



Students' Society of McGill University
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Report of the Steering Committee of Council

Convened on September 25, 2012

Present: President Redel, VP Dinel, VP Reid-Fraser, VP Szpejda, Councillor Rea, Councillor Chaim, Councillor Larson, Speaker Tong

Daycare General Assembly

- There will be a Daycare General Assembly this Thursday September 27, 2012 before the meeting of the SSMU Legislative Council.
- At the GA, there will be short presentations by the Daycare Manager and VP Dinel, who sits on the Board of the SSMU Daycare.
- The auditor will present the audited financial statements of the SSMU Daycare, which require approval by the members of the Daycare GA, who are the members of SSMU Legislative Council.

Guest Speakers

- The guest speakers will be the SSMU Daycare Manager (Amy Vincent) and SSMU Daycare Auditor (Cathy Goncalves); they will be granted speaking rights during the Daycare General Assembly rather than during Council.

Business

Notice of Motion Re: Referendum Question Re: M-SERT Fee Increase

- Council-initiated referendum question submitted with the required 4 Councillor signatures
- Suggestions for the movers including changing the title of the motion (to read "Referendum Question Regarding the Increase of the McGill Student Emergency Response Team Student Fee" from "Question Regarding the Creation of a Student Fee for the McGill Student Emergency Response Team").
- Suggested that the resolved clause be reworded from "Resolved..." to "Do you support..." as the operative clause is the referendum question itself that will appear on the ballot for students. This style is reflected in Council-initiated referendum questions adopted by 2011-2012 Council.

Motion Re: Elections SSMU Election & Referenda Schedule for 2012-2013

- The CEO of Elections SSMU wanted to push back the dates for campaigning and the voting for the fall Referendum period to allow for twenty-one days between approval of questions (Council-initiated or student-initiated) and the opening of polls
- If passed, this motion will supersede the motion passed at last Council on the Referenda schedule

Motion Re: David Chaim's Employment at Gerts Bar

- Wording was amended from Gertrude's Corner to Gerts Bar
- Councillor Chaim will not participate in debate, discussion or voting on this motion during the Council meeting
- It was suggested that VP Briggs be removed as a mover as, should Councillor Chaim be allowed to continue his work at Gerts Bar, VP Briggs would be his supervisor; VP Reid-Fraser agreed to serve as the second mover on the motion



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Motion Re: Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

- As this is an external issue to SSMU, Councillor Larson mentioned that adopting this motion would require a 2/3 majority vote by Council
- It was suggested to the movers that the resolved clauses call for more specific action, such as disseminating information on the SSMU listerv, Twitter and Facebook (previously read to just “support” the cause).

Motion Re: the Daily Publications Society

- This motion was not added to the agenda for 09/27/12 Council, although there is opportunity to include it on the next Council agenda (10/11/12)
- The motion was submitted with only one mover; motions to Council required at least 2 Councillor signatures
- It was suggested that the motion be tabled until the next meeting of Steering Committee to allow for further consultation between the DPS, President Redel and VP Reid-Fraser on the content of the motion, including its constitutionality

In-Camera Session

- There will be an in-camera session at the end of the Council meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Tong
On behalf of the Speakers of Council