

SSMU Legislative Council -- November 7, 2013

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

2) Attendance

President Katie Larson

VP Joey Shea

VP Samuel Harris

VP Brian Farnan

VP Stefan Fong

VP Tyler Hofmeister

Councillor Jones

Councillor Councillor Ayukawa (late)

Councillor Reedjik

Councillor Baraldi

Councillor Ibrahim

Councillor Lubendo

Councillor Liu

Councillor Rosentzveig

Councillor Afshin

Councillor Rioux

Councillor Tong

Councillor Ehrhard

Councillor Simpson

Councillor Benrimoh

Councillor Lynsdale

Councillor Giannakakis

Councillor El-Sharawy

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk

Councillor Southey

Councillor Stewart-Kanigan

Councillor Vassanji

Councillor Sachal

Councillor Jeong (late)

Senate Caucus Farzan Sughani

Senate Caucus Alvin Kuatedevo

Recording Secretary Lydia Jones

Speaker Rida Malik

Parliamentarian Rachel

General Manager Pauline

3) Approval of the Minutes

a. October 24, 2013

Councillor Ibrahim proposed an amendment: Councillor Ibrahim was not attending – SAOMS to SACOMSS

Motion to approve by Councillor Lubendo

Seconded by Councillor Rioux

Minutes approved

4) Adoption of the Agenda

Change proposed by VP Shea – adding councillor report by Councillor Bissky Dziadyk and move the motion earlier (as early as possible).

Motion to adopt by Councillor Lubendo

Seconded by VP Farnan.

Agenda adopted.

5) Report of the Steering Committee

Motion to adopt Councillor Benrimoh

Seconded by Councillor Lubendo

Motion passed

Report adopted.

6) Guest Speakers

a. Standing Robert's Rules of Order for Council

By Rida and Rachel

Rida: Things can get pretty heated and the point of these rules is for these circumstances. It's a refresher and a precursor to adopting standing rules of council for rest of the year.

Rachel: Miss council 3 times without telling anyone you lose your seat on council, email Rida and let her know you're not coming in. Ask after council is over, either take a placard or curl up a mic wire, anything. 1 or 2 would be helpful.

Reports: 7 pm on Sunday before council. I keep track of who submits each week.

They're not optional, if noticed that it's a pattern, you might lose your position. Rather late than never. Tell me the reason you missed it. Lazy, forgot, I'll count it as submitted, but it won't go on vibe. You can submit it yourself only if making a presentation at council and you need it there for back up.

When it doubt: email us both, cc, etc. We're buddies!

General Robert's Rule: use mic – for our recording secretary. If you know you want to speak, start inching closer to the mic. Please remember all comments should be directed at everyone. Not looking at someone, referring by name, etc. Don't wave or do crazy stuff just put placard up. There is a possibility to have question period after each motion, someone has to motion for it, there is a default time of 5 minutes, that is an option.

Councillor Lubendo: How do we motion for that?

Rida: Motion for it

Voting: procedural votes, you have to vote. Substantial matters you can abstain. Dividing roll call, can only be made when moved into voting period.

Motion: motion that can interrupt speaker. Point of personal privilege: deathly ill, can't hear, personally inhibits you. Point of information: asking a question, etc. There's a quick chart linked for all the motions you want.

Standing rules: official rules that are different from Robert's Rules. We have to pass them. Default speaking time of 1 minute. You can extend it to 1:30-2mins etc.

Councillor Ibrahim: before we speak or can we extend it during?

Rida: Whenever.

During guest speakers, only questions, no comments.

Councillor reports: 3 mins

Exec reports: 5 minutes.

That being said, motion to extend or come talk to me before and specify.

No limit to how often someone can speak for against etc. But we want to make sure everyone gets to speak. Priority to people who speak less.

New thing: every 5 speakers we'll ask for points or motion on the floor. Unless it's a point of personal privilege or point of order. We can always change this, but we're going to try it for people who don't know Robert's rules.

Councillor Lubendo: Do we have to wait for at least 5?

Rida: We're going to call for people on the floor but if there are only 2 it'll be 2.

Allowing friendly amendments. Automatically approved if friendly, if not, majority rules.

Please submit amendments in writing, any form! As I get them I will number and put them up on screen etc. I'll let council know after every speaker. New amendment it check it out if you want to vote on it you can do so once we ask on floor.

Roll call is still accepted.

You can check out other Roberts rules if you want to look them up!

Or you can email us! We're here to help you with everything.

That's it!

Councillor Ibrahim: 5 people speaking at a time and then motioning to close discussion?

Rida: No just asking for motion every 5 speakers.

Councillor Ibrahim: It's just measure to allow more people to speak then?

Rida: Yes. To level the playing field.

7) Announcements

Councillor Benrimoh: We've written out an official statement against charter now on website and sent out to news outlets students and provincial government. We invite other faculties to do same.

VP Harris: Wrapping up labour week, wasn't able to announce prior to the week, one event going on: two talks tomorrow at noon about future of labour in education and realities of international students occurring in 4th floor clubs lounge at noon tomorrow.

President Larson: Next Wednesday, 13th of November: Special GA. I have been advertising. Find 35 friends.

VP Fong: Fundraiser at Gert's!

Speaker: accountability committee meeting before next council, waiting for members at large, going out Monday list serv.

8) Question Period

President Larson: I would like to go around table and report on what you have been doing to promote GA

Speaker: This is on the agenda already

President Larson: Sorry I didn't see that there.

Councillor Ibrahim: Everyone at the table: every email gets rerouted to email of your choice, anyone benefit from that?

President Larson: That would be fabulous. In addition if anyone wants to put it on their phone the email is support@ssmu.mcgill.ca. You can ask them to help you with that.

Technology stuff. Forward that to me that'd be lovely.

Councillor Southey: Does the tech SSMU person know how to link it up to mac thing?

President Larson: He can help you with whatever you have.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Phones and email – not super tech savvy, all senators can send an email to hook up so I can forward it to help because it helped me!

Speaker: Or just directly upload it to vibe.

9) New Business

a. Adoption of Standing Rules

Motion to approve Councillor Lubendo

Seconded by Councillor El-Sharawy

Motion passed.

Adopted.

VP Shea motion to suspend rules and amend agenda

Seconded by Councillor Lubendo

Passed

b. Budget Presentation

VP Hofmeister: SSMU budget is broken down by different categories:

New category: IT department.

I will do a brief explanation how budget review works. Highlight major changes.

For creation: each budget split into capitalized and non capitalized – capitalized is expense that gets you stuff that lasts longer than a year – computers, building, key point as we go through budget.

2012-2013 capitalized expenses overed and then taken out in year.

2013-2014 – taken out, transferred periodically in year. Covering capitalized expenses during the year. No longer in SSMU bank account.

Negative expenditure recordings due to buying capital – spending money on capital goods.

Student life fund no longer used to support SSMU services, passed at last council last year. Operating budget. Does not carry over negative budget. Not respecting one of the bylaws but just so you guys are aware.

Deficit: results of ongoing lease negotiations with university. Full amounts are recorded in budget. In case of deficit we have been forced to reduce expenditures, preliminary cuts. Then we had more cuts because there was still a deficit.

General administration, exec personal budgets, building it and club funds significantly reduced.

As a result overall deficit has been reduced.

Budget breaks even overall.

Overview of fees: “opt-outable” fees – services and funds groups can apply to.

Safety network fee and daycare fee and sustainability projects fund fee.

Budget presents 12-15% opt out rate.

Sorry about formatting

Snapshot of all financial activity of society. Because rest of presentation is me going into detail I’m going to glaze over this.

SSMU shows negative expense, just because of capital.

General administration: largest expense of SSMU. Managed and budget created by Pauline Gervais. Salary largest expense in SSMU. To be transparent things, like Gert's or food and dining has retained their salary.

Legal fees: continued negotiations on lease. Investment portfolio, legal work.

All the other sections are less sig.

Changes:

- Large decrease in computer expense and software. All purchases to it SSMU.
- Increase in legal fees
- Increase in perm staff pay scale
- Red in salaries
- Student salaries have been red by 10% to reflect that only 90% of hours have been worked and paid.
- Salaries and bens also changed.
- Revision has cut 85k off gen administration budget.

Security: all sec operations of SSMU. Salary, equip, clothing, phones, etc. Cost of Gert's security not included but revenue is.

Most full time security staff members, less outsourcing.

Building budget: includes all revenues and expenses of Shatner building. Rental revenues from tenants (liquid nutrition and others) and info clinic and booking fees for event booking, costs of cleaning equipment, maintenance, etc.

Changes: increase of rent conservative due to the fact that we're still in negotiations.

IT: split off into gen administration. Software, hardware, etc.

Larger expenses: outdated, dire need of replacements.

Initial budget the IT department was budget was 70k and now 17.3k to support this department. Also includes communication budget, website, and old McGill. Reduced to reduce budget.

Exec committee: all the exec personal budgets cut by 1k, reflects all things like food and beverages. 200\$ for material or support needed to function.

President: all department responsible for: notably elections councils committees and GA. Reduce in campaign expenses. Also GA budget. Advertising and promotion increase 3k.

VP of finance and operations:

Mini courses generating 20k. Gert's is generating just enough, 1.5k profit from Gert's.

External affairs: major cuts across board although keep in mind has been red of travel and conferences.

Internal: slight changes to all significant cuts closing of marketplace department.

Affaires Francophones added registration fees. Homecoming: no revenue, 650\$ deficit.

Frosh presents the biggest change: 21k deficit. Frosh department budget: initial budget does not reflect what was actually put in budget. Brian will speak more on that. Most significant changes come from over-estimation of sponsorship – didn't include taxes on sponsorship so overinflated 10k.

Faculty Olympics: mild deficit, plan to break even

4floors: mild profit hopefully

The rest breaks even.

University affairs: changes based on cost of last year. Decreases in food and beverages.

VP clubs and services: just activities night – record revenue of table rentals. Decreased deficit by 700\$.

Much more info in budget presentation than in previous years, I will briefly go through it. If you go through you can see how year ends happened last year.

SSMU services: this table is before display. As you can see the majority break even, musicians collective, FYC, volunteer, Savoy society, plate club, etc. Non fee funded. Not going to count those because I don't think they can keep going.

Appendix: mini courses and Gert's.

Mini courses: decrease in cooking classes

All service budgets have been published as they weren't before. I will not go through right now though.

Thank you!

Speaker: to ask questions, we need to go into confidential session. Senate Caucus Kuatadevo, have you signed?

Senate Caucus Kuatadevo: No

Speaker: Please see Pauline.

**Motion to confidential session VP Farnan
Seconded by VP Hofmeister
Passed.**

c. Confidential Session

Motion by VP Farnan creation of ad hoc committee.

**Motion by President Larson to move to vote on approve budget for fiscal year.
Seconded by VP Farnan
Passed.**

Councillor Ayukawa: motion for roll call vote because the budget is a major decision that council has if we had to look back we could see who voted for and against it.

Roll call vote in order

President Larson: yay

VP Shea: yay

VP Harris: yay

VP Farnan: yay

VP Fong: yay

VP Hofmeister: yay

Councillor Ibrahim: abstain

Councillor Reedjik: yes

Councillor Baraldi: abstain

Councillor Ayukawa: abstain

Councillor Lubendo: yay

Councillor Liu: yes

Councillor Rosentzveig: yes

Councillor Rioux: yay

Councillor Tong: yay
Councillor Ehrhard: yay
Councillor Simpson: ya
Councillor Jones: yay
Councillor Vassanji: yay
Councillor Benrimoh: yay
Councillor Lynsdale: yay
Councillor Giannakakis: yes
Councillor El-Sharawy: abstain
Councillor Sachal: yes
Councillor Southey: abstain
Councillor Stewart Kanigan: abstain
Senate Caucus Sughani: yes
Senate Caucus Kuatedevo: abstain

21 for

8 abstentions

None against.

Motion passed.

Councillor Lubendo: what would have happened if we had not agreed.

Speaker: would have been redone

Motion ad hoc committee for sustainability and political attaché positions within society under portfolio of president by VP Farnan

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Are there any suggestions regarding anything about this motion?

VP Farnan: if someone from the aforementioned groups wanted to be involved let us know.

Parliamentarian: report back on council 1st resolved clause, cannot be permanent staff job description because confidential.

(That is added to motion.)

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Not amenable to this

VP Farnan: as long as the recommendations are in accordance with HR law.

Parliamentarian: very strongly suggest that it is understood that permanent job staff details are not referred to.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: I am not amenable to wording of referred to.

Speaker: what about HR law that VP Farnan said?

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: yes that's okay.

Councillor Benrimoh: what are we allowed to talk about in terms of position? We were asked to talk about definition and what it is doing?

Speaker: broad brushstrokes of sustainability not position. Or political attaché. How you would like to see it done.

VP Shea: point of order: no longer in confidential session. Tailor your comments accordingly.

Councillor Benrimoh: brushstrokes? Can we recommend the position be created?

Speaker: No longer confidential session. Please ask me directly. The answer is if you want the answer you can come up here and talk to me privately.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Info is including in whereas clause.

Speaker: needs to be removed. This is the reason why I don't want motion just created on the floor. The one line to create ad hoc committee was fine but this detailed one is not the point. This is going to be put aside and can be discussed at end of new business on agenda.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan motion to call to question

Speaker: no

VP Shea: Motion to table this and back to VP Farnan's motion?

Speaker: that is in order. So would VP VP Farnan want to

Motion to create ad hoc committee by VP Farnan

Councillor Ibrahim: We went from editing motion to ignoring all placards up around the room.

Speaker: Because the motion has not gone through steering committee so it was dismissed and not discussed at this time.

Councillor Ibrahim: Should not or not allowed to?

Speaker: both.

Seconded by Councillor Lubendo

Motion passed.

President Larson: if you want to be on it send me an email!

Speaker: Tabled without consideration because not gone through steering. Next council.

Councillor Ayukawa: on this ad hoc committee can non councillors join?

President Larson: suggestion all interested: send email right now.

Speaker: moving on. To next item.

d. Motion Regarding the Approval of the SSMU Budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year

Emily Claire

Thanks for having me. This is Natasha, developing student position which will help strong student accountability and rep in project. Long proposal will answer questions. Basically proposal is for SPF sustainability projects fund, anti depression training resident. PhD students in psychology. Horrible stuff happens at McGill, so we are trying to develop program support for first year students. Race, gender, class, etc. Basically that.

Speaker: Questions?

President Larson: I have a comment: It's great that you're applying to something outside environment sustainability!

Emily: Part of the program is to work with sustainability off to support other sustainability on campus. It is a lot of work and put a lot of unpaid hours into this so I'm lucky to have been in SSMU so easier for me to manoeuvre this.

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: Do you happen to know if any precedent SSMU endorsing application to sustainability projects?

Emily: Looking at the type proposals gone through in funds been investment in giant composter stuff that would have impacted some students but less of a complete changing of structure of huge structure of McGill. So important at council

President Larson: Yes there is a precedent letter from my office endorsing Nicole supported sent a letter.

Motion to call to question by President Larson

Seconded by Councillor Benrimoh

Motion passed.

Adopted.

e. Motion Regarding Endorsement of Anti-Opression Training in Residences 10) Reports by Councillors

a. Sarah Southey

Craziest week so far missed sustainability meeting and SSPN meeting because midterms. 4floors went well, door checking costumes, interesting, smoothly, an experience, good feedback, good ideas what should be allowed and what not. Equity meeting Tuesday fun discussion on cultural appropriation open forum in two weeks. Really cool discussed a lot this Halloween. Controversy regarding charges laid against 3 McGill football players.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: discussion that equity give report on 4floors and suggestion for future, been discussed?

Councillor Southey: yes Councillor Giannakakis brought it up. Gathering feedback right now in equity will be presenting in the future.

Councillor Liu: I thought we agreed that Disney characters were allowed, but I got report about that?

VP Farnan: Ask in my report please.

b. Zachary Rosentzveig

Funding committee every Tuesday, gone through first round for all funds only have to deal with appeal and tabled things. IGC external had meetings, external last night, looking forward to VP Harris' report. Holding office 10:30-11:30, bored alone come visit me. Club rep officially! Looking forward to Councillor Bissky Dziadyk's report today.

c. Ben Reedijk

Sit on two committees steering and mental health. Absent from steering ongoing conflict with something else resolving. The other one is mental health. Cancelled last week. Joey probably has explanation. Coordination and lots of resources for mental health but should be better put together. Trying to meet with arts group. Coordinating office hours and trying to get arts students to come talk to us about things they want. Officially express AUS dissatisfied with timing of GA because conflict with council. Justin Fletcher was really mad.

President Larson: Comment on special GA – bylaws – three weeks from submission of petition, so that's why scheduled then.

Councillor Reedijk: On behalf of Justin, I apologize.

- d. **Councillor Bissky Dziadyk:** I volunteered to give report this week. SUS office hours, 2 people came in for a stapler and lightbulbs. Steering good. Operations management cool stuff with student run cafe. Graph outlining GA motions and quorum. % of motions made quorum and graphed over time. A bit of a downward trend. At this point, the data is currently not statistically significant. Could not draw conclusions whether had GA less attendance over time. More data and comparing other measures and report over next few weeks.

President Larson: Thanks for being so excited! Invite you to bring knowledge to ad hoc committee of GA meeting Monday 9:30 am. Love to hear from you.

VP Hofmeister: What other variables?

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: There were a lot of motions tabled, comedic motions, non constitutional. Not enough data.

VP Hofmeister: What would a significant sample size would be?

Speaker: Stay on track here

Councillor Giannakakis: Comment: seen graphs before and applaud awesomeness of data collection.

Councillor Reedjik: 2 questions: 1. Recommendation contentious motions and quantitatively define that. 2. Although I can't speak specifically...?

Speaker: Can we not have a minor math lesson? Wikipedia it.

e. GA Reports

President Larson: Speed round, as I told everyone at last council, you have to report on what you have done to promote GA. Social media, class announcement and facebook sharing. In 15 seconds list off all things you've done. To advertise both effectively and accurately.

VP Farnan: fb, twitter, special list serv, another one early next week too. Any suggestion let me know ways to use fb or twitter.

Senate Caucus Kuatedevo: I have been doing it in person definitely more effective

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk: I made a bunch of graphs, inviting people on facebook, specifically talking to people who have attended in past and hoping to get stuff in science list serv and talked to president.

Councillor Reedjik: generally been telling people part of debate club asked to put in list serv, VP sort of laughed at me but hopeful, talked it about.

VP Hofmeister: Talking to execs in finance in different faculties and asking them to come.

Councillor Rosentzveig: bringing friends, not very many, Facebook, harassing people

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: President Larson and I had a special private GA meeting, chatted about ideas easy for councillor to promote – script for class announcements chalkboard too, go to GA for student run cafe. And class announcements.

Councillor Simpson: law listserv, personally harassing friends, also execs, hopefully more law people

Councillor Liu: patrolling 4th floor during office hours and by word of mouth

Councillor Jones: didn't do that much, invited people on fb

Councillor Benrimoh: fb and class announcement during the week, because i forgot

Councillor El-Sharawy: used cover photo, shared on inter res page, IRC Sunday meeting – remind them for listserv for res hopefully office hours and if they come by ill tell them. Friends too.

VP Harris: I used my personal popularity.

VP Shea: invited all friends on fb and announcing it in committees.

Councillor Ehrhard: Councillor Lubendo first year students said to VP update website and facebook

Councillor Lubendo: word of mouth, round table, telling people, friends, Facebook group.

Parliamentarian: Taylor isn't here but she told education council that if we don't have Board of Directors we can't pass liquor license for Gert's.

Speaker: We should employ that in promotion. Told people that I've spoken to.

Alistair: list serv and facebook

Councillor Vassanji: I told dental students that we need quorum to pass Board of Directors

Councillor Tong: competition coming up with engineering 150 guests announcement there and cover photo.

Councillor Lynsdale: changed cover, currently in process of inviting friends, 2 class announcements. Sent it out in list serv. Promoted on fb. Recruited all class representatives to do class announcements. And post it on fb.

Councillor Rioux: submitted to list serv of engineering and planning on network. A lot of TV screens, publish on there every few minutes. All fb friends, class announcements soon.

Councillor Jeong: invited fb friends and meeting with arts representatives to discuss methods to get more people.

Councillor Giannakakis: fb, class announcements, sooner to event so people don't forget. I will be making them. Sent on list serv buddy system is always awesome.

Councillor Southey: fb friends, cover, class announcements

Councillor Baraldi: meeting on Monday for GA committee talk about aus fb and friends

Councillor Ibrahim: cove rphtoo fb list serv tweeted it

Councillor Ayukawa: arts and sci sustainability cog sci listserv announcements in meetings also network and then also changing cover nearer to event inviting people

VP Fong: listserv reminded all services and harassing friends and non SSMU friends.

President Larson: invited last 4 friends not involved in council who are still students updated cover photo, all your promotions make me worried there will not be enough space, trying to work with everyone and making sure they know it's important we pass it at this GA. Presentation on student run cafe at GA.

Thank you for reporting. In your council folder there is a sheet where you can see the class announcements and share Facebook event more than inviting more visibility. And chalk for chalkboard.

Speaker: Moving on to reports.

11) Reports by Committees

a. Executive Committee

President Larson: Second half not looking good. Ways things are done, not usually done for Thursday, second half is harder to do because done from rough minutes.

Different fund for money on CERF

New system – accessing site for casual staff and submit hours etc.

Motion to approve by President Larson

Seconded by VP Hofmeister

Passed

Councillor Lubendo: Motions before 2010 where?

President Larson: might be in archives come see me

b. Operations Committee

VP Hofmeister: Removing current 2nd floor tenants until may 31st 2013.

12) Reports by Executives

a. VP University Affairs

VP Shea: one of major things as Councillor Southey mentioned costumes campaign and costume checkers. What happened: very nervous, experimental, very new thing. Went really well. Lots of conversations with equity committee beforehand. We had three people at each exit and room 108. Someone with questionable costume spotted. Overall no blackface. Grey area costumes – Pocahontas, explained she was a quarter aboriginal. One individual dressed as Aladdin and was arab and brought out ID. Weird area where we might have to check ID for ethnicity? We're going to produce reports with issues and recognizing is important and moving forward. Before people entered building siphoned into male or female lines for security reasons. We hire outside security so I didn't know. Concerns about those who don't identify male or female gender identity. Next year will be looking into this. That was 4floors. Mental health one meeting cancelled because needed to produce another report.

Councillor Ibrahim: Please elaborate on sexual harassment project

VP Shea: SaComms – sexual harassment McGill up to revision in December.

Lack of accessibility of info. Why doesn't SSMU provide this? Hiring a researcher. A branch has already looked a lot into themselves. Flow charts and such for what to do. Right now just pdf of policy, very bureaucratic. Only one undergrad who used policy, so out of 22k undergrad students, no one is utilizing it. Way to get the word out.

Councillor Reedjik: Comment and question: dismay that any point during 4floors was it necessary to check for nationality.

VP Shea: It wasn't checked, just offered up.

Councillor Reedjik: People were taken aside and educated in report: for those who did not respond well to their education, can you elaborate on process anyone kicked out?

VP Shea: No one was kicked out. There are volunteers in room, defer speaking time to them as well. Personally on front door defer to Councillor Giannakakis

VP Farnan: Hoping to speak about in report.

Speaker: Nothing stopping you.

Councillor Giannakakis: a lot of grey zones, I didn't see all of them. Went with theme. Perhaps if another theme wouldn't have occurred. Also that education issue... Bringing person into another room was a little intimidating. Interesting but people understood.

Councillor Southey: At no point had anyone asked for id. We told him to put it away. Equity had long discussion about whether or not grey area should be taken aside. The night of the event maybe just very obvious ones. Education beforehand. Gathering feedback on volunteers.

Councillor Ayukawa: One on one conversation on costume and why it was not appropriate. I think overall I had a really great time, really great first year good job Joey and equity commissioners. Also something great is a follow up conversation, a lot of feedback and Google doc for feedback and meetings going on.

Councillor Southey: Discussion on culture appropriation and Halloween in two weeks.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Stated no incidence of black face but I heard that there was someone who was not black dressing up as a black person.

Speaker: I don't think what was just said was appropriate.

Farnna: As organizer of event: blackface is different from someone trying to represent someone of African American descent.

VP Shea: Wearing afro basketball player, equity committee issue, Shayna had a long conversation with them. Belligerent though. Yeah that's what happened. Any other questions?

Councillor Vassanji: things that were confiscated what is the process of getting that back.

VP Shea: external security

President Larson: email Wallace

VP Shea: The equity costume checkers were not taking away stuff

Councillor Lubendo: Councillor Giannakakis and myself were at the incident: person came with a purpose, volunteered to come in. The basketball player was iconic and the student wore afro because trying to impersonate basketball player but the actual basketball player didn't even have an afro. Everyone understood in like 10 minutes but that one person took 45 because he was trying to stir up trouble.

Councillor Ayukawa: why was Councillor Stewart Kanigan censored?

Speaker: I wasn't trying to censor. Just felt equating the two was inappropriate not necessarily the same thing. Not trying to censor it. Just bad phrasing.

Councillor Reedjik: is this is the appropriate forum to discuss four floor or not?

Speaker: only on report.

VP Shea: Equity will be presenting on topic. We will have this conversation.

Councillor Ayukawa: Administration meeting sexual assault charges against football players?

VP Shea: originally meeting bumped into professors in halls about blurred lines thing so ended up having long conversations about different ideas about McGill community. He eloquently outlined a debate that happens in committee on discipline students interpreting student rights and responses how to define McGill community defining jurisdiction of code. From traditional perspective very community centered approach. What we're seeing now more and more is more corporate motion. Has to do with McGill but also broader societal changes but

also how we define legal relationship. Clearly implications of case at hand. Don't want to talk about it right now next council motion if you want.

Councillor Ibrahim: Speaker is supposed to be impartial – analyzing nature of comment of councillor.

Speaker: Yes appropriate to state my opinion in appropriateness.

Parliamentarian: job memory to operation report. Renewing lease of 2nd floor tenants. Quick straw poll. Reason: since report not approved by council if gm wants to act we at least have evidence that council approves of it. Eventually bring forward actually physical motion. All those in favour:

All in favour. Straw poll passes.

Councillor Lubendo: can anyone call straw poll?

Speaker: yes. At my discretion.

b. VP Internal

Sorry for previous comments, blackface involves makeup. If I sound defensive it's because its first year implemented and carried by student volunteers so personal attachment to that. Because of volunteers sspn and communication SSMU. It went really well all things considered. Appreciate process through which volunteers handled students coming in. Speaking to student one on one and education is better than just refusing someone. Big big thank you.

Big crush on Suzanne Fortier – she's charming. Semi response to Councillor Rosentzweig comment—meeting tomorrow or Monday trying to get them make presentation at council francophone commissioners Philippe and Philippe. Mandated them to only communication in French, honing my own French skills. Really great hope for council meeting appearance. Otherwise not much, please check report.

c. VP Clubs and Services

VP Fong: I'd like to outline hard work on fourfloors. I took a vacation. Office hours. IGC no report: no quorum.

d. VP External

VP Harris: Community ambassadors, way too long but happening now weekly office hours. TaCEQ legal case Laurent Cout Quebec City Councillor so kind of strange thing. He has a public forum not great for our cause but still a separate thing. At TaCEQ table from two weeks ago.

Thing that Councillor Benrimoh brought up – higher education and free trade, just signed Canada-EU free trade agreement.

Speaker: PQ said government lawyers came up with this not them.

Councillor Reedjik: it was my understanding last council that you said next payment installment came in a period between December and end of January.

Given tenuous nature of TaCEQ wondering if you can assure that that cheque won't be provided until has to and with council's advisement.

VP Harris: Absolutely no firm deadlines done in ad hoc basis but yeah it'll be good. If we get results from ref huge indication, straw poll that night, etc. If affects what we think TaCEQ does in future will take into account.

Councillor Reedjik: What's the update on TaCEQ campaign?

VP Harris: No campaign, doing research. Oh you mean school! Referendum period and we will see from that.

e. VP Finance and Operations

VP Hofmeister: apologize for late report. Also pretty blank. Fairly distracted. Anyway, investment portfolio has no changes.

Operations: compiled whole monthly sale table. Reporting on monthly sales September next week because it wasn't in documents.

SK: Can things be submitted to us not during council?

VP Hofmeister: Problem with my email sent out yesterday, councillors at SSMU and didn't go through. Only realized a few hours before council. Should be prepared at least a week in advance. Something work on in February.

Councillor Jones: McGill subreddit ideas for student run cafe names – legitimate?

VP Hofmeister: I don't think we will be voting on Budget Cuts. Interesting to be taken into consideration.

Councillor Lubendo: So how's the name divided, only voted through students?

VP Hofmeister: We have all submissions, from those operation committee selecting 5 names and uploaded and voted on. So that budget cuts doesn't make it to final round.

f. President

Judicial Board – We now have 1 member! Bennett Misskey was appointed by the Nominating Committee this week. There are more applications coming in for the non-law student positions, however to reach quorum on the J-Board we need a majority of law students. Keep looking for future lawyers and tell them to apply!
Council – Please remember to check your council emails frequently. It is difficult to set up on your phone, but if you email support@ssmu.mcgill.ca you can set up a meeting with John where he will be able to set it up for you, it only takes 5 minutes.

Faculty Relations – For those of you who were invited to SEAMLESS, please RSVP

Elections SSMU – The referendum period starts tomorrow. Remember to vote!

General Assembly – Thank you for the work you have been doing so far to promote the Special GA. Remember, it is part of your mandate as a councillor to promote the event. GA ad-hoc committee tried to meet yesterday, thanks to Claire for coming and having some good ideas. There is a document in this week's council meeting folder with a class announcement script, facebook blurb to post when you share the event, and an example of what to write on a chalk board. There will be a presentation and question period about the SRC at the GA, which is a great point to make when advertising, or for talking to students who are interested in that project who want to learn more.

Governance Document Review – Thanks for the people that have agreed to be on the committee for by-law review. We will be starting soon because the budget will be done. If you like financial regulations, we're starting with that so you should join the committee.

Handbook – A contract has been completed for the advertisement for next year's handbook.

McGill Governance & Relations: Principal – The exec attended the installation of Suzanne Fortier. It was a lovely event and Brian got a picture with the Governor General. His mother will be happy.

Board of Governors – November 18th, SSMU/PGSS will be hosting a forum for governors and students. There will be groups presenting to the governors and an opportunity for different members of the board to present to students about their committee. Jonathan Mooney and I met with the secretariat this week to finalize the ideas and the invite has been distributed.

There will be student spots made available for registration so that members of the student body can come and participate who are not the selected groups presenting. The undergraduate groups so far that have been asked to present are the Desautels Entertainment Management Conference and the Environment Committee. We are trying to get a broad spectrum of students to give presentations.

Student Life Coordinator – SEAMLESS is going very well. I am excited for the conference and I think we have programming that will be very productive for student leaders at McGill to consider their roles and how to be effective leaders.

Human Resources & Executive: Permanent Staff– Alessandro Sangiovanni, the new Gerts manager started on Monday. He has been training this week and will continue training next week. We're very glad to have someone in the position.

Sustainability: Environment Committee – Congratulations to them on their conference, SPOKES!

Councillor Ayukawa: spokes thing on Sunday was really great wondering if execs could have Tuesday meeting.

President Larson: Booked for semester can't change that sorry. Because of recording secretary.

VP Harris: Comment: I would like to express personal appreciation for Justin Fletcher.

13) Adjournment

Councillor Bissky Dziadyk motioned to adjourn

Councillor Lubendo seconded

Meeting adjourned at 10:06pm