



## SSMU Legislative Council Meeting – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- 1) Call to Order  
**Meeting called to order at 6:14pm**
  
- 2) Attendance  
President Ayukawa  
VP Fong  
VP Moustaquim-Barrette  
VP Chaim  
VP Bradley  
VP Stewart Kanigan  
Councillor Ibrahim  
Councillor Sachal  
Councillor Baraldi  
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 Sanon  
Councillor Carolan  
Councillor Zhang  
Councillor Medvedev  
Councillor Nadifi  
Councillor Pelletier  
Councillor El-Sharawy  
Councillor Li  
Councillor Benrimoh  
Councillor Rourke  
Councillor Kuprowski  
Speaker Rachel Simmons  
General Manager Pauline Gervais  
Recording Secretary Lydia Jones
  
- 3) Approval of the Minutes
  - a. October 23, 2014  
Motion to approve by Councillor Rioux.  
Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim  
Passed



- 4) Adoption of the Agenda  
President Ayukawa amend to add Alex.  
VP Chaim amend to add discussion about funding for Old McGill Yearbook funding.  
Councillor Ibrahim amend to adding discussion on constituent communication  
**All those in favour of adopting  
Agenda adopted.**
  
- 5) Report of the Steering Committee  
Motion to approve by Councillor Stewart Kanigan  
Seconded by Councillor Rioux  
Motion passed.  
Adopted.
  
- 6) Guest Speakers
  - a. Building Coordinator  
My name is Alex and I am the building coordinator at SSMU. Talking about energy bill and costs. Typically our trends are going down. Electricity is about the cheapest source of power here. It's not entirely linear, but still. All our energy trends are going down actually. Great for us!  
Steam: We measure steam in pounds. The giant smokestacks behind campus are steam. That's what we use to keep warm. The biggest steam consumption was in 2012-2013. But it dropped last year.  
Our actual consumption is lower than expected this year!  
The last energy is chilled water: spike in 2010-2011, but incredibly down over past few years.  
Interesting thing about chilled water and steam, it turns out that it is more energy to produce chilled water. As the years have gone by, the consumption has still gone down.  
Lastly, what costs are we dealing with? The calculated cost is taking into consideration what is cost of all energy. The billing cost is what we are actually billed. Used to heat and cool at all times, but now we don't do that. We put the heating and cooling on a plan. We save a lot more money. The utilities management fix their own plans to heat and cool also. The most impressive factor is that despite the fact that electricity is increasing in cost, we're still decreasing in cost.  
Councillor Benrimoh: I understand when electricity is used, we're directly using it. But steam and chilled water is produced by smokestacks?  
Fong: they have a meter right before our building and right after our building. It's being cooled and heated centrally, but we have our own meters.  
Councillor Benrimoh: how do they calculate the cost of production of steam and chilled water?  
Fong: they calculate it based on the average over time as well as unit price for energy. Bill us that cost and give us the actual cost and we pay the difference or get refunded.



Councillor Chin: why is it going down?

Coordinator: because of the plan actually. Also we like to think it's because we are more aware and we are being more efficient, like with lighting and light bulbs and hopefully we'll be reconsidering HVAC systems also.

Councillor Ibrahim: Regarding intelligent lighting, what's the status at SSMU?

Coordinator: haven't looked too much into it yet, but I know there have been some changes.

Councillor Shah: consumption went up for chilled water but cost stayed about the same, why is that?

Fong: this is more amazing: this means that even though cost went up, our consumption is lowering enough to even cover that AND save us more money.

Councillor Shah: are there any projections that would come from renovating HVAC system?

Coordinator: not really because we still need to take into consideration type of hvac and installation and everything. It might take a lot of energy. It'll take about a year or two AFTER installation before we can see trend of change.

## 7) Announcements

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Mental Health awareness week starts tomorrow. A student art show responding to "What does mental health meant to you" free samosas and punch, in Tomlinson Hall 5:30-7:30 tomorrow.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: remind everyone tomorrow keynote speakers of women definitely come out

Councillor Ibrahim: Culture shock today! Exploring indigenous identity migrant justice and people of colour. SSMU has events tomorrow starting at 11.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Next Thursday info session about sexual assault policy. Hopefully will get passed at senate this year.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: Echo is having first action Saturday nov 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be awesome!

Councillor Baraldi: AUS VP internal elected. Also AUS SUS are stash dahs, apt crawl. Thank you SSMU execs for helping out at 4floors.

## 8) Question Period

Councillor Baraldi: Referendum questions of SUS. Long-term plans for students to know how this might be used?

Councillor Houston: The ref questions aren't necessarily running yet because no quorum at GA. There were two ref questions – one would be create space improvement fund, 5\$ for full time students – to improve Burnside. General fee increase it hasn't been increased since 2004. It would be about a 40% increase in budget to increase our services.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: I read in the daily about arts internship office. I am wondering if the arts representatives inquired as to how much the dean pushed administration to pay for this, how easily this decision was taken.

Councillor Baraldi: dean approchee dus about running another fee, we had mtgs with him and inquired wehtehr he had gone to provost about funding but answers



were vague. We're meeting up with arts office to talk about that and what happened.

## 9) New Business

### a. Motion Regarding the Amendment of the Clubs & Services Portfolio By-Law Book (Discretionary Funding)

VP Bradley: the change that Fong and I made was to the name of the funding. Perhaps discretionary funding was a misnomer. Donation and sponsorship funding. Actual account in accounting is donations. Some of the groups do choose to donate to non charitable foundations meaning they sponsor them. I think this is a *bête name* because it encapsulate the idea that none of the expenses that services perform are to their discretion. No cheque requests is 100% up to the discretion of service. I think that was causing confusion, so I'm hoping that better encapsulate what we had envisioned.

Councillor Ibrahim: do these changes apply to activities as well or just services?

Councillor Weaver: Only services have fee levies and discretionary funding. Does a collaboration count as an operational expense? What directly benefitting McGill community means? Could it be something that means montreal community? I fully support new name though.

Fong: this wouldn't be a donation, it would be part of service funding. Two groups would have to agree what they're sharing expenses on.

Councillor Ibrahim: Thank movers for clarification. Does this semantic change also apply to the way services receive this funding? They think they have discretionary funding, are they aware that this is not the reality?

Councillor Rourke: Example of donation that would affect McGill community, wondering how that would play out?

VP Bradley: discretionary funding has only been around for 2 years.

Mostly just decide don from prev execs. They wanted to expand and couldn't so execs thought they could help with a discretionary fund. Fairly new concept. Many services don't use it. A lot of groups just see it as donations. I don't want to speak for anyone as to how much discretion they perceive they have. It's always been called donations on accounting side though so no big change there.

It is a less clear point in by laws but our understanding of benefitting McGill students, it should not be funding projects that directly exclude McGill students, like posting queer trans when part of mandate is okay, but dunging something for Concordia students would not because McGill would be excluded and this is McGill money. And an example of benefitting McGill would be funding events like frosh or culture shock.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Share some concerns for donation and sponsorship – seems like services would perceive it as having ability to donate more externally. The concerns around benefitting McGill students and non McGill students it would help is article 11 was struck and I feel as though article 8.3 is redundant.



Councillor Benrimoh: echo VP UA statements. The idea of ebenfitting McGill students we could have a huge conversation about what that means. It's a benefit to us to follow philosophical mandates that we gave services. Quesiton/concern about point 13 – capital expenditures. If a service wante dot donate money to Milton-parc, would we not be able to contribute if it's long-term? Limited to time frame?

Councillor Weaver: In regards to question from Councillor Ibrahim, I thin kthe discretionary part came from the choice they could have made whne they chose not to fund something .But at a higher level, SSMU also approves discretionary funding.

VP Bradley: concern about capital expenditures – students are only here for 4 years, and fees are assessed on 3 year basis. If you are asking a certain set of students to approve a fee that only begin in 2018 or whatever, you're not really respecting the process in which those were approved. Not really fair to ask students of today to fund projects of tomorrow when there are many other weekly and daily projects that could ebf unded.

Councillor Ibrahim: speak to points 1.10 1.11 1.12, I do understand accountability is important, do we not feel like we're too much micromanaging their activities if we already asked them to provide process to get this funding. Do we not fele like we're suffocating them? Too restrictive?

Councillor Houston: Still a little unclear because I don't understand how 1.11 or 1.12 are restrictive.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: In the article discussing capital expenditures – exceed timeframe of the fee? Is that clearer?

Fong: we model these funding bylaws form the oens that are already in place for funding committee. In funding committee its explicit you can't fund thigns like alcohol or slaries. Not restrictive to include in bylaws because it makes it more clear to a service what can and cannot happen. If I receive a cheque request that is pretty explicitly outside mandate, I have no choice but to refuse and that is really unclear. Because it is a discrepancy between wha it think is their mandate and what they think is their mandate. We wante dot add hard defs that made it more clear.

Councillor Rourke: echo that I think important reasons to having 1.10 1.12 are good, I do think they should be funding things that in line with their mandate. I don't think they should have free reign on that is their amdndate and wha tisnt.

Councillor Weaver: Also in favour of changing 1.11, I think it might be restrictive if we don't include that it could include something outside McGill community. Becaus ether has been confusion on that point today.

VP Bradley: suggestion about capital expenditure – that could be changed to the actual definition of capital expenditure – over one fiscal year. We can change that that's fine.



Houston: echo the other comments 1.8.3 would already allow you, 1.11 could be restrictive, from experience that it is very up to interpretation. It could be disagreed upon.

Councillor Benrimoh: 1.13 – does that mean that if external group applies to funding for event, if we buy them a projector – lasts more than one year. They can't get things from our funding that would last them more than a year?

Councillor Shah: Some of the services online don't include specifically benefitting McGill students so there should be something that specifies that. I think the way it's written maybe instead just write events that don't exclude McGill student. If McGill student is a member of the community and it's open to the community that's fine.

Councillor Ibrahim: thank movers for clarifications. I would support amendment to change that. I don't think it's good to exclude notion of groups at McGill and I also have one question and it's that no monitoring of this funding for last year or two, so will services be okay with it?

Councillor Houston: we haven't heard about amendment from movers?  
Motion to amend Councillor Rourke change – do not involve McGill students instead.

Fong: motion to amend to not inclusive of McGill students.

Councillor Rourke withdraws.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: motion to strike 1.11

Councillor Weaver: it's been sent to everyone and been on vibe for a couple of weeks too. They know this is coming, I think if they wanted to give feedback I would have gotten it.

VP Bradley: I speak in favour of this amendment, striking would be in violation of clubs and services.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: speak against amendment. Wording doesn't serve any clarificatory. Not inclusive can be very open. Does that mean that it currently involves McGill students, that it could? One time donations of campaign? For example the donation to a legal case. I don't think striking it would be in violation of current bylaws. The inclusivity is very unclear.

Councillor Rourke: in favour of amendment because even though still vague, interpretation is more likely to be in favour of services. I think they should be related somehow to McGill students. I do think that not inclusive is broad.

VP Bradley: 2.1.8 of club and services portfolio – all member of society. POC events happen. If you don't include this bylaw, it allows services to fund projects that are not open to all members of society.

Councillor Houston: is this not a friendly amendment?

Speaker: it hasn't been accepted as of yet... Wait. Now it has.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: How will one time donations be included?

Councillor Stewart Kanigan withdraws amendment.

Councillor Rioux motion to previous question.

Councillor Ibrahim motion to amend to strike clause.



Councillor Stewart Kanigan: one time donations ( such as legal battles) how does that work?

VP Bradley: [reads 2.1.8]

Councillor Ibrahim rescind amendment.

Hosuton: amendment: instead just write “exclusive to McGill?”

Councillor Benrimoh: motion to amend – that have as their policy active exclusion of McGill?

Councillor Ibrahim: in favour of this. Exclusive means not allowed to participate, which sounds right.

Councillor Houston: This amendment is a very small change but I thin kcontention was around was about the inclusion word, so just saying exclusive is more clear.

Councillor Benrimoh: I respect the amendment and I would say that it is a fair compromise. Only issue is that it still does raise the issue of what do we consider exclusive. It’s a very specific legalese specifications but it does answer the VP UA’s question.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: am I allowed to abstain?

Speaker: no.

All in favour of amendment 1.

Passes.

All in favour of amendment 2.

Motion fails.

President Ayukawa: it is the role of council to set the tone for things but not wordsmith bylaws.

Motion to call to question by Councillor Rioux.

Motion passes.

## b. Motion Regarding the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Club Hub Committee

VP Fong: create ad hoc committee to work on structural changes in my portfolio. I would like to enlist aid of those who want to. Formalzie process by which we can actualise feedback.

Councillor Chin: what would workload be like for this committee?

Fong: task based approach, as a group outline what someone wants to tak eon .At the end of th day I have to do all work anyway so whatever you want to take on would be fine.

Councillor Rourke: investigat epossibility of libailtiy of this?

Fong: consultation phase should be starting soon. I think a lot groups have been giving fb but mostly unfocuse dna dunconstructive. An idea of what clubs want to have changed.

Motion passes

## c. Presentation and Approval of the Budget

VP Bradley: This is the budget takes time energy and patience. Obvious glitch in acpac which prevents us from exporting in a readable format. I



gified the content is still there so we could just get around the formatting. This is the global budget, goes through every bottom line. For example if you're interested in the details of frosh you can look at the bottom line frosh page, etc. Unless super important, please email me your questions. Budget breaks even! Increase in club fund, also 50\$ transfer to sERF. For clarification, anything in brackets is a profit and anything not in brackets is a deficit or expense. A lot of dpts run deficits, super normal. Elections – don't charge for anything. Total normal that most dpts run on deficits, just nature of society. One major account student fees – 1.7 million dollars. Surplus is a lot lower this year in events. Last year inter departmental transfers weren't happening properly so they were all in this area. Billing department is sig lower. The motion I passed a couple weeks ago about university centre building fund is not a restricted fund. The reason for this was because we didn't want excess fees for building fees going to anything other than rent payments. All student fees related to dental care and health care go to that fund – you won't see rent on the budget anymore. General administration has increased – allocated research positions for students. Equity policy hiring research job invented by Stewart. A lot of the hours for students were cut last year. Mini courses are doing really well, awesome!

Also all exec budgets have been increased back up to normal levels. Also increase in mental health budget. External affairs is a lot higher this year. VP UA and External want to do a speaker series. That money will allow them to do that. If long term it would be a department under SSMU, but for now under external affairs because no time for that.

GA budget slightly increased because of higher security and IT. 950\$ deficit for frosh! Really awesome. Couldn't change it last minute, but we will amend it. Less than half a % deficit. Really really great.

Francophone affairs now under external affairs. Activities night ran a profit. Went into services summit hosted by Fong. All fee funded services are set to break even.

This chart is something I created to help show what happens to money just to be more clear about it. [explains the chart and how it represents budget further]

I had to amend this to include student vs paid staff. I thought it would be valuable to put in salaries, but we cannot disclose anyone's personal salary.

That's it!

Councillor Houston: commend VP FOPS. I will be abstaining from approval due to my employment.

Councillor Chin: one number that really pops up to me. The Nest. Line 39.03 – food sales – how come 50% drop in profit for the Nest, and how come 6x increase in salary.

VP Bradley: because only open January – April. But now open all year so increase in salaries. Introduction of permanent staff too.



Councillor Shah: the initial budget is 160k and the revised is 86k. That's a drop in expected food sales, right?

VP Bradley: we weren't open for September, similarly we made a decision not to be open in May. So 2 months and a half not taken into consideration.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: abstain because employment at Gert's.

Councillor Rourke: projected deficit for Nest. It is supposed to break even or are we going to accept that it won't?

VP Bradley: it is set to be financially sustainable. Obviously not right now. The Nest operations management needs to ask. Mandate of The Nest is local, handmade – and people want cheap food. The cost of goods are higher. I wasn't comfortable deciding which of those two things they should take. We were hesitant to change the concept of the Nest based on 4 months of data. In addition it was hard for operations manager and I to create budget. Estimating off small amount of data. Right now we're needing more data.

Councillor Ibrahim: for IT why increase of software cost? And Elections?

VP Bradley: elections are guided by bylaws. We have to do some promotion. We have to assume that every candidate will want the full reimbursement so it's always \$7k. IT is now going to be taking technical computer expense. There has been an increase in inter departmental costs.

Councillor Moustaqim-Barrette: external affairs – 10k to speaker series, this is something they have at Concordia. I think it's something that's appreciated, if you have suggestions of speakers, let me know.

Budget approved.

#### d. Discussion Regarding Fee Consolidation

President Ayukawa: meeting with dep provost and they want your feedback and want this to happen. They even made a document about it. Please give feedback so we can send it to them.

Councillor Ibrahim: speak in favour of fee bundling. After reading the administration thing how it's expensive administratively. Even though it might seem at first that it's a huge increase because bundled I still think it's important.

Councillor Baraldi: I don't think I'm in favour of this because I'm scared of opt outs and the easiness of just opting out of all of them.

Benirmoh: Since we're only having discussing now but knowing medicine as I do, they would not be happy with this, we have enough issues in our practical lives of health system not being transparency so really against this. In addition to that university's reasoning has several key flaws. They talk about how some fees are bundled some ways and there's all different bundles. Bundles A, B, C, and within each, all little fees. Very worried about opting out of all without knowing.

Councillor Chin: thank you mirror Benirmoh. In general do people who opt out, opt out of everything? But I got the answer here never mind.



Councillor Rourke: I do see the benefit of the bundles. I think a list of every single fee that they pay is too much. How they bundle the fees and what info is in each bundle are very very important. If they don't do that in the right way it can cause a lot of problems. I don't know if this is including just SSMU fees or how that will work.

Councillor Shah: I can see why the administration wants this but a couple of things that is a problem like there's a veiled threat that societies with more than 5 fees would get a surcharge, does anyone know what the surcharge will be. It might be an issue but we don't know the issue. I feel uncomfortable making a decision that benefits university over society.

VP Bradley: as someone who gets a lot of emails asking about fees a lot come from when they're on Minerva paying for them. At every possible place we need to provide all transparency and show information. Most students will not read where my money going or budget. It needs to be on the bill. Clearly benefits the administration and does not benefit students.

Wevaer: concerned I don't think they would be up for this (services), I know that maybe those who opt out are people who opt out of a lot of them but when it's lumped together they'd be more likely to opt out of all together.

Councillor Houston: wondering if more familiar about how levy would now work? Would it not then be easier for us to adjust? Most people find the Minerva bill to not being transparent and most would be okay with lumped fees. There's no details on Minerva bill so not really transparent to begin with.

Councillor Chin: I know several of my constituents do look at every single line and they choose to opt out of certain services based on ideological or personal reasons. Bundling them makes it easier to opt out of everything. They are deeply against it.

Benirmoh: it would be bad for someone to have to opt out of everything just because of having ideological against one. A lot of administration things saying are silly, why can't they have their computers remember the one cent increases?

President Ayukawa: if you leave to go to hype week, I will find you and be disappointed to your face. At the end of this conversation I would like to do a straw poll to see who is in favour and who isn't

Councillor Shah: Not really for but I think one question posed in this document is how much part time students use funds for which they pay vs full time students. Part time students are actually using part time services it would be at least one way to simplify their complaints. I think the part times don't use as much as full time so maybe flat rate cheaper for them? Maybe need consultation on that.

Councillor Rioux: I just think that it's a more than not as simple as some benefits to making bundles. When I saw my bill with 10 cent charges and 20 cent charges, it seems strange and nicked and diked. We have to consider it doesn't mean we have to go with it I think it should be a consideration.



Councillor Rourke: I do think there is problems but I also think there are great benefits. Obviously you don't want to force someone to opt in and out on bundles but I think it would help at least on the bill to have lumps.

Councillor Benrimoh: Nickel and dime point I think it might be vaguely annoying but great education. Small contributions that great number can combine to do great things. Lumping = a lot of resources to make big changes but when you see small amounts maybe citizenship education Society works by all of contributing a little bit and we come together to make a great good.

Councillor Zhang: wondering if it is possible to clump fees together on bills and on the website for Minerva when we opt out of fees, is it possible to make it not clumped together?

Councillor Chin: address question – on the document that we were given it explicitly said that it would cause that you must opt out of it all or nothing. No option for aesthetic bundling.

President Ayukawa: a lot of good points. One other that I've been thinking of a lot of these fees are student run. The university should probably be doing a lot of these things. We have talked about how students have to fund things in austerity I fear that bundling with limited info on actual bill itself may not give credit enough to students who are doing work university should be doing.

President Ayukawa: bring number to administration to say x number are against /for

Straw poll:

Against: everyone.

e. Discussion on Funding the Libraries' Extended Hours

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: info at last council about extended library hours. Any feedback?

Councillor Rioux: unanimous at our council that everyone felt strongly about keeping extended library hours. A lot of people thought it came under library improvement. Care more about having hours than who pays for it.

Councillor Shah: while they would very much like McGill to fund extended hours, if it came down to it, they would rather SSMU fund it than not have it at all. Calling university's bluff was not something they were comfortable with. Also interested in increasing study space – moving old books that aren't used. Dep Provst is also in favour of that. I haven't read the master plan so I don't know what the plan is.

Councillor Houston: feel comfortable calling bluff as long as McGill would pay for it, would we be looking at open full term without library access?

Councillor Ibrahim: unhealthy study habit, other thought it was unrealistic to ask funding for it. Some students didn't really think that improvements to library was necessary but some ideas included new furniture or less digital copies and more physical resources. As well as revamping copy



center at Redpath because redundant with printer in mclennan.  
Revamping women's bathroom because permanent bathroom. Creative spaces – studying together. White board in front of elevators, where you can have discussion. Better ventilation in mclennan.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: Tabling for LIFC people notably said that yes they want extended hours and if McGill won't pay rather SSMU than none. Commented that libraries have feel of a prison – local artwork/student artwork might help. Too cold.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: thank you for feedback! Not going to be able to respond to everything, please send me that info. Super useful. The master plan doesn't exist yet and I'm asking for student input to help build it. As far as smaller ideas less weird chairs we can take that into account. We of course do not want to make a bargaining move at the expense of loss of 24h access. That would be a tragedy for most. Not something we would like to do. We were more looking to see if students felt strongly enough we should continue to lobby for it.

Rourke: Did agree that it was operational expense, but want it rather than not. Off site storage for book, some were opposed, afraid that it would be less accessible, make sure it's done in an organized way.

Hosuton: in response to VP UA's final point – they do feel it isn't something should be paying for and ideally McGill funded but majority of students spoken to have all felt that it would be ideal if LIFC could be used elsewhere.

#### f. Discussion on Old McGill

VP Chaim: 23k a year in publication of yearbook, as it stands we cannot sustain this. Lack of sales from prev years, a sit stand a swell the only reasonable way to fund this is through a fee 00 should note that this fee would be around 2.50\$ and every student would receive yearbook. It would be a publication fee including handbook too. The proposal that I'd like to discuss is to implement fee 2.50 per semester. One big reason why it is not good is that faculty includes grad photos of all students.

Representative of each faculty work on ONE yearbook. Many big concerns like to hear feedback.

Speaker limited discussion to 3 minutes, approved by council.

Councillor Carolan: firsthand how awesome old McGill yearbooks are. Way back to 1800s. Very important thing that we should try and keep. I was just wondering has it recently become very unprofitable, a single factor or what?

VP Chaim: past few years have been not profitable

Conrad: Aus had same problem, we had ads in our yearbook

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie; idea that we would be making something mandatory for all students. As it stands, less and less are buying it. So maybe we should focus on that. Also I think that old McGill has become a weird name. Maybe McGill yearbook clearer.



Rourke: I think that since it not successful now, we need to change it. I like the idea of getting it when you graduate. Would it be opt outable? Could that work?

VP Chaim: first, we don't include advertisements in yearbook, we do in handbook, we could look into feasibility into getting revenue from that if we implement fee. In terms of Patrick's comments and Rourke's I have looked into opt outable, it is a good idea to talk about.

Councillor Baraldi: looked in archives, really important and creating fee opens up possible and also think should be operation outable.

g. Constituent communication

Councillor Ibrahim: Given recent Facebook event and discussion about GA and how we can reach out to our constituents. I want to have a discussion here and ask what you all thought of it.

Councillor Moustaqim-Barrette: I think it's really important that we discuss and act on this. I am organizing town hall thing AMA thing. All execs in a room and questions can be asked face to face and online. Definitely we should talk about this Facebook group thing but reservation about that too.

Councillor Rourke: it is worth noting that it is now "Feedback for SSMU about all problems you're having" – student organized open forum. People who originally made a chuck e cheese event changed it to this! I think using online forum such as Facebook. Clearly the communication channels are inadequate. Facebook more accessible. Huge disconnect about SSMU and constituents. I think there's a lot of misinformation – they use that to hate on SSMU and troll on SSMU. I think we need to respect the fact that they are able to use their judgement.

Councillor Baraldi: people voiced more info about what the procedural rules were going to be like bathroom things too. Online ratifications people weren't aware either. People also mentioned alternative to GA and whether SSMU should take political stances.

Councillor Benrimoh: This is my favourite topic. I would say there are 3 different levels of communication: level 1 SSMU general communication constituents for feedback general. One step. All that gets is the pulse.

Broad consultation – level 3 – surveys, with the leave of council, I'd like to do tutorial on big screen, I could do that right now.

Speaker: no.

Councillor Ibrahim: regarding some reservations that exist on motion having fb group, given it would be an opportunity for students to react. Even if we are the most available we think we could be, if they're not coming then it's on us to find better ways. In addition I think if we think people will be hateful, I think we should confront that. We need to confront that community that had reservations towards SSMU, we need to be acknowledging how they feel and those who love us have equal voice as those who hate us,

Councillor Rourke: I think as councillors, we need to know that we have an extreme bias, and we can't really step away from that. It is hard to hear



negative info about SSMU especially when you put so much hours into this. I don't think that's a reason not to listen to them I don't think it's a reason to not try to listen to their concerns. Every councillor's campaign listening to students including haterzzzzz. Even if it does make a forum for people hating on SSMU. We need to listen.

Councillor Nadifi: I think having Facebook would be really beneficial the main question here because of the hate directed towards SSMU I was wondering if feasible to have someone outside of SSMU moderating? And that debate is constructive.

Councillor Benrimoh: address point that we have talked about which is the difference between elected rep and listening to constituents. The role that plays in consultation. Firstly the way I've always approached it is that you need to assure yourself that you get a good cross section. You need to get a good sense of everyone. It's okay to use your executive judgment when it's short notice or confidential session or something like that and when it's for regularity but when it comes to contentious issues if you can get a cross section/surveys/ conversation then you need to take that very strongly. Please don't give up personal bias

Caorlan: I agree with what most people have been saying about having a Facebook page. Nothing that our constituents use more or are on more than Facebook. When considering whether it would be bad and everyone would just hating on SSMU right now we don't even give the opportunity to comeback, if we have a forum where they question us, at least we'll be able to give an answer. People would be able to judge whether someone is going off on SSMU for no reason

Councillor Ibrahim: just wanted to perhaps have a straw poll to see if Facebook group is in favour.

Councillor El-Sharawy: I know most people are in support of it. What's the point of office hours the whole point is for us to be accessible, I understand it's a new platform but maybe we should also focus on people know exactly what time our office hours are. No one knows. Maybe another way of increasing interactions is making them know when office hours are.

Fong: who do you envision moderating the Facebook page? Speaking from experience, despite best intentions, people do disseminate misinformation. I don't think it's really constructive to have just the execs answer these questions because we are privy to info that students are not. I'm not sure how you envision making sure that the information is widely available but that it would be accurate enough to not cause more panic.

President Ayukawa: held off on talking on this because in my values with my ideals I completely agree but as someone that already works close to 10h per day I am very pessimistic about this. Time limitations. There's not one SSMU exec that has time for this. It would be the worst thing ever. We wouldn't have the time to devote to this properly. 37 people moderating is also a disaster. Maybe each councillor have a faculty facebook? A lot of student do already contact us through Facebook page. We have someone



answering it. People are contacting us through the page. Something I'm really hesitant of is how this often devolves into personal attacks. Not fair to put any of us into this situation.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: Facebook really good idea, but I think in that event, just doing that for 2 nights was so so exhausting. I'm not willing to sacrifice my projects for being on Facebook all the time.

Councillor Nadifi: on Facebook I see that many people who have been active were not from McGill – the debates were controversial. Way to make sure we'd be receiving feedback from our constituents.

Councillor Ibrahim: I realize that it's a huge endeavour. The reason I offered to fully take it on. I would invite anyone to do it, we could do an anonymous thing if you're comfortable with it. I definitely see personal attacks being a thing, I don't see that as being different from campus media. Last thought in regards to how we need to better promote channels, I think if we can't make people come now then once again.

Councillor Ibrahim: if you are in favour of us pursuing a Facebook group for all of SSMU – straw poll question

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: would that include president's suggestion of decentralized?

Speaker: yes kinks to be worked out.

Councillor Conrad: haters going to hate – there's always gonna be that group of people who just hate us. Let's forget them. For those who don't fall into that group. Do a lot of events to look good like when there was the feminism thing. How about a little thing that says "SSMU does this for me" on little placards. We could just do a week into a good publicity week. Ask me about it later if you want more ideas.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: I really like a lot of those ideas. Facebook follows us long past our university careers. A whole bunch of employers check that. It's part of our identity. Given that things can go awry I would caution that if that was the kind of thing we were going to do we have to be very careful.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: thanks for all feedback on this idea. I think it would be cool if we could have a happy SSMU optimism campaign. I feel hesitant given sentiment that I see on Facebook. If we are going to have a thing moderated by execs and councillors, it will be at the expense of other projects. Be aware of that what it would mean.

VP Bradley: during building fee campaign, psychologically very draining and draining on job and taxes. Regardless of that, what I would highly recommend, I would say go talk to Ryan Hughes our communications directors. Regardless of official legitimacy of this, it will have our name and logo so important to talk to people who have resources need to do it right.

Councillor Rourke: idea that executives commenting for 2 hours a day I don't think it's reasonable and I think it does have to be accurate. I don't think there aren't other ways and there is huge value in it. I think we make decisions on highly vocal minority. Second point is that haters going to hate idea



isn't good. Average students that have very reason very clear concerns with SSMU, delgetimizing concerns that need to be addressed.

Councillor Conrad: clarification I didn't mean that everyone was like that, the reason why I say that is that people do personal threats and people who have criticism and there is a separation. I was aiming at them, I have good ideas because people can change their minds.

## 11) Reports by Councillors

### a. Councillor Councillor Pelletier

Councillor Pelletier: reads report

### b. Councillor Michaud

Councillor El-Sharawy: how are the FYC not as helpful?

Councillor Michaud: no communication on what we're supposed to do, and no contact info, just a bit lost and they were attempting to book room and have been unsuccessful

President Ayukawa: FYC handled the stress of J-Board really well I hope everyone thought that too.

Councillor Houston: are you aware that there are 3 FYC councillors that can help you?

Councillor Michaud: Id id not know that btu now I do

Councillor Benrimoh: are you still holding the firs tyear formal and the academic feedback session?

Councillor Michaud: yes for the formal. Not much info on the academic. I know the VP events wants to hold a career event thing.

Councillor El-Sharawy: as we all know FYC have now a much larger budget. Since you guys are trying to do club events and stuff for now last years FYC aren't helping as much, do you think you will be officially organize events which youve never done before and without FYC members?

Councillor Michaud: seeing as 6 of us did come in with prev experience, we its bene going okay. We are pretty much doing things we should be.

Councillor Pelletier: I spoke to VP event sof FYc and baasiclaly let him know if he ever needed help with anything since irc already oragnized club event so if you need help we're here!

Councillor Benrimoh: as part of the change sof FYC consitutuon we had palced the idea that fyc wwould be mor efocuse don first years hwo are you doing that?

Councillor Michaud: blending off campus and on campus and now we are connected with off campus council. Trying to figure out right now how to blend without requiring too much for them. No plans right now about advocacy.

### c. Councillor Weaver

Reads report

Councillor Conrad: does the flat close for winter?



Councillor Weaver: usership lowers but still open.

## 10) Reports by Committees

### a. Interest Group Committee

Fong: Igc committee not only did we look at new clubs for approval but we also create da rubric that is available at te end of the first part of the report. Emulates a lot of the club accreditation procedures of othe runis. Tries to look more objectively at club accreditation. Tunre dinto a lot of young club turnover. Within two year clubs expire. Created rubric lokin g at creativeness and hwo autonomous they are and uniqueness and how mamny students are actively intereste din the club. The ntrerim status applicants and permanent status so looking for feedback. It's scored out of 30. 24 for approval.

Councillor Conrad: do yo guys have a place ehre you publish incoming clubs and I have no idea who is coming in.

Fong: whenever w ecreat new clubs the first place you can find them are IGc reports. The list of all reports is on site. Beginning of year only put up clubs that were active. Now on clubsliting is everyone.

Motioent o approve Councillor Ibrahim

Moiton passed

Approved.

### b. Executive Committee

President Ayukawa: on vibe, announcement about something else, Pauline is not at council today she had to sign documents – she has decided to resign to help run company with her partner. Hopefully will be training new GM in past eleven years SSMU has grown in leaps and bounds since her being here. Don't have other info, more just a point of information announcement.

Motioent oapprove by Councillor Dunbar Lavoie

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Approved.

## 11) Reports by Executives

### a. VP University Affairs

### b. VP Internal

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: my parents are out of town so I am announcing my departure.

### c. VP External

Councillor Benrimoh: A student reached out to me saying that hes interested in running a campaign directed at getting hema Quebec to accept transfusions from men who have sex with other men. Interested in helping me help this student?



Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: yes. Of course. Campaigns are my favourite thing.

d. VP Clubs and Services

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy: thank you for resolving fire alarm. What does the ckut director psotion entail?

Fong: ckut meets Tuesday so its' board work, looking at financials and policies. Looking at student fees and ad revenues. Equitable hiring practices too. Maintenance of HR also. If you're more interested in position itself, I can send you the blue book with the responsbiltiy and bylaws. I can walk you through and introduce you.

Councillor Ibrahim: wondering given nature of your position whowill be responding to your email and how will you be sure the needs and clubs will be met during your absence?

Fong: gave advance notice. Pulled all nighter and got rid of back log. They can send any questions they have no and focusing on that. In the interim while im gone, the IGC will be taking on a lot and the general manager. Itll be in my signature, when I was running for this position. All the questions were answered like "who do I talk to?"

e. VP Finance and Operations

Councillor Benrimoh: With regards to the mental health services covered by asec. After a conversation with a aSEC rep, were you ware that in their yearly consultation with students mental health comes up over ad over that they know students want, do you have any inling as to exactly what direction you should be taking.

VP Bradley: the fee will not be assessed for another 2 years, you would have to re-run the referendum question. This is just something that if yu are interested in, thats something you can bring up and I can bring to asac

Councillor Benrimoh: do you know how much other universities the additional fee for mental health is?

VP Bradley: about 10\$

President Ayukawa: approc how many hours on budget and presentation

VP Bradley: 150 hours.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: approx how many other VP fops have gone through the trouble of presenting to press before council?

VP Bradley: none.

f. President

Councillor Nadifi: lunch with dep provost – how long does it last? Can I attend late?

President Ayukawa: totally okay to swing by, super informal, only an hour. Super casual, the longer you stay, the easier it is to hash things out.

Councillor Ibrahim: read about the Gabrielle booking rooms for GA?



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President Ayukawa: Sabrina is the GA person. She is working on booking all the rooms in Leacock. There's likely another very contentious motion coming forward.

Councillor Ibrahim: 132 is like never bookable or just too expensive?

President Ayukawa: we want more space as well as 132.

Councillor Conrad: Is there a limit to what we can ask dep provost?

President Ayukawa: on the website – just google it. If something is the cafeteria or food options it is within his portfolio.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: dep provost position created to be an advocate for students at upper administration level, technically what his job is supposed to be. Pretty much anything.

12) Confidential Session

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:32.



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Rachel Simmons, Chairperson



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Lydia Jones, Recording Secretary