



## Minutes of 09/29/11 Meeting of the Legislative Council

Approved on 10/13/11

### **1) Call to order 6:11**

### **2) Attendance**

The attendance is available in a separate document.

### **3) Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council were approved.

### **4) Report of the Steering Committee**

President Knight asked Councillors to please give their full attention to the guest speakers (following the Report of the Steering Committee). She stood for questions regarding the Report of the Steering Committee.

### **Questions**

What were the complications of the Elections Report?

Vice-President Knight said that there have been a few technical difficulties regarding dates of elections and nominations periods. Also, one of the questions implicated McGill surrounding a fee, but this has all been sorted out.

### **5) Guest Speakers**

Simon of TaCEQ and he has to leave at seven, so President Knight moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to move Simon from TaCEQ's guest speech to the top of the guest speaker list. This motion passed unanimously.

#### **5a. Simon from TaCEQ**

Simon explained that QSR (the Quebec Student Roundtable) hosts SSMU as a member of its national association. There are four members of the association, two from Université de Laval and one from Sherbrooke. TaCEQ represents students to the government. Vice-President Pedneault is the SSMU representative, and attends TaCEQ meetings every month. Simon will be back to report news from the government on the tuition fee increases.

### **Questions**

Councillor Kunev asked whether the November rally is going to happen.

Simon has a meeting with a few of the unions shortly, and discussions about exactly will be done at this protest are going to happen then. TaCEQ wants media communications to be centralized so that all students can be represented together.

#### **5b. Maria Mazzotta & Oliver de Volpi, McGill Food and Dining Services**

Ms. Mazzotta explained that the strategic plan "An Appetite for Sustainability" was established by a number of stakeholders across campus, including student unions and food outlet representatives. Models of food service differ in management, and some have mixed management. Operations by Armrark and other contracted locations are listed in the strategic plan. There are specific commitments and goals within this plan. This position outlined by the strategic plan is a direct result of applied student research. The goals of the plan are to support applied student research and sustainable business models, build the profile of MFDS through leadership, awareness, and capacity building. Mr. de Volpi said that this plan could affect SSMU



in the future, should the Society choose to adopt it. The strategic plan is aimed at mandate in all McGill facilities for food sustainability. This plan outlines that when MFDS writes out new contracts with food providers, they will do so with commitments to initiatives such as sustainable to seafood practices. This plan should not be limited to McGill Food and Dining Services. Most of MFAS's produce is bought from Mac Campus. Right now (during September and October), the Mac Campus is the biggest supplier of fruit and vegetables. The value of fruit and vegetables from Mac Campus was about \$20,000 last year and will be over \$30,000 this year. This is something that is easy to endorse in principal, and very difficult to follow through. However, Mr. de Volpi believes that every food service at McGill, including SSMU's food services, are up to this.

### **Questions**

President Knight said that this will be coming to the next Council as a motion that the Council can officially endorse. This would be a good time to ask questions about the plan. There should be enough time to follow up with e-mails to Food and Dining Services if Councillors have questions.

Councillor Paterson asked "Will we have opportunities to ask questions at next week's council?"

President Knight's suggestion is that questions should be asked directly to the representatives here. Mr. de Volpi said that he would be happy to come back.

Councillor Winer referred to Appendix 2, and asked whether the points in the appendix are targets or current practices.

Mr. de Volpi said that these are current initiatives, though new initiative have been added since that appendix was created.

Councillor Winer asked Mr. de Volpi to please clarify which locations are self-operated.

Mr. de Volpi said that all locations are either self-operated or contracted out. There are two contracted locations.

Councillor Bi asked about the policy of price balancing for less healthy choices.

Mr. de Volpi said that conscious choices were made to increase the prices on certain items, and to subsidize others. The salad bar at BMH, milk, and juice are subsidized. Choices are still being made to subsidize organic choices. Some items are being made more expensive.

Councillor Bi asked whether soft drinks are made more expensive.

Mr. de Volpi said that buying Coke is twice as expensive there as regular food outlets. If students want to buy Coke it is going to cost a lot more to buy it in residence than in other areas on campus.

Coucillor Paterson asked "Are those increases being made clear to students?"

Mr. de Volpi said that MFDS has regular price increases, and they are trying to get information across to students. The cost of doing business is expensive, but food and dining is a non-profit at McGill. If the people using our services think that it is being managed it properly, that is what matters. The goal is to provide the best meals at the cheapest prices.



Councillor Stettin asked, given that Appendix 2 are current practices, whether there are any further commitments that food and dining will make.

Mr. de Volpi said that organic chicken is a new initiative that was undertaken at the end of the year last year and is not in the plan. 2% of the chicken is now organic. That was found by student research. This year, MFDS is going to go over these numbers. There are discussions about a line of only organic and fair trade tea. There are conscious choices to buy local whenever possible.

Councillor Stettin asked whether specific commitments have been made, and whether there are lists that can be brought to Council about these changes.

Mr. de Volpi said that there are conscious choices to make changes every single day.

Though oranges are not locally available, there has been a conscious choice to choose more local juice providers, such as Oasis, as opposed to Minutemade or Tropicana. Huge strides are being made through change on a daily basis. Local food days happen eight times a year and sustainable seafood days are also happening this year. Local meats are being brought in, and many of these local foods are being applied to regular menus. Relationships with farms develop out of local food days.

Councillor Clarke referred to the five challenges which form the framework of Goals and Objectives. What does “social proximity to the food served” mean?

Mr. de Volpi said that in Montreal, there is not a connection to agriculture as there are in other places. Guelph has made huge strides on local food, but it has farmland all around it. Boston and other areas have no trouble getting foods that are nearby. One recent thing that has come out of the relationship with Mac farm is that 100% of whole eggs will be coming from the Mac farm. An egg sorter was purchased using the Sustainability Fund. In the coming months, there will be a McGill logo on eggs from Mac farm, which will be used at MFDS.

Councillor Kunev asked whether it would be possible to put a label on local foods.

Mr. de Volpi said that the biggest fault of MFDS right now is that there is not enough publicity about the initiatives. Students have been hired, and they are able to give their point of view about what is and isn't being well-communicated. Most of the focus is in residence buildings.

Councillor Kunev asked why these initiatives are not on campus.

Mr. de Volpi said that MFDS is starting where most the sales are. MFDS will move initiatives to the campus as soon as they can, and is developing plans for how to do so.

Councillor Kunev asked whether MFDS is working to improve dining space on campus.

Mr. de Volpi said that he has no control over that whatsoever.

Councillor Kourilova said that food services might not be able to provide at rates that students need. Students in residences faced this issue last year when prices increased noticeably. Also, is the labour rate different at different locations and should it be uniform?

Mr. de Volpi said that there was a switch in food service providers from Chartwells to Armark not because of issues of labour, but about issues of sustainability. Armark answered better than Chartwells did to initiatives of sustainability. Armark has agreed to follow 100% of McGill's (MFDS') initiatives for sustainability. This could mean that Armark will have to pay more to provide the food that they are offering, but they have



agreed to do so. Armark pays their employees, but MFDS also pays them. Armark pays half the salary, and they are able to take their profit out of that. Because MFDS is non-profit, the labour pay is very high by industry standards.

Councillor Kryluk asked why residence students are allowed to roll over their dollars, when that was not allowed in the past?

Mr. de Volpi said that his department is two years old. Last year and the year before, students who would have rolled over their home base dollars (but were not allowed to) decided to make bulk purchases instead. Though many students finished their meal plans, 500 students still wanted to make bulk purchases. There was a financial kick in the first year that students were allowed to roll over their dollars, but in the future years students will come back to residence locations. Mr. de Volpi said that mistakes have certainly been made, but great strides have been made also.

Councillor Winer said that sustainability has been addressed as a priority, but packaging and use of bottles were not mentioned. He asked about his thoughts, commitments, or possible targets to address this.

Mr. de Volpi said that in truth, he is the one knocking on the SSMU's door so that this building will use eco-clamshells. Each student in residence gets a coffee mug at the beginning of the year, and a 25c discount is offered on coffee when students bring their own mug. Also, there is no bottled water in residences because every residence has fountains. MFDS has made a commitment to build fountains in each facility that they build. This is a huge undertaking. MFDS is being pushed to get rid of all bottles e.g. coke, by McGill, but students will go to a different location if bottled drinks are taken out entirely. Mr. de Volpi hopes that the water fountain initiative will be in every part of campus in the next few years.

#### **5b. Lilith Wyatt, Sustainability Projects Fund Administrator**

Ms. Wyatt works full time in the Office of Sustainability. The Sustainability Fund has been distributing funds for a year and the annual report will be officially released in the next month. There is a conscious effort to avoid defining sustainability, broadly describing sustainability as anything that realigns the means of how things are done with the realities of how the world works as a physical system. The Fund encourages people to rethink how to do things in terms of process and content; sustainability is more of a community process than the content of what that process involved. The SPF creates opportunities for students and staff to meaningfully engage with and actualize sustainability. This granting organization is a body that connects learning to the McGill context so that the wheel isn't constantly reinvented and to coordinate institutional memory. When the SPF was initialized, culture change was identified as the most effective leverage for change. Culture change refers not to doing things in a fragmented way so that things are done differently on campus, but engender cultural change on campus as a whole. Students and staff built the SPF together. The SPF was approved by SSMU, MPSS and PGSS. The SPF has a mandate to support projects that build sustainability among the campus community.

Ms. Wyatt's work specifically is to work with applicants to develop projects and providing feedback so that people can provide support. The review of proposals is done by a committee of students who are formally nominated. The Chair is an associate Vice-Principal of university sources. Neither she nor the Chair are involved in the decision by the committee about whether



or not to support a project. The process of the committee is based on consensus to ensure that all applications are the best that they can be. The points evaluated for each proposal by the committee are their commitment, key decision stakeholders, that they nurture learning and behavior change, that they are worth investment, and that they identify future vision. These considerations are all looked at for each application. There have been 3 application deadlines with a total of 54 projects approved so far. The total requested is more than 1.8 million. Next Wednesday there is a workshop about how to apply to the SPF and the next deadline for projects is the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. The projects are collaborative and few of them involve only one partner group on campus (most involve students, staff, and faculty) and involve real changes in how McGill works in terms of space, energy usage, food, and creating new staff positions. Some highlighted impacts: 60 applied student research positions have been created, and a water tank collection system of 20,000 litres has been purchased. Renovation projects have encompassed many sustainability projects. Four hundred and eighty-two volunteer opportunities have been created. And a new bike collective has also been created. (This is only a selected list of impacts). Almost all of these projects involve undergraduate students as part of the leading team.

The key message that Ms. Wyatt would like to leave is to not let schooling get in the way of the education you can create for yourself at McGill. The fund has allowed many opportunities for applied student research and internships. She would like to continue to push in that direction.

### **Questions**

Vice-President Clare asked Ms. Wyatt to detail the Aboriginal Sustainability Projects Fund initiative because it illustrates how wide the scope of sustainability really is.

Ms. Wyatt said that it was exciting that the First Peoples' House and other McGill services were willing to work together to produce an application. Two weeks ago was aboriginal awareness week and this project is focused on principles of inclusion. The key there is that the approach is not only social, but holistic from a social standpoint. It is great to see real movement in that direction, further projects include involving high schools, and Aboriginal community leaders on campus. Check the website you will be able to track the progress of the Fund.

### **5c. CKUT Representative**

Rebecca Dooley is a U3 student in Arts studying psychology and was a former SSMU Exec. She is an intern in the news department of CKUT. She is going to be describing a general overview of what CKUT is. It is a non-profit, member-supported radio station. They are getting a new user-friendly website soon. You can stream CKUT on iTunes or listen to 90.3 as it is broadcasted to the Montreal area. The campus community radio station is licensed by Canadian radio, telephone, and telecommunications commissions. CKUT has been on the FM dial for 25 years next year, but has a much longer history and used to be in the basement of SSMU. CKUT is consistently rated one of the best radio stations in Montreal. Campus community radio is protected by the Canadian government by being a service to the communities that they serve, a bastion of Canadian content in airwaves dominated by Canadian top 40 (at least 30% Canadian content quota is exceeded). They are a jumping off point for many in the industry; Arcade Fire were interns at the station, as well as other Montreal artists. CKUT is also consistently supporting concerts in the city and on the McGill campus. Also, CKUT has a lot of spoken word programming, does news and have talk radio, supports some diasporas in Montreal that



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otherwise have no autonomous media source. Campus radio is about providing service to the community. CKUT has a program to reach out to marginalized young women in Montreal. Rule number one of CKUT is accessibility, so special attention is paid to community access programming for music. CKUT's shows include the following: "Venus," a feminist positive rock show, "New Shit," "Lions' Den," "Sounds of Steel," and "Masters at Work." All kinds of music get played, from rockabilly to rock to hip-hop, to klezmer. There is a lot of in-house programming, including "Off the Hour," hosted by Ms. Dooley. "The Morning After" show runs from 6-9 am every day of the week. There is both English and French programming. For students, CKUT is a training ground. Most offices at CBC radio have people who have interned at CKUT. The station is a great resource for people interested in sound engineering, programming, and hosting. CKUT is always looking for people to get involved with this show (all things McGill). More shows include "Campus Mixed Tapes," and "Campus Live." Internships for credit can be applied to a lot of different departments at McGill. Social work students come in to "The Avalanche," a show which addresses disability issues, on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm. CKUT has a 12 person board of directors, including 3 SSMU reps and 1 PGSS reps. The annual general meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The station is member-operated and students have a big say in how they operate. The general meeting is going to be at Alternatives which is right by BDP on Parc. It's really easy to get involved, and CKUT is all about training new people and put new voices on the air. CKUT wants to hear a lot different from Virgin radio! A training is happening this weekend and there will be more after that. E-mail [news@ckut.ca](mailto:news@ckut.ca) to get in touch with their volunteer coordinator. CKUT is a resource that you are not going to get anywhere else.

### Questions

Councillor Clarke said that it sounds like CKUT is doing a lot of cool work. The notice in front of Councillors says that opt-outs are hurting CKUT. Has the quality of or access to CKUT been affected by the opt-out process?

Ms. Dooley said that CKUT does not limit student access to the system due to opt-outs. However, audio equipment is very expensive and CKUT tries to broadcast at a very high quality. The opt-out rate has grown from about 4 or 5% to 14% in the past five years. Student fees account for about 40% of the total budget. Other funding comes from on-air sales and the funding drive. Last year's funding drive brought in \$50,000 from the community. Also, small things like equipment rentals bring in some funds. Grants are also part of the budget. CKUT has tried not to modify programming to students at all.

Councillor Kunev asked whether CKUT really delivers 30% Canadian content, or whether that number is, in fact, higher.

Ms. Dooley said that the number that CKUT must have technically is 30%, but CKUT is allowed to and strives to produce over 30% Canadian content. Some shows, such as Ms. Dooley's own show, exceed the 30% of Canadian content. Justin Bieber hardly counts as Canadian content because a lot of his production is American.

Ms. Dolley said that she would stay for another ten minutes, in case any Councillor wants to see an audit of CKUT's finances.

In response to a request from Chair Tong, Ms. Dooley said that she will attempt to get a digital copy so that the finances can be e-mailed to Councillors.



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Councillor Paterson put forward a motion to amend the agenda to move New Business items e and f to be tabled to the following Council meeting because this was talked about his on Monday and she would not like to beat the dead horse.

Chair Tong ruled this motion out of order right now but said that it may be brought up later.

Councillor Arango was elected Vice-President External of inter-residence council and is here for the first time today. At Chair Tong's request, he introduced himself for the Council.

Councillor Dinel then performed an impromptu rendition of Born This Way!  
Please send your requests for her next appearance to [speaker@ssmu.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.ca)

## **6) Announcements**

Councillor Kunev said that civil engineering is organizing Blues Pub tomorrow night which will run from 5pm-8pm, with one dollar beers during happy hour.

Vice-President Fraser announced that Culture Shock, an initiative which is co-run by SSMU and QPIRG will run from October 17-21<sup>st</sup>. There will hopefully be a party at the end of the week.

Councillor Paterson and Kryluk said that everyone should come to Fill the Stadium on Sunday. They will be at BDP at 4:30pm before the game, which starts at seven.

Vice-President Clare said that Coyote Ugly is happening after this shindig. There will be a special guest appearance by Vice-President Plummer.

Councillor Winer said that this coming Tuesday from 2-4pm, a group will be meeting in the SSMU office to put together a forum for discussion (including various stakeholders and SSMU members) about various strikes and organizations on campus.

Vice-President Pedneault said that tomorrow is the second Strategic Summit and the topic is tuition hikes. There will be free food. The plate club and hopefully vegan options will be there.

Vice-President Patel said that the Club Fund application deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no late applications accepted. See any of the Clubs and Services, himself, or Vice-President Fraser for help with an application.

Councillor Chaini said that there will be an Indian festival tomorrow night at SSMU ballroom. There will be Indian dancing workshops and food is included. It will start at around 6pm but she suggested arriving at around 8pm.

Councillor Bi said that it is James McGill's birthday next Thursday, so a cake will be cut at Bar des Arts on Thursday at 7pm.

Plummer said that in honour of James McGill, alumni relations will be ordering 800 free cupcakes which will be available at the SSMU kiosk at noon on October 11<sup>th</sup>. He would also like



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to remind everyone that he is working with McGill's Open House to organize a pumpkin carving contest. While visitors at the open house walk by, pumpkin carvers can talk about their club and while people walk by you can talk about your club, IGC, and Service. There are only a few spots left. Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Thanksgiving Barn party. There will be a bus from downtown to Mac campus, which will include a BBQ and square dance. This will be happening in a century-old barn and there may or may not be fireworks.

President Knight has a few announcements. First, Run for the Cure has a Team McGill which includes PGSS and SSMU members. The run is happening on Sunday morning. The deadline to register is tomorrow. Currently there are 60 team members and \$5,000 dollars has been raised. The run for the cure is meant to raise money to support breast cancer research. Second, the bylaw review committee does not have a report for Council because they only met yesterday, but the committee should be meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and will be discussing the General assembly first on the agenda. Those who can't make the meeting, are encouraged to send their thoughts

Councillor Doyle said that AUS is hosting town hall tomorrow. The theme will be arts frosh and the town hall will run from 5:30-7:30pm.

Councillor Crawford explained that the idea of academic amnesty. The idea is that there should be a mechanism in place for students who have an ethical grievance with a dispute on campus to show solidarity without facing academic sanction. He would be very happy if Councillors could send their feedback to [artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:artssenator2@ssmu.mcgill.ca). Second, he strongly encourages Councillors to get in touch with Dinell and about poetry writing submissions for the McGill Creative Writing Society. Also, he would like to say kudos to those who participated in the protest yesterday

Vice-President Clare said that there will be a meeting on Sunday at 3pm which will discuss academic amnesty. Send her an email with any thoughts. Also, if students have had issues with the strike, there will be a form online for students to discuss grievances. Quotes will be posted on the SSMU website.

Councillor said that breast cancer week is next week, and Engineering Society will be raising money.

Jonathan Mooney, a member of the gallery from AGSEM, said that AGSEM was in negotiations with the University today. Though the University had said that they would respond to all key demands at this meeting, they did not. He brought pins and handed out a stack of them to be passed around.

Chair Tong said that TedEx McGill has an event on Saturday, and registration will begin on Tuesday.

Chair Nizam had a few announcements. First, she addressed Councillor reports. Councillor Winer was the only one to submit a report. Councillor reports are due on Friday at 5pm (six days before the next meeting of Council). Councillors can describe in the activities that they have





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done within the purview of their time as elected officials. There is no specified length. Secondly, being an elected official means that Councillors have to be talking to their constituents. Keep in mind that only 20% of the student body voted, so that means that only a very small number of people voted in each Councillor specifically. Councillors need to show their faculties that they are worthwhile representatives. Chair cannot express how much it matters to the Speakers that Councillors to do their jobs. Next, Chair Nizam re-introduced the Chairs. Michael Tong is 4<sup>th</sup> year in anatomy and cell biology, and Nida Nizam is fifth year in IDS. Please remember the Chairs names when e-mailing, and use the speakers as resources. Also, Councillors asking questions to guest speakers should be very polite and state their name and position. Please use the utmost professionalism with your vocabulary when addressing a guest speaker. Lastly, please e-mail your feedback regarding the GA to [speaker@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:speaker@ssmu.mcgill.ca). She said that Councillors are stellar for being there—there was great Councillor turnout!

Councilor Dinel asked whether all Councillor reports will go out to all Councillors.  
Chair Tong said yes.

Councilor Chaini asked if the due date is the Friday after Council or Friday before the Next Council.

Chair Tong said that they will be due will be six days before the next Council.

Councilor Paterson asked whether Patel will be dressing up and attending Coyote Ugly.  
Vice-President Patel said that his first and foremost priority is Council, but hopefully he will be making his way to Coyote Ugly to see Vice-President Plummer strut.

Councilor Paterson asked whether the Vice-President Finance will be dressing up for 4Floors, and, further, whether Executive will be dressing up as a theme.

Vice-President Patel said that discussion about his dress is not appropriate right now and he would like to keep people curious and excited.

Councilor Paterson asked for a yes or no answer as to whether he will be dressing up for Halloween, and if so, whether he would be dressed as himself.

Vice-President Patel could neither confirm or deny that he will be dressing up.

## **7) New Business**

### **7a. Resolution Regarding Standing Rules of Council**

The Resolved clauses were read aloud. The Resolution is printed as it was adopted by the Council:

*Whereas*, the Legislative Council is the ultimate governing body of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU);

*Whereas*, the Executive Committee is largely responsible for both day-to-day operations of the Society and implementing its long-term projects;

*Whereas*, each member of the Legislative Council has the right to provide feedback on all actions of the Executives;

*Resolved*, that Executives are obligated to include the following in their reports to the Legislative Council:

Meetings with all relevant committees of the SSMU Legislative Council, Faculty Associations, McGill University Senate and/or McGill University Board of Governors,



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All financial transactions and budgets over \$1,000,  
The work and progress of student staff within each Executive's portfolio,

*Resolved*, that Executive reports to the Legislative Council are written with the utmost standards of grammar and professionalism on official SSMU Letterhead.

Moved by:

Todd Plummer, Vice-President Internal

Matthew Crawford-Appignanesi, Senate Caucus Representative

Debate began on this Resolution:

Councillor Paterson said that standing rules have been adopted to make Council more accessible. This especially makes debate accessible. Also, friendly amendments can be made. This is more accessible and easier than simply using Robert's Rules.

Councillor Kunev asked whether this motion was presented to last year's council.

Chair Tong said that documents past only for one year, and a similar one was passed this year. Until standing rules are passed this year, the Council is technically running on Robert's Rules. The differences from last year's document are minimal. Last year's rules stipulated that, during debate, Councillors should stand in lines to indicate whether they were "pro" or "con." Councillors will no longer be standing in lines, but will be raising their placard in the air when their side of the debate is called on to speak (this year "for" and "against" as opposed to pro or con). Also, this document allows friendly amendments.

Councillor Chaini asked what role the unmoderated caucus would play.

Chair Tong said that an unmoderated caucus allows Councillors to talk informally in the room, but the Chair was clear that the topic of the discussions must be specific to the topic at hand and nothing else during unmoderated caucus.

Vice-President Clare said that she thinks that the last clause it is a really important resolved clause. It empowers the speakers to take the fact that not everyone has spoken into consideration when they call on Councillors to speak. She encouraged Councillors to look around themselves to see if anyone is hesitating to speak.

Chair Tong asked that placards be put on their side during question period instead of being raised in the air.

Vice-President Pedneault asked, as a point of information, that it be explain what exactly the rules will be in debate when one is speaking for or against. He would like a efficient method to find out who is speaking for or against.

Chair Tong clarified that during debate, everyone will start with their placards down, and he will call on debaters by saying "all those wishing to speak for," and those who do want to speak for would raise their placard. Those wishing to ask questions (as points of information) should stand their placards vertically on the table (but not raising them in the air).

Chair Nizam said that it is much less of a visible division when debate is run this way, rather than having people line up at the back. She thinks asking Councillors to put their placards in the



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air shows a clear difference in debate. To call on new speakers, the Chairs will be calling on those speaking for and against alternately.

Councillor Steettin asked the Chairs to clarify whether this method of debate is like the GA where the ratio of speakers had to be 1:1 for or against.

Chair Nizam clarified that debate will move forward if Councillors wishing to speak are speaking continually to one side. Still, the Chairs will repeatedly ask for input from the other side.

The resolution as a whole was moved to previous question. This motion passed unanimously. The Resolution Regarding Standing Rules of Council passed unanimously, with 25 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

#### **7b.CKUT referendum notice of motion**

The Resolved clauses were read aloud. The Resolution is printed as it was adopted by the Council:

*Whereas*, Radio CKUT is licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission as a campus-community radio station to broadcast at 90.3 on the FM band to the greater Montreal area;

*Whereas*, CKUT became an independent student activity in 1988 and has served the McGill and Montreal communities 24 hours a day 365 days a year, on FM radio and the Internet;

*Whereas*, McGill undergraduate students have supported CKUT with a fee of \$4.00 each semester since 1988, and whereas any student who pays said fee is automatically a member of CKUT, with all the rights and privileges pursuant thereto;

*Whereas*, prior to 2007 CKUT's fee was refundable at the premises of CKUT;

*Whereas*, the placement of CKUT's fee on the Minerva online opt-out system in 2007 has continuously depleted the financial resources of CKUT, thereby interfering with the ability of CKUT to serve the McGill and Montreal communities;

*Whereas*, in Fall 2007 a General Assembly of the SSMU passed a motion mandating the SSMU to take every reasonable action to put an end to the online opt-out system created by the University such that campus groups shall be in charge of their own opt-out processes;

*Whereas*, CKUT employs McGill undergraduate students, and includes McGill undergraduate student representatives on its Board of Directors, Steering Committee and Programming Committee, and provides internships and research opportunities for student members related to their academic fields;

*Whereas*, all undergraduate student members may participate in CKUT's annual general assembly, which is the highest governing body of CKUT;

*Whereas*, McGill undergraduate student members may participate in the activities and governance of CKUT as listeners, programmers, technicians, and receive training at CKUT in various aspects of radio production;

*Whereas*, CKUT is consistently voted as the #1 or #2 Radio Station in the Mirror's Best of Montreal Readers Poll;

Do you support CKUT continuing as a recognized student activity supported by a fee of \$4.00 per semester for full-time undergraduate students, which is not opt-outable on the Minerva online opt-out system but is refundable on the premises of CKUT, with the understanding that



a majority “no” vote will result in the immediate termination of all undergraduate funding to CKUT?

Moved by:

Carol Ellen Fraser, Vice-President Clubs and Services

Shyam Patel, Vice-President Finance and Operations

Radney Jean-Claude, Social Work Representative

Micha Stettin, Arts Representative

Zhizhen Qin, Science Representative

Speaker Tong clarified that this Notice of Motion lets Councillors know that this motion will be put forward at the next Council meeting.

Vice-President Fraser read out the resolved clause and clarified that the Motion will be debated and voted on at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Clarke is wondering whether “refundable on the premises of CKUT” means that those wishing to opt out would have to walk into their office?

Chair Tong said yes.

A Councillor asked what is meant by “terminate undergraduate funding.”

Chair Tong said that if this passes, this resolution will be asked as a referendum question to all students. Councillor Paterson said that Independent Student Groups’ fee come up for referendum every five years. If either the Council or the student body votes no, funding will cease.

Councillor Bi asked whether the Council is allowed to amend Resolutions for referendum.

Councillor Knight said that technically yes, the Council does have that right, however, the wording has been carefully selected by the group in question and it is important not to change things without that consideration.

Councillor Paterson asked if it would be possible to invite a representative to CKUT to the next meeting of Council.

Vice-President Fraser assured her that there will be CKUT members in the gallery at the next meeting.

Councillor Kunev asked if the motion could be separated into two things.

This would have to be done in two weeks when the motion is brought to Council for debate.

Vice-President Fraser asked that Councillors please further educate themselves about CKUT and the Resolution at hand in the next two weeks so that an informed decision can be made when this is brought back to Council.

### **7c. Resolution Regarding Executives Reporting to Council**

Vice-President Plummer read the Resolved clauses aloud. The Resolution is printed as it was adopted by the Council::



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*Whereas*, the Legislative Council is the ultimate governing body of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU);

*Whereas*, the Executive Committee is largely responsible for both day-to-day operations of the Society and implementing its long-term projects;

*Whereas*, each member of the Legislative Council has the right to provide feedback on all actions of the Executives;

*Resolved*, that Executives are obligated to include the following in their reports to the Legislative Council:

- Meetings with all relevant committees of the SSMU Legislative Council, Faculty Associations, McGill University Senate and/or McGill University Board of Governors,
- The Vice-President Finance and Operations specifically report on all financial transactions over \$1,000
- The work and progress of student staff within each Executive's portfolio,

*Resolved*, that Executive reports to the Legislative Council are written with the utmost standards of grammar and professionalism on official SSMU Letterhead.

Moved by:

Todd Plummer, Vice-President Internal

Matthew Crawford-Appignanesi, Senate Caucus Representative

A motion was put forward by Vice-President Plummer to add "with consideration to confidentiality." This is especially important when it comes to reporting on student staff. This motion was rephrased to add the following clause "*Resolved*, that the above is subject to confidentiality as required by Québec law and the advice of the SSMU's legal council." Councilor Crawford-Appignanesi approved of this as a friendly amendment.

Councilor Kunev asked if a clause could be included for summer reporting. President Knight said that the issue of summer reporting is complex and should be included in the bylaw process this year. It is important that Council knows how this works, and suggests that the Council leave this to a separate motion. This resolution, if passed, would expire at the end of April. Vice-President Plummer said that Councillors should put that idea in the bylaws in a few months when there will be a more informed basis on how it is best to mandate summer reporting.

Councillor Stettin would like to add a bullet point that says "Executive meeting minutes" under "obligated to include the following in their reports to the Legislative Council."

Chair Tong said that that would be part of the executive Committee Report and thus this motion was ruled dilatory.

Councillor Chaini asked if reporting Executive Committee minutes could be added as another resolved clause.

Chair Nizam said that there is a presentation at every Council of the Executive Committee's affairs in the Report of the Executive Committee. To address this issue, a new motion would have to be written about the Executive Committee in particular. Alternatively, Councillors could speak to President Knight to draft a motion about what should be included in Report.



Vice-President Plummer said that this motion is intended for individual Executive reports. The Executive will be telling the Council everything they can want to tell Councillors in the Report of the Executive Committee. Based on these guidelines everything that is in the minutes would be here except really confidential things cannot legally be shared.

Vice-President Patel would like to remove “and budgets” from the second bullet point. He would like to amend \$1,000 to read \$25,000.

Vice-President Plummer said that this is not friendly because the point of Executives is to report on what they are spending.

Vice-President Patel said that the amount can be debated, but he thinks that there are few who understand how accounting works in SSMU. Part of his work is to revamp accounting. There is a lot of work that goes into accounting and many expenses are at about \$1,000. He is ok with a lesser amount than \$25,000. However, reporting all transactions at or over \$1,000 may be difficult. Further, a lot of the numbers submitted today are processed months later. Frosh financials will not be available until next semester. Students are often upset when papers publish numbers and those numbers turn out to be wrong because they were actually estimates.

Vice-President Paterson said that Vice-President Patel's language might be considered oppressive because of his comment that people do not know about accounting.

Vice-President Patel apologized. He clarified that the budget is presented three times a year to the Council (in full) already. He thinks that reporting on \$1,000 expenses is too low because about 90% of all transactions are around \$1,000. He said that Councillors have to put in at least \$1,000 and that is an internal rule in the Executive that all expenses over \$1,000 have to be reported.

President Knight said that all financial statements would be reported by Vice-President Patel to Council. Because Executives have to get approval for expenditures over \$1,000, she is not sure that this is necessary here. She said there is also a difference between expenditures by Executives and expenditures of the General Manager. Her expenses, many of which have to do with the building, are quite large.

Vice-President Fraser asked whether President Knight is moving to rescind this amendment?

President Knight said that her understanding is that the best amendment would remove this bullet entirely because it will already be happening.

Councillor Burnett said that he would be ok with incorporating the President's amendment as friendly if the Council can be assured that all Executive expenses over \$1,000 will be in the Executive Committee report.

Vice-President Plummer said that his concern is that reporting is not actually mandated in a motion or a bylaw anywhere.

Councillor Fraser proposed to amend this to read “financial approvals over \$1,000” instead of “financial transactions over \$1,000.”

Vice-President Plummer asked whether both of the movers could get rid of this amendment after it is moved.

The Chair said that he may do this after the movers of the amendments are permitted to speak.



Vice-President Patel retracted his unfriendly amendment.

The Council is now in debate on the unfriendly amendment by Vice-President Fraser. Councillor Paterson asked whether her amendment is compatible with the existing bylaws in the regulations and would like to ask the President whether reporting on every approval at or above \$1,000 is feasible.

President Knight said to her knowledge that would be feasible but it would be redundant because financial approvals will be in the report of the Executive Committee. Also, a mandate by Resolution would require the Council to adopt and not just approve the Report. She is committed to report all approvals over \$1,000.

Vice-President Fraser withdrew her amendment. The second bullet has been removed.

Vice-President Pedneault said that at the Executive Committee any financial transaction over \$500 must be reported by the Executives. Therefore, everything over \$1,000 you would have to have approval for. Vice-President Plummer furthered that this is dilatory.

Councillor Stettin would like to amend the resolution to put the line back in that would mandate anything over \$1,000 to be in the reports. Otherwise, each approval does not necessarily have to be in the Report.

The Chair ruled that Councillor Stettin said was within his rights to move to put the clause back in. Chair Nizam suggested a motion be made to stipulate what the Executive Committee has to put in its report. Since there is no specific line about what number has to come to Council, perhaps Councillors would be comfortable putting forward a motion or Executives could put forward a motion regarding the Executive report.

President Knight said that there were a number of financial approvals reported in the Executive Reports this summer. She promised that all approvals will be reported in the executive Committee Report.

Councillor Pateson asked what the correct process would be to mandate the Executive Committee to put their financial approvals in a report.

Chair Tong said that Chair Nizam just mentioned that there should be a new motion to mandate that.

Chair Nizam said that she understands that no one is saying anything personal about the Executives, it is more about filling the holes that are currently in the system. So, she thanked everyone for their diligence. She encouraged Councillors not to make anybody feel like this is personal.

Councillor Stettin asked for an explanation about why this doesn't fit.

Chair Nizam explained that it is redundant because the Executives have made it their policy to list the financial approvals in their report already. Thus far, the Executive reports have justified expenses and how they were approved.

President Knight read from Bylaw 1-3 bylaw book 1 article 2.3-2.4 which states that all actions taken by the executive committee must be ratified by the Council at the next meeting of the Council. The stipulation regarding approved financial expenses can be put in, but then approvals would have to be in two separate documents.



Councillor Chaini asked whether this would mandate the Council to ratify things twice and thus be redundant?

President Knight said yes.

Vice-President Clare said that she thinks that the Council should include this amendment. Yes, it is redundant but it is probably good to mandate.

Councilor Stettin said that the Executive Committee reports so far have not contained any numbers.

President Knight outlined two places in the summer report where there numbers were given.

Councilor Stettin would like to amend the Resolution to state that the Vice-President Finance and Operations will report say all transactions over \$1,000 in his own report. This was put forward as an unfriendly amendment.

Vice-President Plummer wanted him to point out that the way that expenditures are approved, the Vice-President Finance and Operations doesn't have to know that they have been approved. Councilor Jean-Claude asked other Councillors to refer to each-other last name or title so that they do not make their statements personal.

Vice-President Patel said that he must sign all accounting forms, and the General Manager must also. The only case where the Vice-President Finance does not sign a form when it is for him or herself.

Vice-President Chaini motion to previous question on this unfriendly amendment. Passes unanimously.

This unfriendly amendment was read aloud "The Vice-President Finance and Operations specifically report on all financial transactions over \$1,000."

By a vote of 22 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions, this amendment passed.

A motion to previous question on the Resolution passed unanimously.

The Resolution passed unanimously with a vote of 25 for, none against, and no abstentions.

#### **7d. Resolution Regarding Quality of Undergraduate Education**

The Resolved clauses were read aloud. The Resolution is printed as it was adopted by the Council:

*Whereas*, the SSMU is mandated to "support, by whatever means at its disposal, the workers' struggles affecting our campus and the greater McGill community" (Policy on Solidarity with Workers Struggles, Oct. 5 2006 GA);

*Whereas*, the Teaching Assistant Bargaining Team of AGSEM (Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill) is currently engaged in Collective Bargaining negotiations with the McGill administration regarding new contracts for TA's;

*Whereas*, McGill University pledges in its mission statement to provide students with the, "best education available";

*Whereas*, the chief bargaining priorities of AGSEM's TA Bargaining Team reflect the best interests of undergraduate students;

*Whereas*, "The Students' Society shall act as the official voice of the undergraduate and





professional students of McGill and as a liaison between them and the university” (SSMU Constitution, Preamble, Article IV);

*Whereas*, the chief bargaining priorities of the TA Bargaining Team are the following:

- 1) First-time TA's are paid by the University to participate in pedagogical training provided by the University
- 2) The University increase the number of hours worked per TA in order to lower the student: TA ratio
- 3) The University limit the size of discussion-based conferences as well as laboratory sections
- 4) The University require that course supervisors and TA's meet regularly
- 5) The University ensure that the salaries of TA's, at bare minimum, keep pace with the rise of the cost of living in Montreal;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU support AGSEM's TA Bargaining Team in its negotiations with the McGill Administration with regards to the following demands,

- 1) First-time TA's are paid by the University to participate in pedagogical training provided by the University
- 2) The University increase the number of hours worked per TA in order to lower the student: TA ratio
- 3) The University limit the size of discussion-based conferences as well as laboratory sections
- 4) The University require that course supervisors and TA's meet regularly
- 5) The University ensure that the salaries of TA's, at bare minimum, keep pace with the rise of the cost of living in Montreal;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU utilize the resources at its disposal, including but not limited to its listserv and website, to inform students about AGSEM's bargaining priorities and about related AGSEM events,

*Resolved*, that the SSMU, with support from the Executive Committee, draft an official letter based on the five principles of negotiation of the AGSEM and send it to the Provost by this coming Monday, October the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Moved by:

Adam Winer, Clubs & Services Representative

Councillor Stettin made a motion to amend the final clause to read that the SSMU draft an official letter based on the five principles outlined in the final *Whereas* clause send it to the Provost by this coming Monday, October the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jonathan Mooney spoke from the gallery as a member of the AGSEM Bargaining Committee. He explained that the negotiating teams (including members of McGill administration) said that they would be meeting early next week to respond to AGSEM's priorities. It would be an excellent time to make sure that the SSMU's voice is heard.

This is a friendly amendment and is now part of this resolution, replacing the original version of the final *Resolved* clause.

Councillor Crawford said that given that the final *whereas* clause affects the content of the last resolved clause, he would prefer to strike the *whereas* clause and make an amendment to that as a resolved clause.

The Chair explained that amendments cannot be made to *whereas* clauses.

Councillor Stettin said that first resolved could say “with regards to the following demands” and add the list of five demands after the first resolved clause. This is also a friendly amendment.



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Councillor Crawford made a motion to amend the previous friendly amendment to read “The university increase the number of hours worked per TA in order to reduce the workload of TAs” Councillor Winer said that this is unfriendly because it would not necessarily reduce the workload of the TA. If it could be changed to read “increase the number of hours worked by TAs in order to reduce the workload of TAs to lower the student: TA ratio,” that would be friendly. Councillor Crawford’s proposed amendment does not actually reduce the number of TA working hours.

Mr. Mooney said that TAs max out at 180 hours and in many faculties that would automatically create new TA appointments. Some departments employ two part-time TAs at 90 hours each. The number of TAs are calculated by full or partial appointments. So, AGSEM would like to continue these partial employments and not necessarily require TAs to work more hours. Councillor Crawford apologized for his misunderstanding and withdrew his amendment. Councillor Kunev suggested that in the last Resolved clause state the five principles of negotiation of the AGSM (instead of the first Resolved clause). Specifically, he moved to add “of negotiation of the AGSEM” to the last Resolved clause and strike the five things in the first Resolved clause because it is already contained in the whereas clause directly above. It was explained that the whereas clauses are distributed as a part of the resolution when it is delivered.

President Knight made a motion to amend the final resolved clause to read “with support from the SSMu Executive Committee” before “draft”. That was added as a friendly amendment.

Councillor Burnett spoke in favor of this resolution. He said that it is very clear to him that each of these five points affect the quality of undergraduate education, but it is important to send a message to the administration from students that recognizes that importance. The message to McGill must be clear that students understand that the discussion points are about making TAships more engaging, but they are also about undergraduate education.

Councillor Chaini made a motion to previous question. This motion to previous question passed with 23 for and 2 against.  
The resolution as a whole passed.

Councillor Paterson made a motion to move points 8e and 8f to point 12 and renumber accordingly.

Councillor Crawford asked for her reason for moving these items to the end of the agenda. Councillor Paterson said that issues have been discussed this week already. Her intention is to discuss them later, preferably at the next meeting of the Council. She expressed that the energy of the Council would be better served discussing motions that have not yet been discussed.

Vice-President Pedneault has heard that colleagues in the gallery are interested in hearing debates on these two points.

Councillor Stettin said that it is important to discuss these this week. The Council was mandated to discuss these by the consultative forum. Councillors do have a duty to discuss these motions,



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and not doing so does not do justice to the general assembly. It would be good for the legitimacy of this body to consider these motions now.

Councillor Winer said the mandate at last Council was to support the MUNACA strike, which makes this a pressing time to discuss workers' struggles. Also, it is important to support student events, but it is more important to represent students by discussing matters here.

Councillor Kunev said that Councillors pretty much agree on this and we should not leave these items to next week.

Chair Nizam said that Councillors should be more concerned about being respectful of other Councillors. Any Councillor should make motions they think that is the right thing to do.

The motion to commit items 8e and 8f to the next meeting of Council failed by a vote of 12 for and 13 against.

### **7e. Resolution Regarding Student Consultation in Re-Appointment of the Deputy Provost of Student Life and Learning**

Councillor Winer read the Resolved clauses aloud. The following is printed as the Resolution was adopted:

*Whereas*, the McGill Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities states that "The University has an obligation to ensure that administrative decisions are made, or actions taken, with fair regard for known and legitimate interests of students." (Part 1, Article 5);

*Whereas*, a memorandum was signed by the Presidents of 11 undergraduate faculty associations, in addition to the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU), opposing the extension of the term of Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) this summer without the formation of a consultative body including students;

*Whereas*, the undergraduate student body should have been consulted in this process by the McGill Administration;

*Whereas*, the McGill University Statutes 3.4.1 states that "Before recommending an appointment of the office Provost, Deputy Provost, or Vice-Principal, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee consisting of four representatives of the Board of Governors, four representatives of the Senate and two students," meaning that the University is not required to consult such a committee in the event of the re-appointment of those holding the above positions;

*Whereas*, the McGill University Statutes 3.4.2 reads "Before recommending an appointment or reappointment for the office of dean of a large faculty, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee of thirteen members, which shall consist of four members nominated by the faculty immediately concerned, four members not necessarily members of the faculty concerned, nor of Senate, appointed by Senate, two members appointed by the Board of Governors, and three student members.";

*Whereas*, just as McGill respects the interests of students by consulting student representatives in the case of the re-appointment of faculty deans, so should it consider student interests in the case of re-appointments of the Provost, Deputy Provosts, or Vice-Principals;



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*Whereas*, the McGill By-Law Book-1 10.1.1 states that the duty of the SSMU Representative to the McGill Board of Governors is “to represent the student body at the Board of Governors”;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU Representative to the McGill Board of Governors make all reasonable effort to amend the University Statutes article 3.4.1 to add “reappointment, or extension” to read:

“Before recommending an appointment, reappointment or extension for the office of Provost, Deputy Provost, Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning, or Vice-Principal, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee consisting of four representatives of the Board of Governors, four representatives of the Senate and two students.”

Moved by:

Adam Winer, Clubs & Services Representative

Undersigned by:

Micha Stettin, Arts Representative

Alexander Kunev, Engineering Representative

James Burnett, Arts Representative

This resolution was friendly amended at the consultative forum to read after Governors “and the SSMU Representatives to Senate”. This is added to the Resolution.

Councillor Stettin asked for the numbers of the vote of the consultative body.

The vote of the consultative body was 49 for, 4 absentions, and 6 against.

A friendly amendment was made to add “(Student Life and Learning)” after the second mention of “Deputy Provost” in the Resolved clause.

Councillor Winer made an amendment to strike the brackets around “Student Life and Learning.” This was a friendly amendment.

By a vote of 25 for, 0 against, and no abstentions, this motion passed unanimously.

### **7f. Resolution Regarding Support of Workers' Struggles**

The resolved clauses were read aloud. The Resolution is printed here as adopted:

*Whereas*, the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) has a policy of “Solidary with Workers' Struggles” (reference: page 28 of the SSMU Policy Manual);

*Whereas*, this policy will expire on October 5, 2011;

*Whereas*, in the past five years many unions have been created on campus, leading to the creating the Inter-Union Council with SSMU's involvement;

*Whereas*, many of the SSMU's members are union members on campus;

*Whereas*, the SSMU is a part of the broader McGill and Montreal community;

*Whereas*, the well-being of students depend on workers both on and off-campus;

*Whereas*, in its constitution, the SSMU commits itself to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights and social justice and is mindful of the effects that corporations, businesses, and organizations have on their social, political, and economic surroundings;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU Legislative Council actively engage, support, and work in coordination with all campus unions and the Inter-Union Council,

*Resolved*, that in periods when a campus union is in the process of negotiation a collective agreement with the McGill Administration, the SSMU will actively do the following:

Collect information and solicit various perspectives on the issues,



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Disseminate information to the student body,

Encourage our constituents to,

o Petition the University,

o Organize rallies in solidarity,

*Resolved*, that in periods when a campus union is on strike or is in a lockout, the SSMU

Legislative Council will actively do the following:

Support the workers in their strike or in a lockout by whatever means at its disposal, including but not limited to:

o Participating in the picket line,

o Issuing a statement in support of the strikers,

o Petitioning the University,

o Organizing rallies in solidarity,

Moved by:

Micha Stettin, Arts Representative

Undersigned by:

Emily Yee Clare, Vice-President University Affairs

Sahil Chaini, Clubs and Services Representative

James Burnett, Arts Representative

The vote of the consultative body was stated:

The vote was 57 for, 9 against, and 11 abstentions.

Vice-President Fraser asked whether this motion, if passed, would only have a mandate of the duration of Council which is one year as opposed to the five years it would have been mandated at the GA

Chair Tong said yes.

Councillor Chaini asked what happens if any of the motions that don't get passed through the GA are passed at the consultative forum

Chair Tong said that anything that passed at the "GA" without quorum was a symbolic pass by a consultative body.

Councillor Chaini asked if this could be moved to the next GA.

Chair Tong said yes.

President Knight spoke against committing this to the next GA. There are a lot of negotiations at the moment. If this is committed to the next GA instead of being discussed right now, there will be no policy in place regarding Workers' Struggles.

Councillor Burnett asked "If this policy is brought to Council at this meeting, would that preclude it from being brought to the GA?"

Chair Tong said that if it passes here, it could also be brought to the next GA as a new motion to be submitted to the speakers as all other GA Resolutions are submitted.

President Knight said that this is not a policy if it is passed at this Council, it is only a resolution. It will only become a policy if it is passed at a GA.

Councillor Stettin asked whether the last worker's struggle policy passed at a GA.



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President Knight said yes, the last time this policy was passed it was at another GA. A policy can have a maximum timeline of five years.

Councilor Winer moved to amend the second resolved clause to read after strike “or in periods when a campus union engages in collective bargaining negotiations with the McGill university administration”

Councilor Stettin said that he would like to keep the wording as it was.

Vice-President Clare said that she would like more justification for that amendment before stating that this is friendly. She does not think that it is necessary to mention that.

Vice-President Pedneault suggested that instead, it would say “is in the process of negotiation a collective agreement with the McGill Administration”. This amendment is unfriendly. Debate began on this unfriendly amendment.

Vice-President Pedneault said that he thinks that this would make the motion a bit more specific. He thinks that the first resolved clause is very vague. Adding this makes the motion more specific and isn't redundant. Councillors would not have to do all of those specific things if they were not added.

The movers now consider Vice-President Pedneault's amendment friendly.

President Knight would like the third bullet point be amended because this only has to do with strikes, and is wondering whether it should have to do with strikes only. The argument brought forward at the GA was that if the union members do go on strike, they have voted together to do so, which should be valid.

Councilor Stettin said that he wanted the process of collective bargaining to apply to the first few bullet points. He would like people to know that collective bargaining is happening during the bargaining period (before a strike would happen).

President Knight made a motion to split Vice-President Pedneault's amendment, remove “has gone on strike,” to put the first two bullet points underneath “Resolved, that the SSMU will actively do the following.” Also, a resolved clause would read “Resolved, that in periods when a campus union has gone on strike that SSMU will actively do the following,” and including all bullet points underneath. This is a friendly amendment.

Councillor Clarke moved to strike the last resolved clause.

Debate began on that unfriendly amendment.

Councillor Clarke said that the last clause ties SSMU's hands to supporting the strike on campus. MUNACA's strike and AGSEM's possible strike are reasonable and for the benefit of students. Councillor Clarke does not know that all strikes will benefit students, and the last Resolved clause would reduce debate. Councillor Clarke enjoys being able to speak on the merits of supporting every single strike and believes that this motion reduces debate to every situation that will appear on campus.

Vice-President Clare said that this year, there may only be two organizations in collective negotiations with McGill, thus only two that could possibly go on strike.

Mr. Mooney from the gallery clarified that the Support Employees' Union just signed a contract. However, AGSEM TAs and invigilators, course lecturers, MUIR resource associates, and



AMUSE support staff are all unions which need to have negotiations this year and could be in positions to go on strike.

Councillor Chaini said that this clause is for one year, and there will be many unions going on strike. With this Resolution, the Council would not have to pass separate resolutions every single time a group decides to go on strike. This is a great preface for all instances. It does not make sense to go on strike for no reason. It is a hard process to go on strike and would be done in a justified manner.

Councillor Dinél said that considering that this is no longer in the GA's hands, the proposed amendment could stipulate the organization of the unions that Mr. Mooney outlined.

Councillor Stettin spoke against this amendment. Firstly, he said that the last Resolved clause is the spirit of the motion and the body passed this with a strong affirmative. Secondly, council already had an enriching debate on the MUNACA strike and this Resolution and clause follows from that debate. Thirdly, this Resolution allows the SSMU to act immediately in support when necessary but not stifle debate when debate is called for—lack of debate is not what is at stake in this resolution.

Councillor Kunev said that voting in this motion is irresponsible because the Council should debate every motion. There are a lot of opportunities for negotiating unions to go on strike, and they should each be debated.

Vice-President Pedneault asked if would last five years as a policy. If it is not President Knight said that that this will not be a policy because it is being passed through the Council and not through the GA.

Councilor Burnett wanted to make clear that the unions in question are not necessarily going on strike this year, but these unions will be in a legal position to go on strike if their contracts are not renewed.

Councillor Crawford moved to previous question on the amendment to strike the last resolved clause. The vote to previous question passed.

This amendment to strike the last resolved clause failed with 7 for, 15 against, and 2 abstentions.

Councillor Kunev made a motion to amend to add to the third bullet point after “strike” “if deemed necessary”. This is an unfriendly amendment.

Councilor Kunev said that he imagines the Executives getting together and discussing the issue about whether to support a strike during periods where Council cannot meet. This would not be a general policy, but Unions in a positions to strike should be taken seriously.

Councillor Clarke asked whether he should specifically site the summer for his amendment.

Councillor Kunev is open to specifically citing the summer.

Councilor Crawford does not like this because it has already been voted on in a certain sense. In the last amendment, there was a vote not to debate the merits of each case before action.

Councillor Jean-Claude said that every single decision that the SSMU takes affects students, and any strike will affect the system. Whether this is in services or access to buildings, he advises everyone to support this amendment. Supporting this would support the benefits of students.



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Councillor Kourilova said that “if deemed necessary” is too vague and it should if anything be more specific to say something like “in the summer”

Vice-President Patel spoke against this amendment and said that it takes away from the spirit of the motion which always supports the strike. Council is here to represent constituents, though it may not agree with every individual.

Vice-President Fraser asked Councillors to listen really carefully whether the Chair is asking for speakers for or against, because this is getting very confusing.

Chair Tong asked Councillors to please only raise their placard off the table if they are wishing to speak for or against. Leave your placard on the table (in a vertical position) to make a point of information.

Councillor Kunev said that the insinuation that the Council has already decided to support all strikes is not true. If the Council says that it generally supports every strike, it will not debate, which is not correct. Any support should pass through the proper consultative function. Also, “if deemed necessary” is not a vague, but a general statement to facilitate an intelligent discussion.

Councillor Stettin felt the need to reiterate that this resolution is not to stifle debate. He cannot imagine this body will not discuss any strike that comes forward. It just means that this union has the ability to act quickly, when it is necessary to act.

President Knight moved to previous question. This motion passed unanimously. The unfriendly amendment to add “if deemed necessary” failed with a vote of 4 for, 19 against, and 2 abstentions.

President Knight asked if the speakers would be willing to call on those who would speak against this motion as a whole.

Chair Tong called for debate on the motion as a whole.

Councillor Bi moved to amend the third and last resolved clauses to add “Legislative” after “Council.” That is friendly.

Councillor Bi would also like to amend to add under “encourage our constituents to” and add he two bullet points from the last resolved clause “Participating in the picket line” and “Issuing a statement in support of the strikers”.

Councillor Stettin asked for rationale.

Councillor Bi said that the Council has discussed this thoroughly but has not actually talked to the students that they represent. This body should not mandate students to do things that they are not comfortable with.

Councillor Stettin said that the SSMU does not mandate SSMU members to do anything.

Councillor Chaini asked for clarification about the addition of the “SSMU Legislative Council.”

Councillor Bi said that she does not think of this as repetitive, but this would mandate the Council to do things (specifically). Her amendment were considered friendly.

Councillor Stettin said that the wording does not make sense now.





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Councillor Paterson asked the Council could trust the Speakers to amend for grammar. Chair Tong said that this should be amended right now since the resolutions will be sent out to the campus press on Friday.

Mr. Mooney, AGSEM representative from the gallery, said that McGill has the right to lock workers out. When unionized workers negotiate contracts with their employer, if negotiations go on for 90 days and the contract expires, either the union can go on strike or the employer can lock out the workers. Currently, McGill is in a legal position to lock out AGESM.

President Knight said that she thinks that that would fall under “including but not limited to” Councillor Jean-Claude asked why McGill has the right to lock out employees.

Mr. Mooney said that the right to lock out employees is addressed in Canadian and Quebec law. If one side is not being fair, the employer has the right to put pressure on their workers by discontinuing to employ those workers unless they sign.

Vice-President Fraser made a motion to amend to add “or is in a lockout” after “strike” add in support of “the workers on strike or in a lockout” before strike and after workers in the fourth “strike or in a lockout in their strike”. This was a friendly amendment.

Councillor Crawford moved to previous question.

Councillor Paterson said that the speakers are amending for grammar at steering. This should be done now since the resolutions go to the campus media tomorrow morning.

This motion to previous question passed unanimously.

By a vote of 23 for, none against, and 2 abstentions, this resolution passed.

### **7g. Discussion Regarding Fall Referenda**

She said that Elections McGill has been experiencing technical difficulties. Let it be known that the deadline for student-initiated referenda is October 14<sup>th</sup>. That is in two weeks and a day. Also, council-initiated referenda questions were due by Monday but this was not advertised.

Therefore, the date will be post-poned.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> there will be two Council meetings. The first will consider any council-initiated questions. If you Councillors would like to submit a council-imitative referenda question, that will be due as a motion next Sunday at 9pm. Student-initiated referenda are due October 14<sup>th</sup> and go directly to Elections McGill. Councillor Paterson asked whether the dates for student-initiated referenda would be included in the listserv.

The Chair said yes, and they will be included in the minutes.

## **8) Reports of Committees**

### **8a. Report of the Executive Committee**

President Knight presented the Executive report.

There were no questions.

The executive report was adopted.

### **8b. Report of the Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee made a list of all of its appointments and discussed the need for its appointments to be discussed. This is a complex grey zone. This does not require approval



because it is at the Vice-President University Affairs' discretion. Any concerns can be addressed directly to the Vice-President University Affairs.

A motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda passed, to move the Report of the Vice-President Internal first and the Report of the President second.

## **9) Reports by Executives**

### **9a. Report of the Vice-President Internal**

Vice-President Plummer said that he has to apologize that his report was late. He was visiting his ill grandmother in Boston last weekend. Councillor Clarke said that one of the ways that law student recognize SSMU's legitimacy is through the listserv. He said that law students were pleased with the formatting. Vice-President Plummer thanked him for that positive feedback. Vice-President Fraser liked that the listserv was on the website but would like it to be formatted further so that the specific item of interest could be clicked on, and then one would be led down the page to that item.

Councillor Kunev said that Engineers addressed concerns about the exam puppies, regarding the puppies' vaccinations.

Vice-President Plummer assured him that the organizations would be SPCA or Zoo Therapy which specialize in that sort of thing.

Councillor Kunev asked "What is your response in regards that this is animal cruelty?"

Councilor Crawford asked whether exam-time puppies could include exam time kitties.

Councillor Stettin said that this would be inequitable, as he is very allergic to cats.

Councillor Paterson asked how Movies in the Park has been going so far and how any problems might be addressed next week.

Vice-President Plummer said that Monday's Movies in the Park was cancelled because no one had the keys to the one room where the speakers were. Wednesday, the laptop that he was loaned did not have the DVD drive encoder. He could not download anything or play DVDs. It happened successfully later on campus. Now, security wants to mandate that he adds an agent there. He is doing his best to sort out issues, and this event should run smoothly next week.

Chair Nizam asked "Will any group be involved with movies in the park?"

Vice-President Plummer said yes, TedEx will be involved with one movie showing next week.

### **9b. Report of the President**

President Knight said that she would quickly enumerate on what she had been doing. She said that she was involved with the GA, the Summit on Student Consultation (which received a heartfelt thank you from the Dean of students), the GA, and a member requested SSMU's membership list, which the SSMU is legally required to give, but which is taking a lot of time. She has had meetings with the Provost, Principal, and others. President Knight said that she will be away from this Saturday to the following Friday for her grandfather's memorial service.

Vice-President Patel asked the President to clarify the fact that the University is withholding fees and ask how this will affect the SSMU.



President Knight said that this is a complicated issue but normally students' fees are transferred by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Since the new MOA has not been completed, that requirement is not in effect. The date that McGill will legally have to hand over fees is probably October 15<sup>th</sup>. Her understanding is that the SSMU will have no problem dealing with a cash flow issue. However, it is discouraging because efforts have been made to move lease and MOA forward as much as possible.

### **Questions**

Councillor Stettin asked, regarding the request of the SSMU membership list, whether President Knight can clarify who that member is, what information is included, and how that information will be released.

President Knight said that SSMU is a student association under the Québec act of student associations. Every member has rights to request and be provided with a list of all members of the association which they are a part. She understands that this in the law to protect members of associations in the event that the Board of Directors is corrupt. This law would allow a student to call an assembly of the association to remove the Board from office. The SSMU is legally required to provide members with a name, a home address, and the occupation of every member. SSMU's Legal Council was consulted, and said that the concern over privacy is not enough to prevent members from accessing that list. Regarding who that individual is, initially the Legal Council suggested we not share that name, but President Knight was given permission because of the fact that that member will have all of the information of students. The name of the individual is Zach Newburgh.

Councillor Love asked for a copy of that list of members.

Councillor Diné asked how a person could get their name off of the list in terms of privacy. President Knight said that to her knowledge there is no ability for students to get their name off that list.

Councillor Diné asked how the list will be used by the member.

President Knight said that she cannot speculate on that list might be used, but SSMU's lawyer drafted a letter for the member to sign, stating that he would only be using the list for those purposes outlined in the act.

Councillor Chaini asked how far the SSMU is from signing the MOA and lease. Also, she asked "is there any way to just give names and not addresses?"

President Knight said that she requested that the member give her the reason why he would like the list (as she would with any member), to which he informed her that rationale is not relevant. In terms of him accessing the names, it seems that he is interested in obtaining more than the names including a list of all e-mails. She did clarify to him that the SSMU has no legal obligation to give anything but names and addresses. Regarding the lease, Vice-President Clare will be meeting with legal services next week. Legal services was not able to meet until October, though changes were submitted a while ago. President Knight said that during the strike it has made it difficult to proceed with negotiations.

Councillor Burnett asked about her experience in organizing and promoting the general assembly in terms of what worked well in getting people out and what didn't.

President Knight said that word of mouth works best. Technically there are 36 members of Council. If each Councillor brought two people, that would be quorum. She sent out requests,



but that was not sent out as early as it could have been. There were posters in many places all over campus. There were listserves for two weeks preceding the GA. There was a fairly sizeable amount of promotion. Resolutions are not necessarily that accessible to every student. Also, it is important that GA motions make subjects relatable to students. She asked the General Manager to further respond to this question because of her greater experience with GAs.

General Manager Gervais said that this was her 16<sup>th</sup> GA. Quorum has always been lost. She thinks that it is very difficult to reach students and keep their interest regarding motions that are presented there. There were 800 people there once, when there was a motion about a student strike. Other than that, it never happened that the Society went through the whole GA without losing quorum.

President Knight said that it is obvious that there are problems with the GA, so bylaw changes will be made in the future.

Councillor Kunev asked whether Council could be sent all e-mail communication regarding the previous topic.

President Knight will check with legal services.

Councillor Stettin asked whether students with meal plans may be able to use their meal plan dollars in the second floor cafeteria in the future, and whether eco clamshells will be implemented.

President Knight said that those are possibilities.

Councillor Stettin asked if those requests would change which restaurants would be contacted. President Knight said no.

Councillor Diné suggested that if someone ever asks for that list in the future, that there be a screening process to allow or disallow access to the list.

President Knight said that she cannot legally deny any member a right to the list.

Councillor Jean-Claude asked if the President could elaborate on the opt-in campaign and how she will be involved next semester.

President Knight said that she would like to reserve planning for next semester after the rates are calculated. Also, it is unknown what the rate would be without the campaign. It also involves a number of associations. She would like to come back with thoughts from the whole group.

Councillor Jean-Claude asked whether she is thinking of including SSMU Council in that process.

President Knight would love to. Please feel free to send her your thoughts and feedback.

Councillor Chaini said that the list is very creepy and knows it is stated in Québec law that it must be provided, but is wondering if or how SSMU could do something about this collectively, or what legal action could be taken if that information is misused.

President Knight said that the only way to not give this information would be for SSMU to break the law. She does not want to talk about specifically what action SSMU would take if



this was not used in relation to the Québec law. Maybe, the Vice-President External should be mandated to try to change this law.

Councillor Bi asked whether each member could be asked whether they would consent to have their name no shared.

President Knight said no, this is not an issue of consent.

Councillor Bi asked whether underagers' information is also disclosed.

President Knight said that she has not looked into this, but if she could take their names out she would have to look up every birthday, then go through the list manually.

Councillor Chaini asked if the Québec government could be contacted about this.

Chair Nizam said that everybody here needs to understand that everyone who is a member of the SSMU makes information public to every other member of the SSMU at the moment that they pay their student fees.

President Knight thinks that this law may not be the best for students. President Knight is wondering if an attempt to change the law could be made in a way that is more long-term.

Vice-President Pedneault said that this law was passed in 1983 so that legal rights and responsibilities of student associations would be recognized in the law. That is unusual in legal systems. He would strongly encourage people to bring up a motion to Council to mandate him to lobby the government to change this law.

Councillor Kunev asked if there is a way for students to opt out of advertising material.

President Knight said that advertising is not one of the stated purposes for accessing the list and SSMU will be doing its best to prevent that from happening. She is not sure how she could physically prevent this. However, the member has not insinuated any use for the material, and has indicated that he will only use the material as it is outlined in the act.

Councillor Winer asked whether the SSMU still has stock in Jobbook.

President Knight responded that SSMU never had stock in Jobbook.

A Management U3 student from the gallery asked if the President and all of the Execs will be sending an e-mail to the Society stating that their information will be shared. President Knight said that yes, students have a right to know that their information will be provided to another student. She thinks that this would be a concern regardless of the individual.

The student asked whether President Knight thinks that by telling Zach Newburgh that it is an option that all members of the society would be sent an e-mail, would he rescind his request.

President Knight said that she does not have the capacity to discern what a member may or may not do. She would request that a suggestion that he rescind his request be brought up as a formal discussion of the Council, if it is brought up at all.

### **9c. Report of the Vice-President External**

Vice-President Pedneault said that one student association had their congress last weekend, which was the longest congress that happened in recent memory. He reported orally on the response of student associations. They took the same stance as SSMU on tuition they will be in the party congress in Québec city to rally against tuition hikes. The second big action on tuition



hikes is on November 10<sup>th</sup>. All four major student associations will organize an event on that day. There are currently ongoing talks at UQAM. There was an inter-union rally recently and there will be a meeting on Monday. Some professors will be gathering at the Roddick gates tomorrow. Vice-President Pedneault apologized for showing up late to Council. He was at another meeting and will try to get them to reschedule their time. Regarding the panel on free education, there was a cancellation at the last minute. Another room has not yet been found. If anyone has ideas, please let him know. He met with Hélène of the Milton Parc Citizens' Committee and they talked about how to move forward with relations between the SSMU, the MPCC, and the McGill administration. They discussed who the main point person in their discussions should be (from the administration), and they discussed a post-mortem of frosh. The Political attaché and researcher has been researching the McGill budget. He found that McGill has to follow a new set of accounting principles while MUNACA is one strike which makes their deficit explode. There was also some interesting stuff about how McGill makes a lot of money every year for the Board of Governors. Money from the investments is limited in the operating budget. Hopefully this research can eventually make a quilt of where McGill's money is and where it isn't. The community engagement committee met for the first time this year. The charity fund reviewed Playing for Change's funding application, which was turned down. They want to give money to groups that work with humanitarian organizations abroad or local community groups.

### **Questions**

Evan from the gallery asked if the delegation will have members from the SSMU involved, and what financial resources would be involved in that. How would you go about improving financial resources to the action?

Vice-President Pedneault said that the action would take place in Québec city which would involve one bus. The amount of the bus will exceed \$500 and that will have to be reported in Council.

Councillor Paterson asked "Could speakers ask Vice-Presidents to stand for questions instead of presenting reports in their entirety?"

### **9d. Report of the Vice-President Finance and Operations**

Vice-President Patel stood for questions.

### **Questions**

Councilor Stettin asked whether the summary of relevant expenses will be completed by the FERC Coordinator.

Vice-President Patel said that the report is two pages long. He can distribute the report to anyone interested.

Councilor Paterson asked how the competition for Scotiabank has worked regarding ATMs in Gerts.

There is high demand for ATMs in Gerts. There is no exclusivity contract in the building regarding the ATMs upstairs. Contacting Desjardins was a decision of the Executive this summer.

Reasons include that it is in line with SSMU's vision. It is also to broaden the types of banks that are in the building.

Councilor Bi asked about the decision to go with Desjardins, as it is not a bank.

Vice-President Patel said that he is open to any and all suggestions and looks forward to that.



### **9e. Report of the Vice-President Clubs and Services**

Vice-President Fraser is having office hours on Mondays from 3-5pm. Club workshops have been going really well. Clubs and services reps came out to the workshops, and Vice-President Fraser thanked them for that. Regarding the MOA of PGSS, Vice-President Fraser hopes that they will respond soon (PGSS). Please spread the word to your constituents about Culture Shock. Office code changing day will happen soon so that people can move into their offices. On next Thursday, the student lounge carpet and furniture will be cleaned. The entire 4<sup>th</sup> floor will be closed on the Friday, so all club offices will be cleaned. There will be no access to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor next Friday.

#### **Questions**

President Knight asked about the last time such cleaning was completed.

Vice-President Fraser said that to her knowledge, this has never happened before, though the Couches in the SSMU lounge are new

Councillor Paterson congratulated Vice-President Fraser on the cleaning of the clubs lounge. She is wondering why there is a problem with the Bangladeshi Students' association.

Vice-President Fraser said that there have been issues with the election. People involved were not giving enough advanced notice about how this will be happening. Also, some members were blocked from the facebook group. She heard concerns from members of the group and made decisions to oversee every aspect of the elections. She is now an admin of the facebook group.

Vice-President Patel asked her to expand on how the system for the office codes will work given that the porters are on strike.

Vice-President Fraser said that Wallace has found out the method of changing the door codes. Wallace and Vice-President Fraser are managers, so they are able to change the door codes.

### **9f. Report of the Vice-President University Affairs**

Vice-President Clare stood for questions.

#### **Questions**

Councilor Burnett asked whether senators could talk about academic amnesty.

Vice-President Clare said that this was initially brought up during senate. A professor in Arts brought up the idea. He directly asked the deputy provost about whether academic amnesty could pass through senate. Senate caucus started writing notes to one-another but decided against putting forward a motion on the floor. Academic amnesty protects students who consciously object to something that the University is doing so that they could have reasonable accommodation in their academics if they miss class for this reason. The caucus thought it best that they formulate a strong policy to bring back to senate. Last year, Carleton had three or four unions on strike. Carleton wanted to pass a similar motion and did so by calling an emergency senate meeting. She has discussed their policy with Carleton president, who was Vice-President Academic last year. Non-academic staff were represented as well as a few professors. E-mail [senators@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:senators@ssmu.mcgill.ca) with any thoughts on this matter.



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Councillor Stettin asked her to address why senators were not wearing the MUNACA pins when they went to the rally and whether they could in the future show visible support when walking into senate.

Vice-President Clare said that all senators were wearing green. There are procedures and forms of interacting in Senate that are alien even to SSMU Council. They thought it best to show solidarity by wearing green. Senators were not shy about their rhetoric. However, it wasn't necessarily the most appropriate thing. Student Senators felt that in the first meeting it was important that we put on a most professional face.

Vice-President Patel asked Vice-President Clare to clarify the game plan for senate regarding the sexual harassment issue. President Knight said that game plans for senate may not necessarily be game plans which should be known to the administration.

Vice-President Clare said that she will make sure this gets done in a certain perspective.

Councillor Kunev asked whether there have been any studies to understand whether students are afraid to cross the picket lines. He asked "don't you think it is irresponsible to do this when we should safeguard academic learning?"

Vice-President Clare said that granting academic amnesty is not encouraging anyone to skip class. This is a harm reduction policy for students who wish for amnesty. The senators are looking for different ways that this could manifest as a specific number of days or for a specific week. This should be taken into consideration as professors themselves have had to face this issue. Come at Sunday at 3 in the SSMU building to this discussion if you are interested. Currently, the caucus is in the process of consultation in senators, using facebook, and running five-minute brainstorming sessions in classes.

Councillor Paterson asked why Nominating Committee needs serious reform, as stated in the Report?

Vice-President Clare said that body is a bit of a rubber stamp procedure because hiring happens in the summer.

Councillor Paterson said that a meeting in this building at 3 on Sunday means that there could be concerns about accessibility.

Vice-President Clare said to call her or send an e-mail [ua@ssmu.mcgill.ca](mailto:ua@ssmu.mcgill.ca) with information that could be discussed at the meeting.

Councillor Paterson asked "If the meeting is open to SSMU members, how will they get in the building?"

Vice-President Clare thinks it is best that members e-mail her with their recommendations.

Councillor Bernard asked whether Vice-President Clare thinks that it would be best to keep academic amnesty as a possibility in the winter, as there might be some action concerning tuition hikes.

Vice-President Clare said that the academic amnesty could be in place at any span of time.

## **10) Question period**

President Knight asked for a straw poll for who is interested in sending the identity of the person who has requested the list of SSMU member to students.





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Councillor Bi said that more and more people will want to do this once the information is given out that obtaining all students' names is possible.

Councillor Love would like that list to be made available to those that ask.

President Knight explained that the list must always be made available for those who ask.

Councillor Stettin said that he shares Councillor Bi's concern but said that the information is probably going to go into the Daily or the Trib already. Secondly, he is concerned about people's information being given to others without them knowing that the other person has it. Councillor Stettin says there is not a good way to minimize the damage that he is doing. People should be alerted that their information is being shared, so that they can use their discretion.

Councillor Paterson said that she has concerns with the possibility that the member might be attacked. She is concerned about that backlash in addition to the backlash SSMU would receive for sending out this information. Also, she asked if students' information is not updated on Minerva, would their addresses not appear on the list?

President Knight said that it is the SSMU's legal obligation to provide the list and she can't comment further.

Councillor Paterson asked whether one could provide the list in hard copy?

Vice-President Clare said asked whether there is an obligation in any way to present it in an easily scanable font?

President Knight said that in the interest of finances it be requested that the list be provided in electronic form, but it does not follow that that list must be in an electronic form.

Councillor Winer asked whether it be in order for this body to pass a resolution requesting Mt. Newburgh to stop trying to get this information.

President Knight said that it may not be productive at this time and it may be sufficient to give concerns voiced here over e-mail.

Councillor Kunev said that if a name is identified, that might provoke a threatening attack. Instead, ways that this can be prevented in the future should be assessed.

President Knight agreed that this situation is unfortunate. It is not possible for her to make all parties happy at this point.

Councillor Chaini would like President Knight to convey the Council's concerns to him. She asked "Has this ever happened before?"

President Knight and the General Manager said no, this has never happened before.

A motion to adjourn passed.

**11) Adjournment 11:47pm**