



**Minutes - SSMU Legislative Council – September 15, 2016**

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Minutes

1. Call to Order



- Meeting called to order at 6:27 PM
- 2. Land Acknowledgement
- 3. Attendance
- 4. Approval of the Minutes
  - Approved.
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda - Adopted.
- 6. Question Period
- 7. ~~Report of the Steering Committee~~
- 8. Announcements
  - VP (Internal Affairs) Lawrie: B-Week is going on and it's going really well. Make sure to check it out. We can all go down after council.
- 9. Presentations
  - a. SSMU Equitable Governance Research ○  
(Recording inaudible)
- 10. New Business
  - a. Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2016-2017 Legislative Council ○  
(Recording inaudible)
    - President Ger urged Council to ask questions as the report involves the removal of faculty seats which could affect constituencies. No comments from Council.
  - b. Motion Regarding the Creation of the Ad-Hoc Equitable Governance Reform Committee

President Ger: It's really extensive and well put-together. This committee was talked about in that report, as to the body that would be used for consultation as was brought up by Councillor Templer. It is consisting of one councillor, myself as an advisory member in order to give context on how SSMU works, the logistical side in order to get the gist of things, and the rest would be members at large solicited from a list of groups listed in the appendix of the report.

Speaker Samuel: Great. Thank you President Ger, we will have a five-minute question period at this time. Are there any questions for this motion? Yes, representative Mehrotra

Councillor Mehrotra: (inaudible)

President Ger: the report, if you go to Vibe section for this week's council there's a link. I don't know if the Parliamentarian can pull it up that would be helpful. It's called on Governance Reform I believe, but I'll double-check. While the report is being pulled up would it be possible for me to answer more questions from the floor?

Speaker Samuel: Yes. Senator Chin, do you have a question?

Senator Chin: Regarding the ethics I realize the scope of consultation is not limited to groups that [were selected] but I would like to know if there were any selection criteria for the groups listed?



Speaker: Any response to that President Ger?

President Ger: Yeah, so a lot of the criteria listed—the main criteria that was considered in that appendix was looking to identity-specific resources that are on campus. I also think there was consideration put into the fact that there was some... the groups listed there may not have the same exact barriers to entry that a lot of other folks might have on campus due to systematic issues due to racism, sexism, things of that nature.

Speaker Samuel: Yes, Councillor Poorian.

Councillor Poorian: so members at large to be determined, is that anybody based on the number of people who want to join the committee or will there actually be at some point a number.

President Ger: that's a really good question. The reason we left member-at-large open is because that we didn't want to specifically hold a groups... we don't want to and we can't really force any one of these groups to hold a seat at this table. I guess one of these considerations was making sure there was no double-burdening of groups in the decision-making process. As is highlighted though, just because a group is not necessarily seated around the table if they choose to not be, that doesn't mean they can't be consulted in the process. So let's say if a group doesn't wish to actually expense the labour to deciding how this thing would go, they can request to still be consulted on decisions made at the committee.

Speaker Samuel: do we have any other questions at this time? Yes, Clubs Representative Templer.

Councillor Templer: my question is regarding the membership of the committee. I see that there is one councillor position. Due to the amount of consultation that needs to be done, I was going to ask if you or the movers of this motion would be open to adding potentially one or two councillor seats onto this because as councillors we're more accountable to our constituents and it would probably make the workload, all this consultation easier.

Speaker Samuel: VP University Affairs Sobat.

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: yeah so we definitely think it's important that councillors be part of this process in terms of consultation and they absolutely can be. This is mainly to have somebody for reporting to council, and not just the President speaking to what's going on. But I think the emphasis on this committee is to reach students who aren't already holding these kinds of seats, who aren't already around the table, and that is what we want to prioritize so that's going to be the focus of the outreach. When it comes to looking at possible changes in composition, absolutely that's where we would have consultation of everybody here in terms [of composition] but in terms of actually labour on the committee that wasn't a priority but I guess that doesn't mean that councillors can't be involved but as you see it was intended as a flexible prioritizing of elsewhere on campus.

President Ger: So I'm not sure if this is completely in line with what the VP University Affairs has stated but I actually would be a little bit open to adding an extra councillor to the committee. The main reasons



why, I think Erin touched on why we want Council to still have an involvement process there. The only consideration that I think is important to bring up in terms of adding another councillors is the idea of who is voting. I think it's linked to general knowledge as well as giving a hand to the President, outreach with the committee so there isn't as much burden, is always appreciated, but also making sure that the decision is always coming from committee members themselves after consultation has been done I think is the priority here. So I would be open to it if councillor Templar would be open to them potentially being a non-voting member.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Templar?

Councillor Templar: yeah, that is good with me. Also, if it's okay with the original movers I would like to add my name on so we can consider this because there is only two of the three required.

Speaker Samuel: is this a friendly amendment?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: yes. I suggest that there be two councillors, both non-voting, and that councillors will have some opportunity to vote on this proposal that comes forward to Council. So under B change it to two non-voting.

Speaker Samuel: this has exhausted our question period. Would anyone like to move to extend our question period?

[?]: I have a question of parliamentary inquiry. In the just-adopted Roberts Rules of Procedure a minimum of three movers must be presented but no more than half may hail from the SSMU exec so I'd like to add myself as a mover as well.

Speaker Samuel: Motion to vote?

President Ger: we still need another mover on the motion if I'm not mistaken who is not an executive

Speaker Samuel: Joshua Kim has added. Great. Do we have any points or motions at this time?

[?]: Motion to call/halt free discussion.

Speaker Samuel: Call to order, I need a second. Councillor Cleveland. All those in favour? All those opposed? Any abstentions? Great. This motion passes. We are going to be moving on to our motion on regarding the creation of the ad hoc Provincial Representation Committee. Would the movers of the motion please explain? Move. Motivate. Yes, VP (External) Aird.

**Motion passes.**

c. Motion Regarding the Creation of the Ad-Hoc Provincial Representation Committee

VP (External) Aird: Okay so this is a committee that was created to sort of fill the gap that was left by the dissolution of the External Affairs Committee last year. So the External Affairs Committee of the last exec didn't have a super clear mandate, or clear ideas of what we wanted to do with it, so the idea



behind this committee—the mandate—is pretty clear if you had the chance to look at the general reference. Basically it will involve facilitating links between McGill students and the outside Montreal... Some of you will be familiar with this already. So what will be done on this committee is basically is conducting research on matters of public policy that students, this can be specifically on an issue, will be working with provincial organizations, student associations, or any outside body really that we can be involved with. We are going to organize McGill contingents to a bunch of external events that don't fall directly under the mandate of the community affairs committee. But it will involve working with the Community Affairs Coordinator sometimes. We'll build programming, support, and mobilization around provincial political issues, helping fulfill the mandates that we currently have that pertain to things like the anti-austerity mandate, so like accessible education mandate. We will be revisiting the accessible education policy within this committee. So that's basically the type of resolutions we will be bringing to Legislative Council. So anything that's political, anything that's representative, anything that's interacting with the outside Montreal community or Quebec will be part of this committee's job.

Speaker Samuel: Great, we will have a five-minute question. Senate representative Joshua Chin.

Senator Chin: Thank you Madame speaker. From what I can tell from the previous External Affairs Committee, one of the main problems encountered was that the member-at-large left because it was too much work. I see now in the mandate that this committee that it is in charge of research, of rapport with students, of communications, of logging, these sound like a lot of responsibility and I was wondering what steps were taken to avoid this issue [of it being] too much.

VP (External) Aird: sorry, so from what I understand it's a question of accessibility? In terms of workload? The case last year wasn't a case of it being too much work, in fact it was the exact opposite—that there wasn't enough work to go around partially. And also it was a matter of not having communicated effectively the mandate of the committee so people coming into it without knowing exactly what it was. So this year I wanted to make sure to have a very clear mandate. IT might seem like a lot, but we are aiming to have nine people on this committee, it really won't be that much work, and I don't want to burden anyone either with work. It is non-remunerated, of course so I won't be asking people to put too much labour in to this, too much time, it's really "if this interests you, take part of it and participate in it as much as you want".

Speaker Samuel: thank you VP Aird. Do we have any other questions at this time? Seeing that there are none, do we have any points or motions? [inaudible]?

[?]: Just in terms of the research, you also have a projects budget if you want to contract student positions. So [inaudible]. But also if you look at research in general where there are [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: are there any points or motions at this time?

VP (External) Aird: Will we be having volunteer applications? Because this committee was not up online, available to people. So I'm wondering are we taking volunteers?

Speaker Samuel: Good question VP Aird, maybe President Ger has the answer to this?



President Ger: sorry for speaking so much. Yeah, the last point on the agenda is committee allocations. And there is one seat for provincial representation, or three seats. And two, two councillor seats.

Speaker Samuel: points or motions, councillor [inaudible]?

[?]: I call for [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: seconded thank you Councillor [inaudible]. All those in favour? All those opposed? All abstaining? Thank you, this motion passes.

[?]: point of order.

Speaker Samuel: yes.

[?]: are we voting on a motion that's in question or a new motion.

Speaker Samuel: good question. We were voting on the question. We'll vote again. All those in favour? All those opposed? And now we'll vote on the motion—all those in favour? All those opposed? All abstaining? Thank you, this motion passes. Moving on to the motion to revise Committee Terms of Reference. Can the movers of this motion please move?

**Motion passes.**

d. Motion to Revise the Committee Terms of Reference

President Ger: So there were a few things we needed to change on the committee terms of reference. I want to make a quick clarification that there were also changes made over the summer, so we can cover those as well if people are curious. But in terms of this motion, we can scroll through and see—track changes is on to see what we've done. One of the things we've done is the mental health committee, we split it into two sub-committees so that was a decision that was made last year but we never actually finalized it in the Committee Terms of Reference. So the mental health committee will be split into Advocacy as well as Programming I believe. Or outreach. As well we did some small technical changes, so I believe we changed the amount of councillors that are allowed to sit on Spin as well as put in the health and dental care committee which was something that was decided to go into the committee terms of reference last semester but was never finalized inside of them. There were some changes, adding a Senator onto the University Affairs Committee, adding the Library Improvement Fund back into the Committee Terms of Reference, and then yeah the most substantial change was to do with the Accountability Committee as you will find a little bit about hopefully if you've read the documents, there's a motion that will be coming forward for this on the future of the accountability policy. That is directly linked to the changes that were made in the Committee Terms of Reference. Most of the stuff inside the actual Accountable Leadership Policy is just Terms of Reference. It's a little bit bad form, typically it should be in one space, so what we did is pull it out of the policy itself and put it in the Terms of Reference. A lot of that had already been in there so what we tried to do is highlight and make the Accountability Committee more specific. Talking a little bit towards the resources they can use. I'm





going to give a little bit on the background. So the Accountability Committee has in the past has not been an effective committee. There was discussions in the past few years of whether or not it should be a committee, a standing committee, given how ineffective it was. A lot of issues came out of it having too large a mandate and not being able to fill it. Or having too small a mandate and not have a point or not really do anything. So we developed a few documents over the summer that we're hoping to institutionalize—every year the President will be compiling them—one of them is just having regular maintenance. A mandate letter, it's an unofficial document that's held internally to the society that the committee will have a hold of. Essentially there's a mandate letter that's to each executive and in that mandate letter it will have everything that executive is held to do. That includes things from the Policies and Plan book, our internal regulations, our Constitution, really any sort of governing document with a mandate in it. The same goes with the public goals for the year, that was another document that was publicly released I think on the front page of the website if you are interested in seeing it as well as in the appendices of the guidebook—the councillor general information guidebook that was circulated. So hopefully both of those will make the committee more effective. And narrow down what they would have to follow up with people about. Those additions were added into the Terms of Reference.

Speaker Samuel: are there any questions at this time? Yes, Councillor Chin?

Councillor Chin: thank you Madame Speaker, just a point of technicality given that there are so many changes to this document. How are we going to manage given that we've already signalled our preferences? Thank you very much.

President Ger: Yeah, no I'm happy to speak to that. When the committee allocations do come around they are by no means final. As you can see most if not all committees have some competition for the amount of seats that are available, so if people would like to change those I guess those preferences in terms of their order or put their names on an alternate committee in terms of where they'd like to be situated I'm more than open to having those names moved around or added when that time comes around.

Speaker Samuel: do we have any other questions at this time?

President Ger: just to note the motion is in a separate document, as an appendices.

Speaker Samuel: while we're doing that, President Ger?

President Ger: yeah, so this is fun. Yeah, so the only additional thing I will mention is as with all other motions, once again it's just two executives currently sitting on that. Hopefully that won't be the same thing going forward but thank you so, so much.

Speaker Samuel: Yes, Councillor Mansdoerfer.

Councillor Mansdoerfer: I will add my name.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Douglas.



Councillor Douglas: I will add my name as well.

Speaker Samuel: any other questions, anything else at this time? Seeing as there are none, we are going to assume because there is no debate, that this has been adopted unanimously.

President Ger: small procedural thing, it would be good to ask the Legislative Council if there would be... a request to vote?

Speaker Samuel: is there any request to vote at this time? Seeing as there are none, this motion passes. We're going to move on. We're going to move on to our next motion—Motion Regarding the Future of the Accountable Leadership Policy. Can the movers of the motion please move?

**Motion passes.**

e. Motion Regarding the Future of the Accountable Leadership Policy

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: so the future of the Accountable Leadership Policy is that it has no future. We recognize the problems with that, we're asking you to repeal the Accountable Leadership Policy, however as President Ger pointed out earlier most or actually all of the provisions are contained elsewhere or will be contained elsewhere. The primary bulk of this policy is outlining the Committee Terms of Reference for this committee. Which, as you just approved, are in the Committee Terms of Reference. So you're not striking that committee, it still exists, I would say its role has been clarified and strengthened. There are some points of this policy include monitoring attendance of executives in the office, recording hours, these are issues that [inaudible] and just as you've probably heard in the press, the executives have a lot of hours to log [in their role] and that has definitely contributed to inaccessibility of these positions. And there has been [a department to]... so there has been a real emphasis on not having those requirements and that what we're suggesting here is that council holds us accountable to our mandates as opposed to, you know, the hours, but also it's not possible—there is no mechanism to log hours beyond 9-5pm. It's just our front desk receptionist during business hours. There were also some like pay docking if mandates are not upheld which is something that we can do legally. And also the committee has been moved to the Board of Directors in terms of accountability to look at HR issues which falls under the scope of the Accountability Committee and so it's all about intention. And then there are provisions in the policy about restrictions on councillors holding members-at-large seats. Those we've suggested be moved to the Internal Regulations of Governance so that's something we could do if they're passed. So yeah these are our thoughts. This is most of the executives bringing forward changes to the Accountability Policy and really we want to hear your thoughts.

Speaker Samuel: thank you VP Sobat. Clubs Representative Templer?

Councillor Templer: [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: do we have any other questions at this time? VP Sobat?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: I would also add—you may or may not know but historically the Accountability Committee has not been the most effective committee. It's either suffered from too





ambitious a mandate, or too unclear a mandate within our suggestion is to set a starting point to take a look at the formal mandates we have so we have where our [focus] goes. And then we leave it up to the committee, as the Terms of Reference says, to decide how best to evaluate those responsibilities.

Speaker Samuel: Great, VP Sobat. We are now moving to any points of contention to debate. Clubs and Services representative Templer?

Councillor Templer: I'd like to speak in favour of this. Last year the Accountability Committee was not the most effective to put it lightly. I think this is a step in the right direction and it certainly speaks to the work that is to be done. It would affect things like accessibility, privacy, it's a step in the right direction.

Speaker Samuel: would you like to add yourself to the motion?

Councillor Templer: yeah, sure, if that's necessary.

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: yeah, thank you for pointing that out again. Keeping us accessible.

Speaker Samuel: Joshua Chin? Councillor Chin would also like to add himself to the motion? Do we have any other points or motions at this time?

President Ger: yeah, this is just a bit of a tangent. But I would like to invite anyone who hasn't participated yet to maybe like put themselves down as a mover. See what that's like.

Councillor Junejo: I'd like to put my name down.

Speaker Samuel: what's your name?

Councillor Junejo: Junejo.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Junejo would like to put their name to put their name down. Councillor Sadikov?

Councillor Sadikov: is it okay to ask a question?

Speaker Samuel: yes, you can ask a question.

Councillor Sadikov: the last result says that changes be recommended. Who are they being recommended to, and can we mandate someone to record the recommendations?

Speaker Samuel: do the movers have a response?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: so basically this clause calls for changes to be recommended.

Speaker Samuel: President Ger.

President Ger: the President's role does deal with governing document maintenance so I'd be super friendly on my end if you want to say "the president would add the addition" under article 3. It would be an amendment actually, so we'd change the wording from "the President would add in restrictions for Councillors and members at large seats". You would cut out "be recommended for addition".



Parliament: and this is amended... all the movers. Great. Would anybody like to ask for a vote? Great, Clubs Representative Templer would you like to call for a motion to a vote?

Councillor Templer: I call for a motion for a vote.

Parliament: we're going to vote on this motion for a vote—all those in favour? All those opposed? This motion passes. We're now going to go into voting. All those in favour for this motion please raise your placard. You have a point?

President Ger: I just want to clarify that we are still counting the votes for the record.

Speaker Samuel: all those in favour, all those opposed, all those abstaining. Great, thank you. Moving on to our final... this motion passes. Moving onto our final new of business, Councillor Committee Allocations. VP Sobat?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: motion for a five-minute recess.

Speaker Samuel: okay, all those in favour? All those opposed? This motion passes.

**Motion passes.**

f. Councillor Committee Allocations

Speaker Samuel: we are now moving to councillor committee allocations. I believe there are people in this room who did not get their allocations submitted on time or it's not showing up on the document up here, so we are now going to go around the room for the folks who did not submit to say their top 5 choices. We'll start with clubs rep Templer.

Councillor Templer: Do you want me to just read the list I sent you?

Speaker Samuel: Yes.

Councillor Templer: As a clubs rep, I believe I meet the requirements to sit on the clubs committee.

Speaker Samuel: One quick announcement—the meme position is being accepted until after Executive Reports and Cayote ugly I getting really serious downstairs

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: You all think this isn't serious, but these meetings get really long.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you VP Sobat.

President Ger: I have a note to how the committee allocations work is that if you are mandated to sit on a committee you don't have to have your name up there—this is just for reps that don't have their own spot. It's one of the reps that is more open, there's just one seat. Basically if you look at the Committee Terms of Reference it says there's a seat for the clubs rep and a seat for any other councillor so yeah, Adam doesn't need to be up there. It would also be good for the people who didn't get theirs in on time



to maybe just raise your placards instead of running around the entire room the whole time just so we can see how many people we need to make corrections for.

Councillor Junejo: My name's up there because I didn't know what the committees were as well. I'd like to remove my name from the clubs committee because I'm already on it.

Speaker Samuel: So we're removing your name from the clubs committee because you're already on it. Any points at this time?

[?]: So my choices, my first choice was the health and dental committee. My second choice would be the equitable governance committee. Third choice would be mental health. Fourth choice steering, fifth choice university affairs. My apologize to council I posted it online but it didn't work for some reason

Speaker Samuel: Great we're going to move on to councillor Kouyoumjian

Councillor Kouyoumjian: First choice mental health, second choice university affairs, third choice building and operations, fourth choice community engagement, fifth choice environment.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you, moving on to Councillor Sutter.

Sutter: First choice [inaudible] fourth choice building and operations, fifth choice mental health

Speaker Samuel: Moving onto councillor Okome.

Councillor Okome: First choice is Environment, second choice Equity, third choice Library Improvement Fund, fifth choice University Affairs Committee, fifth choice Community Engagement Francophone Affairs Committee

Speaker Samuel: Thank you Councillor Okome, moving on to Councillor Chin.

Councillor Chin: Thank you Madame speaker, I already have my name up there but would like to change based on the new councillor... committees. I'd like to place myself first choice in the Health and Mental Review, that would be my first choice, my second choice would be Clubs, Funding for three, Finance at four, Library Improvement Fund at five. If you could strike me from Steering.

Speaker Samuel: Just a clarification, that was five and we're striking you from Steering?

Councillor Chin: Yes

Speaker Samuel: Thank you. Moving onto Service Representative Douglas

Councillor Douglas: [inaudible] can you put me down for Clubs Committee as my first choice, and Building and Operations as a second choice, and Steering as my third choice, and [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Century

Councillor Century: first choice Provincial Representation, second Community Engagement and



[inaudible], third choice Environment [inaudible] fourth choice Equitable Governance, fifth choice Building and Operations

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Cleveland.

Councillor Cleveland: my first choice would be Mental Health, second Equity, third Equitable Governance, fourth BOM Comm, fifth Finance.

VP (Student Life) Patterson: I have something to point out at this time, just to let everybody know as it currently stands it seems the Equitable Reform Committee only has white males sitting on it. Um can we get some diversity on that committee, it would be a little bit useful for its operations that we a little bit more diversity and representation.

Speaker Samuel: thank you for that point, VP Patterson. When we get to that section there can be debate about it. Thank you Councillor Cleveland. Councillor Junejo.

Councillor Junejo: so I just removed my second and third choices, I removed them so Finance would be my second, and Services Review would be my third choice. I removed my second and third choice because I'm already on the Funding committee and the Clubs Committee.

Speaker Samuel: Great, thank you. Now we will decide on each committee, starting with Clubs Committee. Councillor Douglas is the only person that ranked it as their first choice. Do the other folks in this committee want to speak on this committee, does Councillor Douglas want to speak as to why she chose this committee? President Ben.

President Ger: Yeah no I'm happy to explain a little bit about the process. When it comes to the process for clubs committee generally what could be for committees super helpful is yeah, there are a number of people who have selected #1, #2, #3. When those higher-ranking are tested it might be helpful to open up the floor more broadly and see why each one of those representatives chose that as their #1 then we'll be able to vote collectively based on their reasoning. So if we can see those three people and hear what they have to say, and people who didn't put it as number one asking them if it's alright for Kahli to take the committee because she did put it as her #1 we can skip that process altogether. So it's Councillors Chin, Poorian, Segal, Jiang, Madwar do you folks want to speak up if you would like to be considered for the committee?

Speaker Samuel: Yes Councillor Segal?

Councillor Segal: I have a question, given that we don't know what other people how would I possibly know if [inaudible].

President Ger: that's a good point. Yeah. Somebody requested a microphone, and if I could get one as well.

Councillor Segal: so basically I said that I don't know what committees will be left when it's my turn, let's just say I don't get mental health, how do I know if I don't know what's left?



President Ger: it's a good question, this has been done in the past and it seems to have worked out so what I'll say right now is you feel like you have another priority along the list and you don't feel like this is a priority right now, we can move back to the Clubs Committee at the end of it if you're unsatisfied. Is that alright?

Councillor Segal: I wasn't just saying it for me, but for more generally.

Speaker Samuel: that applies to all. Great, also in the future if you do want to speak on what committee you would like to be on the one minute speaking time is the one I will use my gavel. So if there are no objections for councillor.

President Ger: maybe ask the individual people what they think?

Speaker Samuel: yeah. So Councillors Chin, Poorian, Jiang, Madwar have any objections having councillor Douglas representing on this committee? Councillor Chin do you have any concerns?

Councillor Chin: not right now.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Jiang do you have any objections?

Councillor Jiang: No, I have a question.

Speaker Samuel: Yes.

Councillor Jiang: If we were [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Great question, do any of the executives have the answer?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: you sign up for the number of committees you have time to.

Speaker Samuel: Does that answer your question?

Councillor Jiang: Yes.

Speaker Samuel: Great.

[?]: [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Yes, we can definitely allow an amendment to speaking time, do you have an amendment to the speaking time for this section?

[?]: I would suggest 30 seconds [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Great! All those in favour for that amendment of speaking time please put up your placard, 30 seconds? All opposed? This motion does pass. Councillor Segal do you have any objections?

Councillor Segal: no.

Speaker Samuel: Madwar?



Councillor Madwar: No.

Speaker Samuel: Poorian?

Councillor Poorian: No.

Speaker Samuel: Great. So congratulations [inaudible] for representing on the clubs committee. Moving on to Community Engagement Francophone Affairs. There are two councillors—Councillor Tristan ranked it as his first choice, and we do have councillor Nassani ranked as their second choice. Do these councillors want to speak on why they want to be on this committee?

Councillor Renondin: Yeah... so I'm really from Montreal so when I applied to McGill a lot of people were talking about frosh they were saying how it could be disruptive not only in the Milton Parc community but people were saying frosh, St. Patrick's day, events like that people get a negative perception of us so I'd like [to sit on the committee]

Speaker Samuel: Great. Councillor Nassani, would you like to speak on why you would like to be a part of this committee?

Councillor Nassani: by the title Francophone Affairs I have always done my studies in French, it's important for McGill and its reputation in the community.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you councillor. Do any of the other councillors have any objections? Councillor Nadwar, Councillor Poorian? No? Councillor Sadikov?

Councillor Sadikov: Not directly but Councillor Century had it as their choice as well

Speaker Samuel: Oh, right, thank you for mentioning that. Councillor Century would you like to speak as to why you want to be

Councillor Century: Sure, I chose this committee—community engagement being something I think there should be more of it. Francophone affairs, I was raised from my mom... and there are a lot of other Francophones who have this issue, like the preservation of French in different areas.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Kia? Since there are two who have it as their second choice would you like to decide who gets it? You would like to give it to councillor?

Kouyoumjian: I don't mind [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Do you want to put it to a vote? I will ask the rest of the councillors. Councillor Anderson... no objections we are going to put it to a vote. All those in favour for having Councillor Century on the committee, please raise your placard. All those who would like councillor Nassani on the committee, please raise your placard. All those abstaining. Councillor Nassani does win. Great, moving on to the Environment. So we have Councillor Madwar ranked as first, Councillor Sadikov. Would you like to speak on why you want to be on this committee? Starting with Councillor Kouyoumjian.





Councillor Kouyoumjian: [inaudible] Hi so I'm in the McGill School of the Environment and I have experience sitting on committees like this and I feel like I would be able to put, give a lot of input into the different projects. And I've heard about the different parts, and I'm really excited, and I'd like to be part of this council.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you councillor Kouyoumjian. Councillor Madwar

Councillor Madwar: so I'm the Management representative and in management I feel we don't get to learn enough about SSMU, about committees, especially about the environment it's unspoken of and I feel like overall having near this committee being able to emphasize the role of the environment in this committee and the outside. So I find it really interesting and I would definitely be very dedicated to get into this.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you Councillor Madwar, Councillor [inaudible]. Would you like to remove yourself from this?

[ ]: yes.

Speaker Samuel: Yes. Seeing as there are other people who ranked it I will ask again Councillor Thomas do you have any objections with the other two folks?

Councillor Thomas: no I don't.

Speaker Samuel: No you don't. Great, Councillor Mehrotra?

Councillor Mehrotra: No.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Tristan?

Councillor Tristan: No.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor [inaudible]?

[?]: no.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Century?

Councillor Century: No objections.

Speaker Samuel: For the two councillors would you like to put it to a vote or decide amongst yourselves?

[Vote.]

Speaker Samuel: Great. All those in favour of having councillor Madwar as part of this committee please put up your placard now. All those in favour having Councillor [inaudible]. We will have councillor [inaudible] as part of this committee, thank you very much moving on. Equity. Great. Councillor Sur was the only one who ranked it as her first choice, she's not here right now but I will ask the other councillors who ranked it if they have any objections to this. Councillor Hadley?



Councillor Gingrich-Hadley: I'm Gingrich-Hadley, she told me she was going to be here around 8:30 so I don't know if we can push it back so she can be here but I would rather wait for her.

Speaker Samuel: We can come back to it, thank you. We will come back to Equity and go to Financial Ethics Research. Yes?

[?]: [inaudible]

Speaker Samuel: Alright for Financial Ethics research our top choice is Councillor Lambert who is not present at this movement, Councillor Segal ranking it as their second choice, Sadikov and Mehrotra as their third choice, with Councillor Prillo and Gangaram as their fourth or fifth. Seeing as there are three councillors who sit on this committee, I will ask councillors Prillo and [] if they would like to remove... sorry, I'm saying your name wrong. Councillor [inaudible] do you have any objections to being removed?

[?]: Yes.

Speaker Samuel: Yes, you have objections. We will come back for you. Councillor Prillo do you have any objections?

Councillor Prillo: I would like to remove myself.

Speaker Samuel: Great. Do you have a point of motion councillor [inaudible]. Great, councillor [inaudible] you would like to remove yourself as well? Okay, seeing as... yes?

Councillor Segal: I can remove myself also.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor [inaudible]?

[?]: What is the time commitment of this committee?

Speaker Samuel: Yes, President Ger?

President Ger: I'm happy to speak to that in the absence of the VP Finance. So Finance Research Committee is a bit of a time commitment. It's about an hour a week pure meetings. I would probably push it to two, or three in crunch times. So there's general committee meeting work, but then there's independent research. Just to reiterate what's on the screen and what's been said prior is you would be looking into our investment portfolio to screen a bunch of our different investments, make sure that they are ethical. As well the committee is taking in a bunch of reform given that we're looking into the public goals—restructuring of what is now the Ethical Investment Policy. The policy and the five-year plan, the ethical purchasing policy. Those things are all going to be moved into one policy called the ethical expenditures policy. I know this is a lot of information. Essentially we are moving a lot of our investment portfolio into a new project that our VP Finance has been working on which is a socially responsible investment fund. It's a project with the school of management—the management undergraduate society—with that the role of the [inaudible] will gradually be lessened considering the fact that they'll do a lot of the screening on their own. So the [inaudible] will gradually be taking on the



role to suggest ethical investments. So it's a lot of research into what is deemed social, what is doing well on the market as well.

[?]: [inaudible]?

Speaker Samuel:: It is not too late.

[?]: [inaudible]

Speaker Samuel: [inaudible] Councillor Medvedev?

Medvedev: I'd like to remove my name.

Speaker: councillor [inaudible]?

[?]: I'd like to remove my name.

Speaker Samuel: we are now short of one councillor. Would any councillor like to add themselves to this committee? Yes.

[?]: [inaudible].

Ben: Also as a point of order just a fun fact that we do have the ability to nominate people to sit on committees and there are some councillors who currently aren't in the room. So I mean... we can come back to it but I would also like to say that councillor Lambert is currently sitting on no committees.

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: you named some of those reps who are not here because they haven't been elected yet and have to be put on committees tonight.

President Ger: yes, for sure, that's exciting. Can someone pass the mic? In terms of people who aren't here right now—this feels sort of public shamey—councillor Lambert is not here from management but also recognize that there might be reasons behind these things. Also FYC has not been elected, the IRC has not been elected. Both of these folks still need to be put on committees so feel free to do that.

Speaker Samuel: yes, Councillor Sadikov?

Councillor Sadikov: Two things—councillor Lefebvre and Lambert are the same person. [Inaudible] Anyway can we do these allocations at the end?

Speaker Samuel: Thank you Councillor Sadikov. Moving on to Funding. Two folks have named themselves for the first choice—Councillor Chin would you be willing to remove yourself because there are two persons who have it as their first choices? Thank you Councillor Chin. Councillor Lambert is not here. And councillor Mansdoerfer. Great, that being decided Councillors [inaudible] and [inaudible] you guys are part of the funding committee. Moving onto Indigenous Affairs, a lot of folks want to be on it. Councillor Sur Lefebvre Thomas Prillo and Sutter. Did you want all to speak on why you want to be on this committee? President?



President Ger: Yes, just once again it would be nice if we could move on from committees where Councillor Sur is not present she should be here soon. Just one final clarification Medvedev.

Speaker Samuel: moving on Library Improvement Fund. Okay there is only one person on this committee, would any one of the folks that have listed it as their last choice... You'd like to remove yourself (yes) okay! Councillor Poorian and Councillor Gingrich would you like to speak on why you'd like to be a part of this committee?

Councillor Gingrich-Hadley: Can I clarify which committee we're on?

Speaker Samuel: Library Improvement Fund.

Councillor Gingrich-Hadley: Oh. Can I remove myself?

Speaker Samuel: Yes you can.

Councillor Gingrich-Hadley: Sorry.

Speaker Samuel: No worries

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Poorian would you like to explain why you would want to be on the Library Improvement Fund?

Councillor Poorian: no.

Speaker Samuel: No? Would you like to remove yourself?

Councillor Poorian: Yes.

Speaker Samuel: Okay.

Speaker Samuel: That being said councillor Lambert and Segal—because Lambert is not here would you like to speak on why you want to be on this committee?

Councillor Segal: Can I remove myself?

Speaker Samuel: Okay. And the last three councillors—Junejo, Chin and Sur would you like to speak on why you would like to be a part of this committee? Or remove yourself?

Councillor Junejo: Remove myself.

Councillor Sur: I would also like to remove myself.

Speaker Samuel: Okay that being said councillor Lambert is a part of this committee. Yes?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: I just want to point out this fund is \$700 000 a year. Like if you want to make stuff happen, all of you want to be on funding committee but this is like no contest.

Councillor Borgia: [inaudible] can we wait until the end and see [inaudible]?



Speaker Samuel: Yes sounds great. Councillor Douglas?

Councillor Douglas: I have a question, what if you are not picked for anything? Will everyone get a spot on this?

President Ger: everyone needs to sit on a minimum of one committee and if someone isn't, we'll go over just make sure no one isn't sitting on a committee, and to make sure someone isn't double sitting on a committee, and if someone would be willing to remove in order to make accommodations for someone else. I would like to say that it is true the Library Improvement Fund deals with around \$700 000 and is very interesting, and it is true you would be sitting on a committee with VP (University Affairs) Erin Sobat, and so there is a bit of a trade-off there but that is totally up to councillors to decide

Speaker Samuel: Thank you President Ger. Councillor Poorian.

Councillor Poorian: the spin committee isn't up there, is that because the allocation has already been made?

Speaker Samuel: VP (Internal Affairs) Lawrie would you like to answer that question?

VP (Internal Affairs) Lawrie: spend allocations have already been made. Thank you.

Councillor Poorian: can we see who is on that committee?

Speaker Samuel: VP Laurie can you tell us who is on that committee?

VP (Internal Affairs) Lawrie: Ashby, Gary, Trou (inaudible).

Speaker Samuel: Thank you. To Mental Health. We have a lot of folks who would like to be on mental health. Would Councillor Medvedev, Councillor Segal, Councillor Nassani, and Thomas and Prillo would you all like to speak on this or would you like to remove yourself? And councillor Gingrich-Hadley and Councillor Cleveland would anyone like to remove themselves as the top choice?

Councillor Nassani: I would.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Nassani. Anyone else?

Councillor Kouyoumjian: I forgot to add myself

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Kia! Great we're going to go in order you all have 30 seconds to speak we're going to start with Councillor Cleveland.

Councillor Cleveland: I would like to remove my candidacy for this and move it to Library Improvement Fund.

Speaker Samuel: We're going to start with Councillor Medvedev. Would you like to speak?

Councillor Medvedev: Yes.

Speaker Samuel: You have the floor.



Councillor Medvedev: I would like to join this committee because I have personally dealt with mental health and I think that I could make a difference by being on this committee.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you councillor Medvedev. Councillor Segal you have the floor.

Councillor Segal: I'm in social work so I have a lot of clientele I've had to work with have been in the community so I've had a lot of experiences there and with my patients as well so I'd like to bring that.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you councillor Segal. Councillor Thomas.

Councillor Thomas: can I have mic. Thank you, I would really like to join this committee because it's something I can relate to and I wanted to acknowledge the efforts that have been made with the spaces. A fundamental problem is our supply is lower than our demand and I think that I just want to help that fundamental problem is our supply. And I think for students there is a lot of stigma around mental illness and I want to help destigmatize McGill. Thank you.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you Councillor Thomas. Councillor Gingrich-Hadley you have the floor.

Councillor Gingrich-Hadley: I'm interested in this because it is super relevant to the work I have been doing in the community and specifically how the new shift towards the new intake process how it's going to be working or whether it will be a difference on the way students are served.

Speaker Samuel: Great thank you Gingrich-Hadley, councillor Kia?

Councillor Kouyoumjian: [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Prillo?

Councillor Prillo: this is a committee I want to join because being in medicine it's basically part of my everyday interactions and I have an acute insight into that because every time you see a patient you don't just look into their medical issues but you look also at what's going on psychologically and furthermore it's more important that it has been incorporated into our curriculum that we have wellness days and stuff like that so I'd like to bring that to all university students as well.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you Councillor Prillo before we decide which people will be on the committee for mental health do Councillor Mehrotra have any objections being removed? No? Councillor [inaudible]? No? Councillor Sur? No? Councillor Anderson? Councillor Mansdoerfer? Councillor Templer? And Councillor Sutter?

President Ger: Just a note, Councillor Renondin did you get a chance to speak?

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Sur removed herself

President Ger: Councillor Sur. Oh you did I misheard you.

Speaker Samuel: You both had it as your first choice, would you like to discuss it or would you like to put it toward a vote? [?]: I had a question Speaker Samuel: Yup





[?]: When do they meet?

Speaker Samuel: When do they meet? Great question councillor

VP (Student Life) Patterson: The meetings for the mental health committees haven't been chosen yet because to prioritize the councillors and mental health commissioners who are in charge of those committees because councillors are required to sit on those committees and then at that point the members at large will be invited to join those committees. So meeting times have not been set, we will accommodate you to your schedule.

Speaker Samuel: Would councillors like to decide or put it to a vote? Put it to a vote? Those that would like Councillor Medvedev please raise your placard. Now. You each get two votes. Great, thank you. Councillor Segal? Thank you, Councillor Thomas? Councillor Prillo? Councillor Gingrich-Hadley? There has been a tie, so we are going to do another vote for Medvedev, Thomas, and Prillo. You each get two votes again. For Councillor Medvedev please raise your placards now. Thank you, Councillor Thomas? Thank you, and Councillor Prillo? There has been another tie. Councillor Medvedev has one position.

[?]: Can I wait for another [inaudible] nevermind.

Speaker Samuel: We will have another vote between Councillor Thomas and Prillo. For Councillor Thomas please raise your placard. You only have one vote. Okay councillor Thomas has it, the two Councillors will be Councillor Medvedev and Councillor Prillo. Thank you, we will move on to services review. Councillor Medvedev has one position, Councillor Thomas has the other. Onto services review, councillor Segal

VP (Student Life) Patterson: hi I would like my abstentions noted on all of those votes.

Speaker Samuel: would anyone else like to abstain besides VP Patterson? Thank you. Services review. Segal had to leave now, and she is the only person who rated it as her second choice, there are two spot so Councillor Mansdoerfer and Councillor Junejo would you like to speak?

Councillor Mansdoerfer: I would like to remove myself.

Speaker Samuel: You would like to remove yourself Councillor Mansdoerfer? Alright Councillor Mansdoerfer and Councillor Junejo have removed themselves. That means Councillor Poorian and Jiang would you like to speak on why you'd like to be part of this committee? Councillor Poorian would you like to speak on why you want to be part of this committee?

Councillor Poorian: no.

Speaker Samuel: Okay councillor Jiang?

Councillor Jiang: can I remove myself?

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Gingrich-Hadley would you still like to be considered for this position still?

Councillor Gingrich-Hadley: Can I remove myself also?



Speaker Samuel: Yes. Councillor Segal and Councillor Poorian you are now the new... yes?

[?]: [inaudible]

Speaker Samuel: Once you make a point to remove yourself please do not undo it. It takes a long time. What was your choice? What was your ranking?

[?]: Three.

Speaker Samuel: So councillor Mansdoerfer and councillor Poorian would you like to talk, would one of you like to remove yourself, accommodate each other, or put it to a vote?

Councillor Poorian: I will [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Okay so councillor Segal and councillor Mansdoerfer have it, they are service review councillors. Moving onto Steering. Councillor Sadikov and Councillor Junejo ranked it as their first choice, Councillor Anderson ranked it as their second choice. There are four spots on this committee. So Councillor Nassani and Councillor Templer would you like to remove yourself from this committee?

Councillor Nassani: yes

Councillor Templer: no. I would like to... [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: Yes you can. Councillor Douglas and Templer would you like to talk about why you would like to be on this committee? Yes, Councillor Douglas.

Councillor Douglas: can I take recognition of the meeting times for Steering Committee?

President Ger: so steering committee is going to be meeting Thursdays prior to council. The time is flexible, right now it's set at 1pm but I can check the schedule. But it's flexible and can be worked around if that doesn't work for everyone on the committee.

Councillor Douglas: yes because I have class at 1 on Thursdays, if it was five pm or even 4pm that would be cool.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Nassani you had a point?

Councillor Nassani: just remove my name

Speaker Samuel: Just remove your name? Great so Councillor Anderson, Councillor Nassani you said you are removing yourselves.

Councillor Anderson: depending on the flexibility of this commission I may remove myself.

Speaker Samuel: President Ger do you have a point to make on that?

President Ger: I think VP Sobat does.

Speaker Samuel: VP Sobat.



VP (University Affairs) Sobat: what's going to happen with the timing, everybody will join and then we'll work on that.

Speaker Samuel: Are you able to hold to that?

Speaker Anderson: Yes, I'm able to hold to that

Speaker Samuel: Great! Steering has Councillor Sadikov, Junejo, Anderson, and Templer. Moving onto Community Affairs, Councillor Mehrotra, Anderson, Kia, have all ranked it as their first two choices. And Councillor Sadikov as well. Councillor Sur, Madwar, Medvedev, Sutter—would you like to remove yourselves from this?

Councillor Sur: I have a question. So the community affairs committee [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: So you want to remove yourself from this one?

Councillor: Yes.

Speaker Samuel: Okay, thank you Councillor Sur. Councillor [inaudible]. Councillor Lambert isn't here so we are going to remove them. Councillor Sutter. Thank you. Councillor Nassani, Segal, Thomas, Templer. Thank you, Councillor Segal is not present. So we have narrowed it down to Councillor Mansdoerfer, Sadikov, and Kia. Councillor Thomas you said I can remove you? Would you like to speak on this committee Councillor Mehrotra.

Councillor Mehrotra: Sure so the first part of this committee's mandate is outreach and I've received a lot of equity training to I feel will be very useful to this committee. I also was on the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee and our whole mandate was to solicit input from student groups and I have a lot of experience with that and additionally I worked closely with many first years and I feel that this could go to the second part of this.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you. Councillor Anderson.

Councillor Anderson: So university affairs one of my platforms I ran on was to prioritize students, and I think this would be a cool way to think about Arts and the faculty. I really like talking to people so if we ever had to solicit student input...

Speaker Samuel: Thank you council Anderson, Councillor Sadikov?

Councillor Sadikov: I'd like to remove myself with apologies to Ben.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you councillor Sadikov. Councillor Kia.

Councillor Kouyoumjian: As external for the AUS I run a number of committees like International student affairs, community engagement, etc. so I want to work on university affairs as someone who is directly involved with a number of students in the AUS, I tend to know what's going on in SSMU especially as university affairs relates to policies that affect students and student priorities.



Speaker Samuel: Thank you Kia, since there are three people who want to be on this committee would you like to put it to a vote or accommodate yourselves? Seeing as there are no suggestions we'll move to a vote. All those in favor of Councillor Mehrotra on the committee please raise your placard. Thank you. You get two votes. Councillor Anderson, if you're voting for Councillor Ander raise your placard. Finally councillor Kia. Thank you. Council Mehrotra and council Kia have it, thank you. Moving onto building and operations. BOM Comm. Councillor Mansdoerfer has it as their first choice and council Mansdoerfer is dropping this, Councillor Poorian and Councillor Douglas have it as their second choices, would they like to keep it as their second choices. Councillor Douglas? Councillor Poorian are you keeping yourself?

Councillor Poorian: I can't make the meeting time.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Poorian has also removed themselves. Councillor Kia, would you like to keep it as your third choice?

Councillor Kouyoumjian: Yes.

Speaker Samuel: Yes. VP Magder, do you have a point right now?

VP (Operations) Magder: just a point of clarification for the people who would like to sit on this committee I'd like to ask that they have time available during business hours between 12 and five, preferably on Tuesday to accommodate the permanent staff who have to sit on this committee.

Speaker Samuel: thank you, Councillor Sutter.

Councillor Sutter: I'd like to remove myself.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Kia do you want to keep yourself for BOM Comm? Thank you. Councillor Junejo do you want to keep yourself

Councillor Junejo: Remove.

Speaker Samuel: Thank you. Councillor Renondin? Thank you councillor Tristan. Councillor Century would you like to remove yourself?

Councillor Century: Yeah.

Speaker Samuel: thank you. And councillor Madwar?

Councillor Madwar: Yeah.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Madwar was already gone. And Councillor Cleveland?

Councillor Cleveland: remove.

Speaker Samuel: remove. Councillor Kia has it, you are part of BOM comm. Moving onto Finance.

Councillor Madwar: I'm so sorry can I put myself on that?



Speaker Samuel: of course. Councillor Madwar would like to be on BOM Comm. Both councillor Kia and councillor Madwar want to be on this committee, would you like to make accommodation? You will let councillor Madwar have it?

Councillor Kouyoumjian: Yes.

Speaker Samuel: okay great. Councillor Madwar will have it. Congratulations you're on building and operations. Moving onto Finance. Councillor Mansdoerfer would you like to remove yourself? Councillor Junejo?

[?]: Remove

Speaker Samuel: remove? Councillor Prillo. Councillor Jiang, would you like to stay? Councillor Chin? Cleveland?

[?]: Remove

Speaker Samuel: and by vote of the committee Councillor Lambert has this committee as well. Great, moving on to Provincial Representation. Would anyone like to add themselves to this committee? Thank you Councillor Sadikov. Councillors Century and Sadikov are on Provincial Representation Committee with VP Aird. Equitable Governance Reform? Would Councillor Century or Councillor Cleveland like to remove themselves from this committee? You would like to remove yourself? Councillor Cleveland?

Councillor Cleveland: yes, I would like to remove itself.

Speaker Samuel: I think this committee also has two councillors.

Councillor Cleveland: may I return?

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Cleveland you may return. President Ben?

President Ger: yeah I would be down to have more hands on deck and more assistance in running the committee. I don't want to double burden anyone but I want to mention once more that this is a committee on equitable governance reform and yeah, not a lot of representation on the committee coming from council from now.

Speaker Samuel: would anyone like to add themselves to this committee based on the nature of the committee? Councillor Douglas?

Councillor Douglas: yes. How much of a time commitment—once a week meetings?

President Ben: I can talk to that. Yeah, so call-outs already happened. I sent out an email and the timeline was by the latest at the end of October we'd have our first meeting which would ideally be meeting once every week to every two weeks for an hour at a time. So total workload about two to three hours a week.

Councillor Douglas: so you don't have a time set?



President Ben: Beyond that? Well as I said we reached out to the large number of groups reached out in the appendix. There wouldn't be a time set unless we set one.

Speaker Samuel: would anyone else like to add their names to this committee? Seeing as there... so council century would you like to be a part of this committee?

[?]: Um, how many are on account?

Three. You want to want to wait? It's you, councillor Templer and Councillor Cleveland. You'll remove yourself? Okay. So council Templer and Cleveland have it and you're part of equitable governance reform. And finally health and dental review, Councillor Templer would you like to speak on why you would like to be on this committee? Councillor Templer, chin, you both ranked this as number one.

Councillor Chin: [inaudible].

Councillor Templer: I have no problem, I'd still like to keep my name in.

Councillor Chin: I will remove myself.

Speaker Samuel: thank you Councillor Chin. We will go back to Equity since we have Councillor Sur now. Councillor Sur ranked it as number one, would councillor sur explain why she'd like to be on this committee?

Councillor Sur: Hi. So I want to join this committee to continue to decolonize the space that we're in. As someone with different identities I can see how McGill actively and passively discriminates students and marginalizes students and coming from a Faculty of Law, an institution which is not created for someone like me, I continue to advocate for them. And as someone with lots of clubs I can continue the work of the equity committee.

Speaker Samuel: thank you Councillor Sur. That being said would Councillor Gingrich-Hadley like to remove themselves from.

Councillor Gingrich-Hadley: yes.

Speaker Samuel: thank you. Councillor Anderson?

Councillor Anderson: yeah.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Prillo?

Councillor Prillo: yes.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Thomas?

Councillor Thomas: yes.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Okome?

Councillor Okome: yes.





Speaker Samuel: and Councillor Cleveland?

Councillor Cleveland: yes.

Speaker Samuel: thank you. That being said Councillor Sur has it. You are part of Equity now.

Councillor Sur: when is that committee meeting?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: we will schedule.

Speaker Samuel: moving onto Indigenous Affairs is the other committee we have not allocated?

Councillor Sur: may I remove?

Speaker Samuel: Yes, Councillor Sur. Is there any other removals before I ask every single person?

Councillor Nassani would like to remove themselves. Councillor Mansdoerfer. Councillor Prillo.

Councillor Medvedev. Councillor Thomas. Councillor Sutter, you would like to remove yourself? Great.

Councillor Tristan is the only person who ranked it number three. Would you like to take this committee?

Councillor Renondin: No, I'd like to remove my name.

Speaker Samuel: okay. Councillors [], [], and Sadikov would you like to speak on why you want to be on this committee or make accommodations? Who's taking it? Councillor Gingrich-Hadley would like to take it. So Gingrich-Hadley is part of the Indigenous Affairs Committee now. We can come back to the library improvement fund if we want.

[?]: May I say something? I would only like to sit on one committee due to time commitments. And if possible I would prefer that someone sit on the equitable governance reform committee who represents a committee that I don't represent. If that's not possible then I'd like to stay on it due to the training I've had in equity. But it would be sweet if someone who experiences something that I don't experience would switch off for me for that and I can take up library improvement fund. That is all.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Junejo?

Councillor Junejo: if no one else is interested I would like to be added.

Speaker Samuel: to which committee?

Councillor Junejo: the Library Improvement Fund.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Chin?

Councillor Chin: I would express my intention to be removed.

President Ben: sorry to potentially do something that would make this meeting a bit longer but I would like to bring up the possibility of revisiting the motion of adopting the Ad Hoc Governance Reform Committee. So maybe we can discuss the removal of some of the members at large seat.



VP (University Affairs) Sobat: I think [inaudible]. Which is funny because... [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: great, councillor [inaudible].

[: so there is more people on council then there is committee spots, am I correct? So what happens?

Speaker Samuel: great question. President?

President Ger: sorry, there are enough committee seats for everyone. In situations where someone for example a clubs councillor may have a committee they're designated to sit on they wouldn't necessarily have to sit on others given that you only need to sit on one.

Speaker Samuel: great. Do you have a point councillor? Are there any councillors here who aren't sitting on at least one committee at this time? Councillor Chin?

Councillor Chin: I'm not.

President Ger: If I'm not mistaken the Health and Dental Committee did we not choose who was on that?

Speaker Samuel: Yes, Councillor Templer.

President Ger: can I also ask Councillor Templer, are you sitting on any other committee right now?

Councillor Templer: yes.

President Ger: Would you be open, given that you are sitting on more than one committee, to letting Councillor Chin sitting on the Health and Dental Review?

Councillor Templer: I'd be open to giving up a seat on another committee than Health and Dental.

Speaker Samuel: Which committee would you be open to?

Councillor Templer: Steering.

Speaker Samuel: Steering? Councillor Chin would you like to join Steering?

Councillor Chin: unfortunately I will not physically be here during that time.

Speaker Samuel: are there any other councillors sitting on more than one committee that they'd like to give up? Yes, Councillor Junejo?

Councillor Junejo: I could give up my place on the Library Improvement Fund.

Speaker Samuel: Would you like a place on the library improvement fund Councillor Chin?

Councillor Chin: [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: What would you propose?



Councillor Chin: I would propose to expand the number of councillor seats on the [], this is also to keep in mind that in previous years it has been six.

Speaker Samuel: VP Sobat?

VP (University Affairs) Sobat: it's that last year there were too many seats and we couldn't fill them all so all the amendments we made at the end of the year to cut out councillor seats. Maybe that was too many, but [inaudible].

Councillor Chin: the issue with me is that in terms of [] during a weekday and I would rather sit on a committee that meets on an ad hoc basis.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor Prillo do you have a suggestion?

Councillor Prillo: a question. I'm not sitting on any of these committees either but [inaudible] is that still cool?

Speaker Samuel: Thank you councillor Prillo. Is there anyone else sitting on more than one committee who would like to give up their seat to councillor Chin?

President Ger: Yeah. Sorry Councillor Chin can you remind me again which committees you were interested in?

Councillor Chin: in [inaudible], Clubs, Finance.

President Ger: Finance, Councillor Lambert is sitting on technically two committees. Would you like to sit on Finance?

Councillor Chin: that depends on more [inaudible].

Speaker Samuel: that should be good. Okay I notice that we only need one person for Financial Ethics Research. Is there anybody?

[]): did not sit on the committee before? [inaudible]

Speaker Samuel: good point councillor, that being said I think we have allotted all the councillor committee allocations.

President Ger: no, I think the point that was brought up there was that we have councillors who don't have seats on committees and still require a seat. But they haven't had time to be elected so they haven't had the time to have their voices actually heard. IF anyone is sitting on two committees right now I stongly recommend you consider dropping one if possible.

Speaker Samuel: Councillor [inaudible].

[]): [inaudible]

Speaker Samuel: You're only sitting on one



President Ger: can I get a show of hands of who is sitting on two committees or more? Can I get a show of hands who's sitting on three. Councillor Poorian would you be willing to remove yourself from one?

Councillor Poorian: I'm on four so I can remove myself from one. The library improvement fund.

Speaker Samuel: great. Would you like to remove yourself from one more?

Councillor Poorian: no. I don't mind Steering and the other two I'm supposed to be on.

Speaker Samuel: okay great. Councillor Nassani.

Councillor Nassani: Hi, yes I would like to remove myself from community engagement because I'm also mandated for the health and dental reviews.

Speaker Samuel: great. Councillor Mansdoerfer is that okay we have enough spots now on funding? VP Internal Lawrie.

VP (Internal Affairs) Lawrie: my [inaudible] rep as I understand it will still be on council until around January.

Speaker Samuel: President Ger?

President Ger: just a note on that they will for sure be on that for the entire year.

Speaker Samuel: VP Lawrie? No? Great, are there any other objections to the committee allocations? Seeing as there are none, we are done. Reports by committees—we have our executive committee.

## 11. Reports by Committees

### a. Executive Committee

President Ger: so the report of the executive committee is something I have to bring up this week, however the report of the executive committee did not meet last week so there were no decisions actually made there since we were doing Activities Night. The only thing that was decided upon was the hiring of the Accounting Technician. So yeah that was all there really is to report on.

Speaker Samuel: Great, thank you so much Pres Ben, we have our Funding Committee next. Seeing that VP Niall is not here...

### b. Funding Committee

President Ger: yeah I can speak to that as well. So Funding will have a presentation next meeting. Yeah. So the funding commissioner was brought in over the summer but a lot of the funding applications are still in process. Given that these funding allocations is being processed by the accounting department none of them are finalized yet so funding cannot report on the funding being allocated.



## 12. Councillor Reports

Speaker: thank you President Ger. Moving on. Alright, we are at councillor reports and there are no councillor reports for this week but there will be the section—there are five councillor reports per session. Moving on to Executive Reports.

## 13. Executive Reports

### a. VP (Finance)

Speaker Samuel: we have VP Finance. Will someone be reporting on that?

President Ger: yeah I'm happy to walk through his report if we can pull it up on the screen. Cool. This is great. Yeah so as mentioned before, the Socially Responsible Investment Fund is something that the vp finance has been working on over the summer. It's something that has spanned a little bit over two years now however a lot of the bulk work has been done by Niall this summer. They've worked with Professor Nadeem which is a prof in management so we can solidify that down, make sure we know when the investment will be up and operating. There will still be many kinks we have to work out but we'll be able to mix management of this thing seeing as we have a committee looking into our investments and they can also do the same thing internally because it is a socially investment fund and they do a lot of the auditing themselves. Also some kinks to be worked out. So that's all I have to say on that, B-Week I'll let Dan speak on that a little later on. Clubs and Services I'm sure Elaine will also speak on because these are double reported. When it comes to check-ins now that the year is starting up we want to make sure our team is really focused on the operations and at least a portion of it. Sacha, Niall and I had a conversation of the different ways we can offer support to Sacha because there is a lot of work to be done in the SRC and Gerts. But Sacha is doing a really great job right now, he's killing it. He'll tell you some stats on the SRC. Scholarships and Student Aid was a meeting Niall and I had. We were talking about the possibilities for student fees. Like how their investment fund is doing. They might come and give a presentation. The investment fund is based off of and \$8.50 per student per semester fee that's matched by the university. That fund has become a sum in and of itself and it generates around \$35 000/year. And more planning for different events, one specific one that Niall was looking into was a larger beer festival. To work with Sleeman. That wouldn't be this year but the following It's to coincide a few things going on in other parts of Montreal, hopefully they've been in touch with government so we can make sure we get people from the province and municipal government to come out. Contacting a lot of admin and faculty associations. Fee advisory committee, meetings are scheduled. Funding Committee, right there all funding decisions have been reviewed but disbursements haven't actually gone out for our accounting books so we're just waiting for that to happen. We have let people know that they will definitely be getting that funding but yeah until that's officially finalized that's the final little step. Different management software that we're looking to hook up to the SRC so that we can keep track of sales. Right now we have software that are supposed to be monitoring and making averages throughout the day so we can find out where our peak hours are and where we need



to improve. Those software need tweaking and fine-tuning to make sure we're getting the information that we require. So that we can make some of those better operational decisions. Again Sacha can speak on that. But that's a project that Niall himself is working on. Niall also has experience working in restaurant management. He used to manage a few Tim Horton's so he knows a bit of how the software itself works. And we'll deal with our kitchen manager and beverage director Alessandro and Simona on that. HR Manual was something Niall and I worked on together, we worked on the welcome message which was the more fun set of things but also had a bunch of more technical stuff. We added a bit on how our governance structure works, how each executive works, how to navigate the union consultation of different spaces. I think that's all that I would be here to report on for that. If anyone has any questions feel free. I will try to answer.

Speaker Samuel: thank you for keeping that to four minutes and twenty-five seconds. VP Patterson VP (Student Life) Patterson: I just had one parliamentary inquiry about the time limit. So thanks for that.

Speaker Samuel: it's for five minutes. Do we have any questions for the VP Finance report at this time? Seeing as there are none, we will move onto the next report from the president.

b. President

- President delivered report.

c. VP (Student Life)

- VP (Student Life) delivered report.

d. VP (University Affairs)

- VP (University Affairs) delivered report.

e. VP (Internal)

- VP (Internal) delivered report.

f. VP (External)

- VP (External) delivered report.

g. VP (Operations)

- VP (Operations) delivered report.





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14. Confidential Session

15. Adjournment

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