workshop.

e. VP Finance and Operations

VP Bradley read report

Councillor Jacob: extra fees?

VP Bradley: if you take a course with an extra fee, that fee cannot be included in your tuition.

Councillor Jacob: we worked on a process in SUS and AUS, is that applicable?

VP Bradley: we'll have to talk more about that.

VP Fong: Are you attending the opening? What are you ordering?

VP Bradley: Menu same as last year minus burritos. Having a sandwich.

f. President

President Ayukawa: read report

VP Fong: New councillors, when the second round of committee allocations would be held

President Ayukawa: the speaker or parliamentarian will be contacting all councillors not signed up yet sometime in next week.

Councillor Baraldi: welcome dentistry rep!

President Ayukawa: currently working to make my schedule public, all other SSMU execs are public

Councillor Ibrahim: What efforts will be made to let the SSMU body know about that?

President Ayukawa: Will be included at GA

VP Bradley: amend the agenda to add confidential session.

**Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim.**

**Motion passed. Confidential session added.**

12) Confidential session

13) Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn by Councillor Ibrahim**

**Motion seconded by Councillor Rourke**

**Session adjourned at 9:43pm**