



**SSMU Legislative Council January 23, 2014**

**1) Call to Order**

**Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm**

**2) Attendance**

President Katie Larson  
VP Joey Shea  
VP Brian Farnan  
VP Stefan Fong  
VP Tyler Hofmeister  
Councillor Ibrahim  
Councillor Reedjik  
Councillor Jeong  
Councillor Baraldi  
Councillor Ayukawa  
Councillor Landry  
Councillor Lubendo  
Councillor Lowery  
Councillor Rioux  
Councillor Taylor  
Councillor Tong  
Councillor Ehrhard  
Councillor Simpson  
Councillor Benrimoh  
Councillor Chen  
Councillor Lynsdale  
Councillor El-Sharawy  
Councillor Giannakakis  
Councillor Southey  
Councillor Stewart-Kanigan  
Councillor Booth  
Senate Caucus Kuate Defo  
Recording Secretary Lydia Jones  
Speaker Rida Malik  
Parliamentarian Rachel Simmons

**3) Approval of the Minutes**

**a. January 5, 2013**

**Motion to approve by Councillor Lubendo**

**Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim**

**Minutes approved**



- 4) **Adoption of the Agenda**  
**Motion to adopt by VP Shea**  
**Seconded by Councillor Lubendo**  
**Agenda adopted.**

## 5) Report of the Steering Committee

### 6) Guest Speakers

#### a. Accountability Committee

One of the 7 commissioners working with SSMU coordinator. Kareem, Sarah, Sue, Rida and Rachel. Working for 4-5 meetings, still in process of development. The purpose of presenting is to give overview of what up to. Definitely need sort of feedback to be accountable to students.

So last year the motion was passed – the mandate is the policy seeks to ensure accountability to institutionalize the society to hold counselors accountable to their respective memberships – before it was the Speaker's responsibility, now it would be theirs.

Goals:

1. Performance evaluations
2. Facilitate smooth and confidential complaint mechanism – developed system of registering complaint against anyone in SSMU, all signed confidential agreements.
3. Investigate and report actions that contravene accountability policy or constitution.

Still in development phase, so what we want is for you to consult your constituencies and tell us what they are thinking.

Councillor Ibrahim: How we go about doing this:

Overview. Essentially we hope to do review of all execs once a semester and all committees once per semester too. Reason it is grouped the way it is, is because fall semester we thought it would be clearer this way.

We'll be providing updates throughout the year

Southey: In terms of who and what we're doing. Tania's going to talk about exec attendance. At begin of year have to submit whether in office or not and attendance of meetings and general performance review for execs. A big part of it will be 2 conference sessions with just councillors. Whether meetings are scheduled, for councillors – the speakers will be reviewing councillors – report submission, attendance, timely reports. Complaints processing too – general process whereby it's confidential and anyone can submit complaints.



Tania: Attendance: front desk registering presence of execs in office. I do like to make a point of saying it's 9-5 Monday to Friday, we can't keep track of things like being late or on weekends.

They should be submitting their attendance in execs reports. One spreadsheet per week for the whole year is a sample of registering system to be implemented. Southey: already touched on this briefly b4 in terms of execs: their time in office, there is also a general staff survey and we hope to get the general outlines in order to incorporate that.

Rida: Councillor reviews happen because there's a conflict of interest to assess selves. General we'll do it. Timestamps and attendance for council and report submission. How well adhere to Robert's rules, and lots of sessions coming up to make sure of that. Also contributing to respective committees, later on more details in terms of feedback, a few graphs and charts to see how you guys did. Committee review: evaluation scale 1-5, 1 being poor, 5 excellent. 3 groups evaluated on:

1. Group quality (job knowledge, working so using maximising the available resources allocated to them as well as being throughout and detailed and being on task)
2. Attendance: straightforward, ensure you participate in committee and on time to meetings.
3. Communication: straightforward, listening skills, conveying messages to committee members, and ears and eyes open to listen to what people have to say. 3 major groups evaluated on these things.

Procedure of complaints: coming from engineering background, I talk to many people if we wanted to have proper system of receiving complaints would have been \$\$, but through Google doc limited access we have created separate account and commissioner is only available to them. The purpose is to access and hear and listen to all complaints that SSMU community have against any procedure or person or anything sketchy to them unfair etc. That will be done. First off it'll be anonymous, will ensure in the form itself that it will be clearly outlined and confidentiality agreements: more responsible. We will be doing an extensive awareness campaign. Also we ask for your help: go tell your constituencies. The form is submitted through Google forms. Since we want to give the benefit of doubt we will be going through verification process so we know McGill student making complaint but ensuring anonymous sources. By using accountability policy as template. To ensure confidentiality all the forms will be directly sent to GroupWise so only commissioner have access to forms. All this data will then be automatically logged into an excel file secured in GroupWise. No one can change it. It easily generates graphs, then will be doing own investigation given resources, then get back to SSMU about it. We'll be



presenting to council to see if it's worth bringing an example to the execs. We all need feedback from you guys. You're student leaders. We need help publicizing and put in a lot of time need u for success. Speaker can open the floor up to questions.

Councillor Reedjik: It's not anonymous, it's anonymous outside the accountability committee, but if you're in the committee, you have access, right?

Rida: 1. The form is just in preliminary stage. Right now you need your McGill address. But maybe later they can send it from a Gmail account like "mycomplaint@gmail", in order to take it further though, we need ID. Just so no 1038 complaints from the same guy happen. We've signed confidentiality agreements, later on you guys can let us know.

VP Farnan: Thanks for the report, a lot of the presentation referencing individual or people, is this intending to be used for committees and council or council as a whole?

Councillor Southey: in terms of feedback?

VP Farnan: If I was X student, could I register a complaint with regards to committee which I thought was acting out of their parameters or council? Does it have to be an individual or can it be a group?

Councillor Southey: No it can be against council or as a whole.

In the form itself, it gives out a text form they can outline if they are on a committee or group.

VP Shea: Question about security of info by Google docs – not reliable and secure form of info particularly as confidential? How can you ensure confidentiality?

Rida: Again it's preliminary, still consulting. Looking into not expensive ways, maybe through verification done through service point. Problem is most third party is hard.

President Larson: There are ways that already exist: it's great that were using technology and the future, however maybe we should encourage people coming to council to ask question, question period at GA, rather than hide behind shield of anonymity, but when people want the more open places to discuss these things are you working towards publicizing these places to do this that already exist?

Councillor Southey: when we were meeting, we thought of ways that didn't exist but now that's a good reminder so we will include those for sure. Thank you.

Councillor Benrimoh: Thanks, I'm just wondering about the points evaluating committee's quality and contribution thought of a rubric or thought process assessing quality, I hope there's a high standard, what kind of thinking do you have in terms of assessing quality?



Rida: Sue is working on that. She put together detailed page with definitions and such. Detailed examples of graphs, charts, etc. Specific reports put together the entire report format for this presentation will go on vibe. Very detailed. A lot of ways evaluating is looking at kinds of reports, minutes of meetings.

Councillor Lowery: Great, my question is what happens when there's a negative evaluation? Are there consequences?

Councillor Ibrahim: Yes, we've thought about procedures and stuff for the moment we haven't outlined it though. We've been brainstorming, bringing recommendations to council, etc. For the moment haven't really gone past recommendations yet.

Councillor Lowery: A suggestion: In student publications, always add a disclaimer – if you have anything to bring up, this is the place to go!

Councillor Lubendo: There's an issue: is there anything being looked into evaluating councillors looking at motions, who's clicking on what motions, being in council not knowing what you're doing? More dangerous than giving things in late.

Rida: Yes. We thought about it. I am bad at technology but Katie's going to show me. Yes.

President Larson: A suggestion: it's great to get feedback but also make sure we get feedback about what people are pleased with. Positive reinforcement is important.

Councillor Simpson: It would be positive to talk with the individual person rather than publicly ostracizing them. Maybe if it's an individual or committee maybe talk individually.

Rida: These are things we can do, want to do, might do, and have talked about it.

## 7) Announcements

Larson: GA!! Coming up feb 5<sup>th</sup>. 5 o'clock SSMU ballroom, motion deadline was last night at 5 o'clock: 6 motions! Once they hit actual interwebs make sure to let them know about motions. Promote it everywhere, we will hopefully get quorum at GA!

Benrimoh: Friends at MSF McGill: first turned me on to the issue that is behind my motion going to GA.

Councillor Ibrahim: Work your BA having a speaker, targeted to our students, a lot of events are good for everyone! aus.com is a place to find out about this good opportunity.

Councillor Giannakakis: PTOT games. We won them last year and want to bring back. Wheelchair basketball is back!



Councillor Lowery: Benrimoh convinced me to talk about a peace by piece benefit concert hosted by me! Club goes to elementary school discussions on peaceful conflict resolution. Please come!

President Larson: GA – Maybe you noticed on Facebook we have pre GA info session next Tues 5-6:30 co hosted by secretary general and me. It's a place where we had discussion about GA last year too. Open event for people to come ask questions, not structured, open discussion. Invite people who are critical too. Anyone on GA committee will be there? Next Tuesday, room 108! Anything else let me know we'll add it to the timeline.

Councillor Jeong: Arts representatives specific: feb 10<sup>th</sup> arts representatives are having an event – timbits or treats, we would love support. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> arts senators are having wine and cheese event.

VP Hofmeister: For those who haven't been in the building recently, the nest is open. Tell your friends.

Councillor Stewart-Kanigan: McGill institute for study of Canada annual conference February 27<sup>th</sup>. Petrol oil energy and future, Ezra Levant is coming, cocktails and lunches and lots of talks, at least 20 speakers. Deadline to register is Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

President Larson: All except new councillors have received a doodle talking about mini retreat session, if you have not registered, please do so! It's not optional, a couple have emailed asking about new programming for you to know how to write motions and Roberts rules. So if you're not registered please do if not received please do. If you know councillors who are not here tell them too.

Councillor Reedjik: As for the doodle, very critical of times given Wednesday during AUS council for 5 or 6, I can't be there, and the other time I can't be there either. Why are the times so restrictive? Why was it considered a possibility without AUS?

President Larson: You did pick a time that you could attend, the times are when people are available. I picked Tuesday and Wednesday over other days, I don't keep track of every council, too hard, there are conflicts I can't help it. If you have suggestions in future to make everything fit together let me know.

Councillor Lowery: Education career fair in SSMU ballroom – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, TESL certificate, hiring, summer opportunities open to all!

## 8) Question Period

Councillor Jeong: Where is the mini winter retreat?

President Larson: Boardroom small groups' office

Councillor Jeong: What are the activities?

President Larson: They are highly physical and very dangerous. Haha. Just kidding. Editing motions and Roberts rules.



Councillor Ibrahim: I tried very briefly to look for dates due for GA and I'm sure it's somewhere, but...

President Larson: It was yesterday at 5pm, it's been up on website but you can submit them but you need 2/3 majority.

Councillor Jeong: There was a good question raised during AUS council, whether motions or reports uploaded online before council? Is this possible?

Rida: Everything that's made public for council is only available the Monday after, to make things public before would require policy changes, since everything has to be up 48hrs in advance, you can if there's time, you can make note of what issues being discussed and tell constituents, I don't know if you can actually share official docs but you can come consult with Katie ride or I.

Rida: You can share it with your respective councils or hold office hours between 48 hours before council, but releasing them requires policy change, not an actual motion yet, if it's out there with SSMU letterhead, it becomes problematic and lack of streamlining info out there.

Councillor Lubendo: Is there at least possibility of agenda going up before?

Rachel: I will talk to person in charge of website

Councillor Benrimoh: Suggestion: I'm on steering, would it be possible for steering to make a summary? So we can know what were saying to constituents.

Rachel: Again, steering committee needs to be approved by council so do we want that approved after public.

Councillor Stewart-Kanigan: It's common practice to be released before so they're available

## 9) Business Arising

### a. Notice of Motion Regarding Legal Information Clinic at McGill Existence Referendum Question

Motivator: Councillor Simpson: The legal info clinic is important part of campus life, helps over 150k student every year. It helps members of McGill and surrounding Montreal residents. Helps train students and faculty too. Members of legal info clinic time:

Next two motions:

Rebecca Dawn and John Hutchins.

Rebecca: The legal info clinic is a non profit organization run by faculty of law mandate to provide legal info and referral to students and members of community of Montreal. Located at SSMU:

1. Free legal info
2. Student advocacy program – free and confidential advice
3. Free commissions of
4. You can go out and present on topic of choice.



Status of organization is similar to the daily and tribune, memorandum of agreement that asks a referendum every 2 years, and we need existence referendum now. Entirely funded by student fees. Fee increase 3.25 to 4.50, not increased in years, large expenses increasing we cannot continue to operate. Any questions please ask at office.

## **b. Notice of Motion Regarding Legal Information Clinic at McGill Fee Increase Referendum Question**

## **c. Notice of Motion SSMU First Year Council Fee Referendum Question**

Councillor Lubendo: This comes through 3 different years of recommendations, only out of underfunding of FYC to raise first year. 2 parts: Fund FYC and create fund. 6k-7k students in constituencies, only \$3k to fund it. We tried to fund events asked to throw and had to say no because no budget. There is a need for research and events. Also for First Year fund, to increase funds for First Year students, to run events or make clubs, entices students to get involved.

Councillor Southey: Considering that this is a fee that applies to all members of SSMU, given people come to McGill in second or third year they would come and pay not even for them?

Rachel: The questions are intended for clarification or maybe the wording, the debate is for next council.

Councillor Southey: rescinded.

Councillor El-Sharawy: FYC has 7k students. IRC is under that right?

Councillor Lubendo: Instead of 3k its 7k, we're creating a fund for student engagement, students under IRC also get this and the fund. It creates and gives more incentives for more than one group, if two groups want to collaborate we can pay for their events. No one is losing. Off campus student might have no programs at all.

## **d. Notice of Motion Regarding Student Life Fund By-Law Reform**

VP Hofmeister: There are some notable changes from original: document now follows what we do. Major points: biggest change is the student life fund was created with 250k capital, originally for capital expenditure, placed in liquid short term assets to be applied for. It wasn't particularly clear what it was supposed to do but that was my interpretation. It transfers this to capital expenditures fund where it accumulates money.

By-law: original all student groups including SSMU assoc had to apply for previous funds, now were changing for rollover, campus life fund, all funds automatically rollover from one year to next. All non fee funded services, any



funding from SSMU itself automatically rolls over and decreased expenses next year. The only student groups have to apply is fee funded services. There are specific examples for irresponsible use of money. Very clear.

Cleaned up a lot of administration.

We added SSMU services run deficits no longer. Cut off spending. Please read through and debate.

## 10) New Business

### a. Motion Regarding People, Processes and Partnerships Plan

Councillor Reedjik: I know that Justin Fletcher...

He entered the room.

Movers: I give my time to Justin Fletcher.

Justin Fletcher: Hi. Thanks. As president of AUS, I have concerns about this motion...

Speaker: You're meant to motivate?

Fletcher: Concerns about this were brought forward to AUS council and rejected. I came here because the motion is very specific to arts and they are most representative, not really SSMU's place to make decision. Ask that representatives from SSMU representative council respect AUS autonomy.

Councillor Benrimoh: I'd like to thank Fletcher for his comments. Two things: last year, we spoke to persons from different departments wanted it to change and it doesn't seem like it has. Seems like there are people who are dissatisfied. Arts students are also SSMU members so it is our place to at least think about if it's a valid complaint, I am in favour of motion.

Councillor Reedjik: I think Benrimoh's comment illustrates the frustration with this motion. 1. PVP has changed drastically. None of the movers was at consultation last night, it's interesting wanting to pass a motion and yet not going to the presentation about it. Happy to explain reasons because been at all presentation not a matter for SSMU. It's for AUS.

Councillor Ibrahim: I'd like to speak with Reedjik: although evidently AUS is still under SSMU, this is very faculty specific. Seven people from the faculty of arts have taken retirement packages. Seven fulltime positions were split between departments and we need to fill gaps with limited funds. I am against this motion.

President Larson: I ceded my time so if anyone else wants to speak before me, they can. As former councillor and current Fletcher this is something already discussed at AUS. As technically a SSMU leader, we have to be aware of faculty leveled things. SSMU coming in and making decision faculty taking over, will be voting no to this, it's overreaching and insulting.

Councillor Jeong: I just wanted to say on top of what Reedjik mentioned, I did email everyone here for town hall for PVP. It happened yesterday and didn't see



anyone there except Ibrahim and Reedjik. As councillors we have the privilege to ask questions and make informed decisions. I don't think with this motion councillors will be able to make informed decisions because they didn't come to town halls, although there are some positive things been attached to this motion that account for that.

Councillor Stewart-Kanigan: I wanted to know that since it was brought up at AUS, a lot of mobility in constituency, seen more grassroots operations coming forward. I trust stance taken by those directly affected. I speak in favour of this. I'd like to draw attention of latter half of resolved clause, PVP in current form open for revision and bringing concerns forward to dean but so yes still room for change.

Councillor Ayukawa: why it wasn't passed at AUS?

Councillor Reedjik: Reason it failed at AUS, I can only speak for myself, I would guess that general sentiment is that first of all AUS complaint was lack of consultation and there was considerable consultation and the mention of support staff was vague. And it was. Support staff members: Some are at 1:50 ratio but in bigger departments, it's at 1:250, 5x times as much work to do. Typically smaller departments are not pleased with change.

Councillor Benrimoh: Already students find it difficult to get what they need with 1:50, wouldn't it be in students' interest to keep it that way instead of increasing students to support staff?

Councillor Reedjik: I cede my time to Fletcher

Fletcher: It doesn't break up departments, it just combines activities of multiple departments, it's not a choice we want but has to be done. So basically what happens is that ugrad coordinator leaves, you have people you can get help from. Multiple people in charge of multiple programs instead of 1 or 2 people providing help, there's more people who can help everyone.

**Motion to move to previous question Councillor Ibrahim.**

**Seconded by Councillor Lubendo.**

**Motion passed.**

**Motion fails.**

## **b. Motion Regarding Endorsement of 'Family Resources at McGill's Sustainability Projects Fund Application**

Mover: Councillor Stewart Kanigan cedes right to speak to Sarah

Hi everyone, I'm working with the committee for women putting together sustainability fund application to have coordinator at McGill. At the moment no dedicated resource for family care issues. What we're looking at is childcare issues in particular. At the moment there is a shortage of childcare resources. 106 subsidized spots and 700 person waitlist at daycare McGill. We're asking



that a letter of support from SSMU council supporting project. Any questions: the motion has all the information. Any specifics I can answer.

Councillor Lubendo: In what sense does the application have to do with sustainability?

Stewart cedes time

Sarah: We're looking more at social sustainability looking at to create a more inclusive and diverse campus by providing resources that will assist in students issue bringing kids over and single parents, larger concerns too like making sure childcare isn't a barrier to education for parents.

Councillor Reedjik: I have two concerns about motion. First: reflective of concept of sustainability. How does this apply to sustainability fund? In these terms, I could justify anything in terms of sustainability! 2. How many actual daycare spots could we create in lieu of creating a coordinator?

Councillor Councillor Ayukawa cedes time

Sarah: Sustainability Vision 20/20 protocol is actually looking at different aspects of sustainability. Not just in terms of environment, but also social and education. In terms of costs, there is no assessment as to what is needed. We're asking for 88k over 2 years. Needs assessment, who needs, what's needed, more daycare spots? Casual daycare? In evenings? Having one dedicated person to be an advocate on committees to have more daycare access would help.

Councillor Ayukawa: As someone who studies sustainability, generally 3 pillars of sustainability social is one of them. Community and social justice are part of sustainability. Questions: I understand that 88k is 1/10 of their annual budget. 2. How do you see our letter of support as helping your cause?

Sarah: Yes, also at moment still creating the proposal so any feedback that I get from here will be taken into consideration and there is a process that it goes through so were going to bring forward application and asking for full time because best use of resources, also over long term hoping to find permanent position problem no money at moment. Pilot project as being first step to create something positive.

VP Shea: In favour of motion in response to Reedjik comments about social sustainability is really relevant iterated previously by Councillor Ayukawa. SSMU also adheres to 3 pillars of sustainability so definitely in our mandate. Also I'd like to bring attention of SSMU: I think 1 keeps with equity policy and 2 adheres to stated vision of sustainability.

Councillor Lubendo: I just want to build on councillor Reedjik, but looking at website, looks like all projects are just environment. I'm asking is there precedents that they have funded these types of projects.

Councillor Reedjik: We have funded something in the past that was social sustainability I would be curious to hear anything that isn't under sustainability.



That's not the wider question here though, I remain unconvinced. I don't think we need to pay someone to tell us what we need. We need more daycare spots and listening to daycare employees rather than spending money to pay someone full time, just think ironic, we would choose to pay someone to tell us there's not enough in the system.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: 88k in 2 years, if you want to increase day care spots, it costs more, not duplicating existing services but finding out the real problems. In order to get strong mandate to increase daycare spots you have to collect more data and more info and plan. It'll take a long time to compile that you can't expect someone to do that in their regular job.

VP Shea: "Councillor Reedjik: if this is sustainability then why isn't sustainability everything?" You should bring it up with SPF furthermore spoken with Lillith Wyatt and people involved with 20/20. The sentiment has always been 3 pillars and even though past projects have been environment, people only know about that or thought to do that.

Councillor Benrimoh: I'd like to echo Councillor Stewart Kanigan: with McGill they won't do anything until we have all the information on what you're going to spend money on. So this position would provide this data and that's what we need. The reason it's sustainability is because we're looking to create more spots in long run, we need to look at what we need to plan sustainability course of action. No sustainability if no kids taken care of in day.

Sarah: Just to talk about precedent: this application building on previous sustainability project that looked at childcare, Vanessa looked at what is avail on campus, there's a need was her report, more resources. So were hoping to build on that and make dollars be more useful, the problem now is what is available at McGill. The problem is that people don't know what is available. Linking people on and off campus because needs aren't being met.

Councillor Ayukawa: I cede to Sarah – How does a letter of support from SSMU council bring anything to your cause?

Sarah: So basically what we are doing at the moment is creating strong proposal with letters of support saying it's a good project and see need within support base so getting letters from McGill faculty support staff, deputy provost, students and services. Not just me standing here saying it, it's a need! No one's addressing it so we're going to.

Councillor Chen: To clarify, you say you're getting letters, have you already gotten them?

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: Four letters, running around to get more. Have support got email to say yes it's supported.

**VP Shea motion to move to previous questions  
Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim**



**Motion passed.**

**Motion passes.**

## c. TaCEQ

Councillor Reedjik: I basically wanted to have a discussion and I have a motion. Basically my concerns is that TaCEQ is very tenuous, I've been frustrated, I don't know what's going on. SSMU wouldn't be responsible to constituents past legal point of involvement. No real process on funding, I want to limit it. Figure out what we can legally do to stop doing and stop endorsing it explicitly.

Councillor Lubendo: What do you mean by explicitly approve by council?

VP Shea: just like to bring attention to fact that Samuel Harris is not here and I think we need to have TaCEQ discussion. We need it but it's fruitless without Sam here.

President Larson: I'd like to speak in favour of tabling motion is motion is brought forward.

Councillor Reedjik: This is what I would do since motion is time dependent, again I don't know process through which paid but as much as its frustrating that Harris isn't here we shouldn't write an 8k cheque. I don't want to pay money that could've spent in a million better ways

**Larson motion to table and qualify: motion to table because this is not a Sam decision to write cheque. Exec committee is not irresponsible enough to write cheque for no reason.**

Councillor Lubendo: Is anything confidential that execs know that councillors should know?

President Larson: No we need your help on decision.

Speaker: Info in email by Harris earlier this evening.

**VP Fong motion to table**

Larson: I would like to table definitely until next session.

**All in favour tabling topic**

**Motion passes.**

Larson: Technically the dates for TaCEQ are soft dates, you'll get forwarded the referendum results a.s.a.p. Keep in mind Sam's email is consultative so no decision made until GA.

Speaker: Point being, calling special council meeting is possible but come talk to me.

**Larson motion to move into Board of Directors meeting.**

**Motion passes.**

## 11) Reports by Councillors



## a. Yann Ehrhard

The new year started, and the First Year Council held its two first meetings the past weeks. As scheduled I attended the Funding Committee on Tuesday 14th of January, and the Legislative Council on Thursday. I also e-mailed my availabilities for the External Committee.

The First Year Council is currently working on the following:

- Constitution modification
- First Year Formal
- Massage for First Years

And many more events to come.

## b. Omar El-Sharawy

Organized res activities night, excited to be part of it, part of I week, awareness and celebration of international MISN, hoping to be part of that as well. V week, valentine's day, through week to promote people meeting other people from other residences, hot chocolate and marshmallows club event. Valentine's grams special someone chocolate or rose, biggest project is partnership with eventco. Basically they want to help res students understand what the whole music industry is like. Kickstart with ambassador program purely based basically applying for this ambassador program and you promote events and get knowledge about promoting stuff. It's very valuable. At end of whole thing, they will pick someone to be an intern. You get to work for Osheaga and other event. IRC by helping them will bring bands in hopefully 800 tickets for the biggest bands.

## d. John Simpson

Not much to report, biggest thing is that law students association has just finished signing memorandum agreement with McGill. Finished. Been active in organizing a conference of bringing together all civil faculties. Representatives from each one will go. Other than that not much, open to questions.

Councillor Lubendo: IRC also tried to have a concert what kind of changes and what costs?

Councillor El Sharawy: Costs are in initial stages. No specifics, estimates based on tickets looking at 25k as budget, tickets are 800 at 15\$. I looked at IRC's last years concert and looking at their mistakes.

Councillor Jeong: I'd like to talk more about the relationship with external corporations, usually prohibited, is it costing IRC money?

Councillor El-Sharawy: We had another group called Unifest that tried to but SHHS said no. Eventco partners with SHHS so they said yes, we were advised to work with Eventco. We went through a lot of logistics before going through with it. Mainly Eventco wants to help kids, a couple are McGill alumni, understand music industry. Ambassador program itself does not cost money helping us get



better prices for artists, usually extortion with student body agencies. They get better deals because larger company, and have a lot of partnerships with venues and artists.

## 11) Reports by Committees

### a. Executive Committee

In sustainability and progressive buildings we have to start small, too risky to expand. Not spending any money on it yet. – campus crest. Renegotiating contracts. That's it.

**Motion to approve VP Shea**

**Seconded by Larson**

**Report approved.**

### b. Nominating Committee

Technically exec is at quorum because of time sensitive nature of need of J board so we confirmed the need of students . Now we have a J board, 2 non law students and one law student.

Councillor Lubendo: given that exec committee can sit as nominated committee what is the need for committee?

President Larson: open ended you can ask me personally.

Councillor Reedjik: 3 questions. Current J board, will only last until May then people graduating and move out.

Councillor Larson: Technically they're there until other people come in. Spoke to HR on why it's so hard to hire J Board. Restrictions on law students, is it too restrictive, are we restricting ourselves, etc?

Councillor Reedjik: Are there any current J board that will be dealt with?

President Larson: Yes maybe

Councillor Reedjik: are there...

Larson: I will speculate with you later.

**Councillor Reedjik motion to adopt**

**Seconded by VP Shea.**

**Approved.**

## 12) Reports by Executives

### a. VP University Affairs

VP Shea:

Research

*Mental Health Policy*



Friday Meeting: We went over the second draft. There were a few changes to the timeline of the 5 Year Plan, but overall everyone was very pleased. This week, Chelsea has been going through the policy and copy editing, checking for grammar, making sure it sounds like a single voice etc. We will be bringing the policy for a first reading for next council!

## *Equity Research*

Finished! We had our final meeting with the researchers on Friday where they handed in their final projects. The Equity commissioners and I will be discussing the results and bringing them to Equity Committee.

## *McGill's Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy*

Met with the UGE, SACOMSS, Feminist Collective, QPIRG to put together some policy recommendations. Chelsea will be compiling these before the next meeting.

Suggestions were very positive and focused on prevention rather than changes to disciplinary procedure.

## *International students*

Looking for applicants. But I was thinking that this might actually be better if simply given to Chelsea as a project to work on.

## *IDEAS*

Sam couldn't make the meeting on Friday so we are rescheduling.

## *Equity*

### *Sexual Harassment Policy changes and website*

On-going

### *Equity Committee*

The Conference Coordinator has been hired and has started working. We met with her last week. She will be working with the Equity Committee to organize the conference.

We have set up an advertising strategizing meeting with Ryan.

We are also brainstorming ways to advertise the Equity Fund.

## *Libraries*

### *The Library Improvement Fund*

The Wednesday meeting was cancelled, but Kira met with Colleen and Diane on Thursday.

## *Senate*

Senate Steering was last week. The Agenda for Monday looks pretty short. The open discussion was postponed until the February meeting and it will be on silos in the university.

Senate Yesterday:

### *Committees*

#### *Academic Policy Committee*

I have begun working on another Unit Review for APC. These take quite a long time to read and summarize.

Last week. There was a big conversation about Lecture Recordings and anonymous grading.

#### *Ad-Hoc Committee on the Charter of Student Rights*

The first meeting of this committee was held on Wednesday. This is a very important committee and I am very fortunate to be a part of it. There will be a series of



consultations with students and all members of the community throughout this process, so keep your ears and eyes open!

## *Mental Health Workgroup*

We have finished our assessment phase and have extended invitations to various relevant actors across the university to present at the work group

Admin

## *Meeting with Ollivier*

Tuesday morning: We discussed the conversation that was had between myself, himself and the Provost before Christmas regarding residences. He had assured me that the rumored changes to the structure of rez had not yet been confirmed and there would be more student consultation. I reminded him of this conversation and he explained that indeed the decision had not been finalized until after that conversation. We also discussed the impact of student events on the wider community and on students themselves.

Finally, we discussed the importance of coordinating mental health initiatives on campus

HR

I have met with all student staff and checked in with their workplans.

I revised my vibe workspace with Andrea

Ayukawa: for clarification in December, when you talked to provost no concrete of model in residence.

Shea: a few students concerns, related them, said he hear dhtme, stalled, no final decision to be mad euntil consultation conducted, when I asked him what the context of this statement was since decision was now final. He said he was in process of deciding, not final, but follow up

Larasn: overall impression, you weren't going to tell us that was the decision youd made, he didn't want to admit, trying to have open dialog, not a great reaction from us.

Shea: technically he didn't lie. Let it reflect "but..."

Southey: moving forward, how you feel about that and what actions youre going to take?

Shea: was consultation with small group but n but ot much. Long convo with Aaron sort of depressing because laying out options like opinon pieces, passing motions, letter writing campaign, town halls, and im willing to do them but I also saw ollivier at senate and it is the case that this deicision has been made and is going forward. In personal opinon probably wont have impact. But if you want me to do it I will but knowing mcigl and how it works I know it will happen unfortunatel.y

Reedjik: only stuff heard were never provided positive changes what are the psotivie?

Shea: I have never eben a floorfellow so I have no direct knowledge but olliveirs take on this is the new firectors installed are argued to be better trained in mental health emergency care and firs taid care his argument is that they will be better equipped

Ayukawa: Im a floorfellow and I am included in dialy about this. The reasoning for this change is what shea just mentioned, by making full time psotion we can hire profesh stud support staff. Rationale behind that is fear that if crisis if they were just professors and not professional support staff. Basically the whole director system is currently not sustainable. Theyre hiring practices are very difficult currently. Something noted this si



not a budgetary move, more money spent in new system. Whether or not other options have been explored that's a good question for Ollivier. At the time that you spoke with Dep Provost that was when floor fellows had been informed that change was made and final.

Shea: when I spoke to him at senate he did say that if system turns out to be worse than previous within next 2 years they will go back.

## b. VP Internal

### Publications

#### *Yearbook:*

Marketing strategy finalized this week

Pushing early bird purchasing of the book

Page count has been on schedule—very pleased with all of the deadlines being made

Initial promotions being done (already sold more than last year combined)

#### Sponsorship

#### *General:*

New Marketing Representative has been hired

Very proficient happy with initial work that has been done

Meeting this week to discuss Workplan and moving forward with events

Now that he is established and our events, handbook and yearbook we can start to prioritize the projects.

#### Human Resources

Completed first Executive work plan meeting

Went well, was happy with the work plan and the affect it should have on my day to day tasks

Also found the secondary use as a great transition tool

Will be developing it as this sort of a tool so that it can be used by incoming

#### Internal

#### General Communications:

Myself and the IT & CPM Director did our mid-year review of the

Communications strategy

Working on attaining the goals for the Communications Strategy

Very happy with the results thus far, want to keep pushing so that success is continued until the end of the year

#### Events

#### Week 101

Good success—public really enjoyed the graphics and the social media efforts

Zach (GD) did a great job with everything

#### Red & White

Secured domain name for Red & White

Going to keep trying to develop website

Making Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for early next week launch

Will be doing initial launch Monday/Tuesday next week

Initial programming developed



Myself and Katie will have a meeting later this week with the other stakeholders and try to formulate an initial budget for event pricing

This will allow us to formulate early-bird infrastructure

SSPN sub-committee meeting this week as well working really well thus far

Faculties & Associations

Internal

*SSMEWS:*

Starting again this week

Deciding on a weekly time for it

Suggestions welcome for theme of the video

*SSMU Awards Banquet:*

Finished my email draft to Lev

Sent final email Monday inviting him to be a part of the organizing committee

Met with Pauline and going to do work with Sleeman to decide how much money

we will have to spend on the evening

Sub-Committee is meeting this week

*Committees:*

SSPN

Met two weeks ago—sub-committee structure is being implemented for the time being

Three main groups with co-chairs and then meetings will occur with the co-chairs of each one

Three sub-committees all meeting this week

Co-Chair structure implemented and working well now

Woohoo!

Francophone Affairs

Meeting with them on the 24<sup>th</sup>

Conference planning is going well and their office hours are starting up again for the semester

Centraide

Will meet with TVM in the next couple weeks and see if they are still interested in the Centraide project

### c. VP Clubs and Services

VP Fong: OFFICE HOURS

- VP (Clubs and Services): Tuesdays 12PM-2PM

- General Manager:

- Club Rep Billy Liu:

- Service Rep Elie Lubendo: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30AM-1PM

CLUBS, SERVICES, INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

Club applications: IGC met last week and we went through 17 applications.

Club Audits: Deadline has passed, we're now organizing all of the documents before beginning the processing. They should be completed by Feb. 15.

New Club Category: Following a submission on my anonymous feedback form, I created a new club category called "Community Outreach and Volunteer".



Funding period: The deadline for submitting an application for funding is January 31st.

Services Check in Meetings: I've met with MSERT, DriveSafe, WalkSafe, Midnight Kitchen,

Services' Constitution: MISN and MSERT have completed their revisions, they will be brought to the SRComm soon. SSMU Volunteer Program, SACOMSS, Organic Campus, Musicians Collective, Nightline

## BUILDING & EVENTS

Activities Night Wrap-up: Thank you to all of the councilors who came to volunteer! The event had a lot more hiccups than the Fall event because of the significantly reduced window of time I had to plan it but considering there was no flood this year, I am quite happy.

Club Workshops: The second round of these will begin late January/early February.

Sound system for the Ballroom: Installation on Monday/Tuesday! Looking forward to it!

Fourth Floor Revamp: Over March Break, we're going to clean the fourth floor and do some renovation work over the summer.

## PROJECTS & ONGOING ISSUES

Office allocations: Confirmation emails have been sent out informing clubs which rooms they've been given and how to obtain the codes.

Club-Eco Score: This will be implemented as a beta test with no impact on club funding but will be given to clubs so that they have a baseline to work from in terms of their spending.

Club Hub: My researcher is doing some work on this. Eager to hear back from her.

myInvolvement: SQ, no meetings this semester so far

How to Run a Club/Service: Will start meeting with services to get them to think about passing on a guide to their successors

Council & Committees:

Gardens and Grounds Subcommittee: SQ

Committee on Student Services: We had two meetings since last Council.

Unfortunately, I had to miss one because of an exam. We talked about a new subcommittee to discuss the Innovation Fund idea and determine the logistics of the allocation. We were also presented a timeline of Student Services from the 1970s.

Interest Group Committee: We met and went through 17 applications. A report will be presented at the next Council.

Services Review Committee: Now that Activities Night is done, I will compile the members' availabilities and set the meeting times.

Building Committee: Our first meeting this semester is at the end of the month.

SSMU Security will now start presenting a report to the committee on the usage of the Building and audits of the 4th floor so that the junk accumulation problem does not recur.

Funding Committee: Our meetings will become more frequent once the applications start coming in.

## d. VP Finance and Operations

VP Hofmeister: 1. Finance



## Investment Portfolio

### *Done*

All the necessary documents have been submitted and the restrictions have been lifted.

## Budget

### *Underway*

Several SSMU services have been met with and nearly all have booked meetings. Budget deadlines have been discussed with permanent staff members.

## ASEQ

### *Survey*

Survey results are being prepared and will be communicated soon.

### *Agreement*

SSMU-ASEQ Agreement to be discussed with ASEQ in the following weeks.

### *Claims Report*

Last year's claims report will be reviewed with ASEQ in the following weeks.

## Club Audits

### *Fall Audits*

Fall audits were due on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Fall audits will be completed by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. OPERATIONS

### Gerts:

### *Monthly Sales*

Monthly sales for November and December will be jointly presented in January Strategy

Alessandro is currently asking suppliers for quotes on Gert's apparel.

### Mini-Courses

### *Winter Semester*

Registration has less than 2 weeks to go.

Check out our website to register at <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/minicourses/>

In person registration is underway

## 3. COMMITTEES

### FERC

### *Mid Term Report*

FERC mid-term report will be presented next council

### Funding

### *Status*

Funding didn't meet this week due to low numbers of applications currently submitted and miserable weather.

### Finance

### *Bylaw Revision*

Student Life Fund motion is on vibe

Receiving availabilities from members currently

Will develop a document with descriptions of each account for the next semester

### Operations

### *Status*



Proposed Motion to increase charitable event revenues through Gert's fundraisers will be discussed in the following operations management committee meeting.  
Will focus on the strategy of The Nest for the next semester

Councillor Southey: I just heard that the SSE might have to increase prices for stuff?

VP Hofmeister: What is your source?

Councillor Southey: The grapevine. Why would price increase if mandate is as it is?

VP Hofmeister: Original plan was to break even but now pressure on budgets, mission statement on whether or not breaking even, it is our focus for this semester to keep it stable, subject to change with food prices.

Councillor Lubendo: Would we be at a loss if we were not to increase prices at the nest?

VP Hofmeister: Depends. To be honest it's hard to say after 3 weeks of business operations. We are very likely to break even, literally doubled from first to second week. That's wonderful! To expect that to continue is not sustainable but until it levels off, it's hard to forecast, that being said, forecast has been prepared with Josh Redel. With that plan we do break even.

Councillor Lubendo: given that SSMU always has budget at start of the year, what is the budget for next year?

VP Hofmeister: Typically the budget for the financial year, first round of revision is in October, and typically another round of revisions in February. Trying to amalgamate another SSMU budget in the coming month.

Councillor Lubendo: It's final?

VP Hofmeister: Yes until end of fiscal year.

## e. President

President Larson: Student Democracy & Constituencies

Judicial Board – After a Nominating Committee meeting this week the J Board is complete.

Council – Please fill out the Doodle and sign up for the times next week. Everyone needs to come to one of these sessions.



Elections SSMU – Ben and I have continued to look over the Elections SSMU By-laws. There are changes that will be coming to Council next time most likely. The proposed changes add more accountability to candidates as well as Referendum Committees. General Assembly – FEBRUARY 5TH!! You are all required to be at the GA and also to promote it. If you have a conflict for the GA, you need to inform the Speaker as you would during Council or it will be counted as a Council absence. Also, remember that there is a pre-GA session next week.

Governance Document Review – Sta (my fab Sec Gen) has been working on documentation to start organizing this further. If you are on the committee look out for scheduling soon. We will be scheduling all meetings for the whole semester at the same time so please get ready to respond.

McGill Governance & Relations

Board of Governors – The BoG retreat meeting was last Thursday (really early). It was a really interesting meeting, and the format gave people more time to talk openly. WRT the CAMSR ToR review, I have a meeting with the Secretariat on Monday morning to discuss student involvement in the consultation process and the Secretariat's formats/tactics to get broad student response to the proposal from the Board.

Senate – Senate was this week and was probably the shortest Senate meeting ever. Other than a question from a student Senator, the meeting comprised reports.

Alumni Association – I will be attending MAA Board Retreat on the 3rd of February to talk about student engagement. I'm really glad that the MAA is finally looking towards the correlation between the positive student experience as a McGill student to a positive alumni experience. Surprisingly, this is the first time that this issue has been brought up as a concern for building alumni community! I think this is a big part of the McGill experience that is lacking and I am glad that someone is finally looking towards it as a valuable piece.

Student Life Coordinator – Red and White week is moving full steam ahead. VP DAR Marc Weinstein received the proposal and was reading it during Senate (instead of paying attention lol) yesterday. He is presenting the project to P7 next week. The website will launch next week, and there will be a Tribune article about it next week. The programming is shaping up nicely and will feature both professional development aspects as well as a day on being engaged for life, hopefully partnering with different community groups. Look out for all of the information about this great event, I'm very excited and encouraged at the response from the groups that we have talked to for involvement so far.

Sustainability Environment Committee – SPOKES II will be on February 26th! Talk to the lovely EnviroComms for more details or how to be involved.

Sustainability Committee – Big shout out to my green staff who came to help brainstorm the GA motion. Councillors on this committee – you will be receiving an email to schedule these meetings for the entire year. Please respond if you are not available. I have had almost 0 councillor turnout to these meetings, and this is probably the most important project going on via a committee this year!!

Human Resources & Executive



Permanent Staff– We have hired another person in Accounting, her name is Daisy Chow, say hi if you are in the office. Additionally, Sonia Massand will now be taking over at the Front Desk.

Executive – We started doing Exec workplans this week. VP Farnan went first and had a pretty fly workplan. We will be doing Fong, Larson, and Hofmeister next week.

Councillor Lubendo: I'd like to speak on accountability changes. What are you planning on bringing on with referendum committees with SSMU?

President Larson: It was just proposed right now so not sure, there's a lot of time a lot of work looking into different universities and how they run. We tend to have very strict ones ourselves. Right now there is no penalty for not reporting your campaign spending, you could spend 1000\$. It would be obvious but this is just a proposal it won't be debated now. You'll get a written confirmation from me about this I will be calling a double session of council next council. Vote in favour of waiving waiting period.

Councillor Jeong: Why we are no longer employed by you (ECOLE?)

Councillor Larson: ECOLE is now working of their own accord because they got SPF funding!

Councillor Jeong: We hired a new coordinator also waiting 5 more days for rest of funding.

### **13) Confidential Session**

### **14) Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Councillor Lubendo**

**Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm**