

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Held in Suite 1200 of the University Center at 3600 McTavish Street in Montreal, Quebec, H3A 0G3

Attendance: Munavvar Tojiboeva (President), Maya Koparkar (Vice-President Internal), Arisha Khan (Vice-President Finance) (via electronic means), Jonathan Glustein (Member at Large), Simon Shubbar (Member at Large), Isabella Anderson (Member at Large), Noah Lew (Member at Large), Dany Morcos (Member at Large), Ellen Chen (Member at Large), Sophie Schaffer-Wood (Member at Large), Nikolas Dolmat (Member at Large), Alexander Scheffel (Member at Large), Michal Chernov (GM Assistant, non-voting).

Regrets: Ryan Hughes (General Manager) (non-voting).

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: 19:09

- 2. Adoption of the Agenda: ADOPTED;
- 3. Approval of outstanding Judicial Board opinions APPROVED;

President got an e-mail from the Judicial Board and adjust that open as the Board is obliged to do that by the IRs. The Directors take a few minutes to read the "Reference re Legality of the BDS Motion and Similar Motions" that was delivered on May 31, 2016. This motion has been submitted for adjudication by J-Board. It's basically standard procedure to review. Director Lew asks when was the last time this was brought up; the President answers that it was brought up in July 2016. Director Chen and Director Glustein explain that the decision was submitted in principle and that there wasn't really any vote that came about this. There was never a written decision that was shown to the Directors. It wasn't brought up to the Board of Directors until now. VP Internal asks why a decision hasn't been made until now. Director Chen explains that the Board of Directors was waiting for Judicial Board to make a formal decision. VP Finance explains (through electric means) that she does not think that we should vote on this right now. Director Anderson explains that there's already a majority of SSMU membership who overturned



the decision online previously. Director Scheffel thinks that we should vote on this now. Director Lew voices that it's our job to uphold the Constitution and agrees with Director Scheffel that we should vote on this. Director Shubbar and Director Chen both agree that the Board of Directors should make a decision about this; Director Anderson would like for this to be resolved. VP Finance suggests that we should go through Legal before making an affirmative decision, seeing as she feels that the Constitution's amendments are important to be verified by the legal department. Director Glustein and Director Lew don't feel the need to go through legal with upholding this motion. However, Director Chen explains that there's no legal consequence that will be coming from this. VP Finance explains that she doesn't feel comfortable with the law students on J-Board reviewing this. All Directors state to VP Finance that the Judicial Board is in place for the reviews to be done in this way because it's a branch of SSMU that needs to be respected. Motion to approve this motion is moved by the President: all Directors are in favor, VP Finance abstains. This motion is approved.

4. Approval of SSMU's investment plan for 2017-2018 - TABLED;

Director Lew went to the meeting, he understood more about the presentation and their management. This motion is tabled.

5. Discussion of First-Year Council timeline:

VP Internal explains that in the election IRs, we can push this back to October, or start the nomination period for end of September. President states that she would like to push this for October, seconded by Director Morcos.

6. Discussion of the international non-voting Director seat;

Motion to add this item to the agenda by Director Morcos and seconded by Director Glustein.

Director Morcos explains that he read in the IRs that there should be 12 seats. He explains that there should be a member of the international students' community at McGill, seeing how they are a big portion of our community. Director Lew seconds this and explains that he interviewed someone in the past to become a Board member but she wasn't able to become a member because she wasn't a Canadian citizen, and he felt that she was a very good candidate. Director Chen proposes to have a "Representative" title position, that would be a member of the international community, that would be non-voting, and this would have to be communicated during the interview to make sure that it's clarified.

7. Adjournment: **19:53.** 

Next Board meeting: Sunday, September 24th, from 19:00-20:00 in the SSMU Boardroom

Muna Tojiboeva, President

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Michal Chernov, GM Assistant