



SSMU Legislative Council Meeting – November 20th, 2014

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

2) Attendance

President Ayukawa
VP Moustaquim-Barrette
VP Chaim
VP Bradley
VP Stewart Kanigan
Councillor Ibrahim
Councillor Sachal
Councillor Baraldi
Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy
Councillor Dunbar Lavoie
Councillor Chin
Councillor Houston
Councillor Lin
Councillor Shah
Councillor Klitovchenko
Councillor Weaver
Councillor Rioux
Councillor Conrad
Councillor Sanon
Councillor Carolan
Councillor Medvedev
Councillor Nadifi
Councillor Pelletier
Councillor El-Sharawy
Councillor Rourke
Councillor Kuprowski
Speaker Rachel Simmons
General Manager Pauline Gervais
Recording Secretary Lydia Jones

3) Approval of the Minutes

a. November 6, 2014

**Motion to approve by Councillor Dunbar Lavoie
Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim**

4) Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion to adopt by Councillor Ibrahim
Seconded by President Ayukawa
Passed.**



5) Report of the Steering Committee

6) Guest Speakers

a. Environment Commissioners

Kayla: We completed the sustainability assessment this year so far. 20 page document about 2013-2014 sustainability at SSMU. Also done disruption screening before climate march. Also complete electroBAC electronics recycling competition. We came in third! It went to SPOKES (250\$)

Commissioner: conference at called spokes – bringing all students together. We had many workshops and the format was really good, we combined resource presentation and workshops and panels, it was very effective. In the future we'd like to move back to previous rooms because it fits the conference better. We welcome any suggestions you might have too.

Kayla: A lot of upcoming projects this semester – composting campaign (for this campaign, our committee will sit by the compost and teach what can and can't be composted. They'll be there in a banana suit.), workshop at Midnight Kitchen for cooking seasonally, Blue Dot campaign (goal of making it a citizen's right to live in a healthy environment. Will be ongoing throughout next semester).

Commissioner: GA: passed new motion to change policy involved climate syst. Also doing zero waste week to help promote green living. We'll be doing workshops and daily personal care, dumpster diving, etc. How to cut down on consumerism. Doable but challenging.

Kayla: several ongoing things during semester send out list serv every week – or almost. About 1k people who receive those. Social media, blog posts, etc.

Sustainability ambassador and coordinator – official volunteer position on our site. Intercampus outreach in Montreal – already connected with Concordia.

Commissioner: also Skype meetings and outreach, weekly meetings, funding committee – involving green fund (in particular) consult about that and maintain the sustainability groups contact list – all the info about sustainability groups.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: apparently there were things like metal forks in the compost at SSMU. Do you feel like someone in a banana suit, what other is there something bigger that we could do maybe more banana suits? Awareness campaign?

Kayla: awareness campaign and THEN banana suit. Also hoping to make a little competition out of it. Also it's really big on the signage. The last signage was really not clear. Now is very very clear. Clear pictures and actual words. Very descriptive.

b. Professor Dyens, Deputy Provost

I think it's better if you ask me the questions. As you know very quickly my role is different from dean of students. His role is to address specific issues in students and I am more for generic issues. What they trying to do is create the best supportive environment so when you go to class you can focus on what you have to do. We have a long history of being heavy administratively. We want to address this, address needs, meet them, and address the red tape that's in your



way. I actually approached AUS for room booking to make it more efficient. Working with VP administration and finance to find a way to lower cost for room booking especially for things that are academically related. Trying to work through these things so you can express yourself in different ways on campus. Looking to see how research is being used at McGill because we know these things are of interest to the student body. We want to engage you and figure out how to move forward.

Councillor Rourke: A big concern raised by students is the lack of affordable food options on campus. Is there going to be more consultation on who will be on campus space? Like replacing Tim Horton's, etc.

Dyens: been trying to commit to better quality food and better quality because we made the commitment even though it is more expensive. It is also because this campus is downtown campus. I understand the issue with Tim Horton's, but I think we address many of the students' concerns – it is a big corporation, it's not fair trade, quality, goes against our values. We transferred from that to premiere moisson – local company and better business practices. As far as going directly to students, student housing has run surveys on food regularly and we moved forward with those. Essentially for us, premiere moisson and Tim Horton's are the same thing, we just strongly believed that it was much better health and food options and fits with values as a community.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: comment on how at Concordia there is a student run cafe opening up. Is there space for that kind of thing here, or if the food options already satisfy options now?

Dyens: main concern for a lot of people. The first response is we have an MOA we signed an agreement, and I expect SSMU and AUS to honour this contract the way you expect to honour them. There are already bylaws of what can be sold and can't be sold on campus. Quality of food is one of those bylaws. Even if something is run by students – if something happens and bad preparation/food poisoning comes in, McGill is liable for suing. Also for us, a way to generate funds. It helps compensate budget cuts and to reinvest in the university. Very very important. I don't think SSMU would allow us to open a cafe in this building without asking for permission, it's the same thing. You are free to bring this to the next negotiations at MOA if you want even though I am not super open to it.

Councillor Baraldi: Thank you for coming to council. Touched upon topic of premiere moisson and higher prices. I've been hearing about opening of second premiere moisson in New Res – wondering what student consultation was on this?

Dyens: Cannot comment because I didn't know about it but I think we learned from this event and in the future we will inform students as to why we are doing this. I think that was the big mistake here.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: your predecessor told daily that university took strategic method to eliminate student run, is that still a part of your plan?

Dyens: Yes. It is fundamental for us to run the university because we don't have the revenue to offer services. Is there a plan? No. But there is a plan to keep it in the MOA because we do support the phasing out of these student run cafes.



VP Bradley: respect for MOA – political attaché did research on how in the past, student societies have been denied their food

Dyens: My position is it's not to our advantage to have student run cafes. I was clear as to why we are not for these things. I am not hiding anything. I cannot comment on things that happened before my time because I don't know enough about these things.

Conrad: what McGill plans to do when faculty of management acquires bookstore like continuation of sales to students?

Dyens: We don't know yet we formed a committee to do this. As far as is know they will consult a consultant soon. The issue with the bookstore is "where should it go?" and whether we should have such a big building because online, we are exploring possibilities. Also other possibility is where it should go. Should it be online ordering? Delivered to your room? We need to figure it out. We've allowed Desautels to go into the bookstore because it is prime location.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: I appreciate the fact that these issues are an issue for university and contentious. Do you not feel that as deputy provost that your duty is to represent students who clearly want student run cafe?

Dyens: SSMU is an independent business and they signed an agreement with McGill and we expect that to be honoured. But there is a negotiation table, so we have to bring what we want to the table and we can discuss things every 3-5 years. My role is twofold. I represent student concerns, but we also have a business agreement. At one point this agreement is signed. I don't think SSMU would enjoy the fact that university would say I don't like this so I'm going to do something against MOA.

Councillor Fullerton: une question posée au domaine des étudiants. Vous étiez francophones. Qu'est ce que vous faites pour la cohésion des anglophones et francophones et comment encourager les anglophones à apprendre le français.

Dyens : je vais parler en anglais. I know it is a big issue for students, they raised this issue to us, they want more resources to learn French. The dean of arts said he'd open as many classes as needed. The issue isn't resources. The issue is how much time you get or how much time do you have. You need to be immersed in the language, you all have other things you want to do, you have major, SSMU, etc. It's a lot. It's difficult. It's less a question of resources but more how much time and how much can be packed in a degree. Summer you want to earn a bit of money too, so even then there isn't enough time. We really want to see students learn French. It is definitely an advantage in Quebec – best students in Canada, and we'd love to keep people here. French is an issue though. If you're an engineer, nursing, etc, is really hard without French. When I was at Concordia we allowed students to take French courses, but to the level that's needed for students to stay in Quebec, it's more much difficult. University and student issue of cohesion. We have a lot of francophones in administration. That's good. It's important for us to make efforts to be more cohesive. I think it's beautiful that we are an anglophone university – not an issue between francophones and anglophones, but issue of time for students.



Councillor Rourke: Student mental health – wondering since there's no timeline for this report, can you give us some details about this plan?

Dyens: initiatives are very all over the place right now. I asked Jenna director of student – make this clearer. Mental health = spectrum of issues, we need different approaches but also coherent approach. We reacted ASAP but now is the time to make this cohesive.

Councillor Baraldi: Harm reduction coordinator. Yearly contract Do you see an institutionalized?

Dyens: considering it very very seriously but cannot commit yet. Need to negotiate but budget cuts.

President Ayukawa: thanks for coming! Sorry that I was out of the room for most of it, I think it's very important to talk face to face to put face to name thanks so much

Dyens: thank you for inviting me!

7) Announcements

Councillor Rioux: engineering council is having trouble filling ski trip – open to everyone in January come ask for more details.

Councillor Ibrahim: next week is ECOLE launch week – if you're looking for new study space and want to know what's up come see us there. Arts and crafts baking cookies please join

Councillor Conrad: winter is coming so we are setting up the iron rink so we're doing that soon let me know if you want to do anything

Councillor Rourke: SSMU senators hosted a mental forum last Wednesday great feedback thank you for coming to that supported it

President Ayukawa: SSMU is hiring a lot of new position. Fancy new job postings website. You can see smart recruiters and all jobs!

VP Chaim: Friday the 28th well is hosting fundraiser at Gert's. 50/50 raffle, donations accepted with tax receipts over 20\$ and big party!

Speaker: keep posted in January – PGSS and SSMU council meeting, probably in second to last week in January. Given threat of austerity budget, what should be criticized? This will count as regular council however you'll agree that this is excellent opportunity to advise with two council bodies on student body but also set precedent for future collaborations.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: sexual assault policy draft now available online posted this on SSMU Facebook page share this and give feedback .also please reach out if interested in coming to faculty councils and speak.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: going to mention it again. There is an austerity demonstration on 29th. We do have a mandate to support student. Also have art booth for austerity t-shirts stay tuned let me know if you want to help

8) Question Period

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: question is for Fullerton: given that there are a couple of vacant positions on j-board, any plans to engage constituents?



Councillor Fullerton: continuous outreach for positions. Hard to recruit. The requirement is to have had 4 semesters of education. Most 3rd year go on exchange or have things to do so told Ayukawa it would be good to lower threshold and require 2 semesters of law. There's so much we can do.

Councillor Chin: thanks madam speaker. I would like to know if it is possible to clarify the circumstances behind VP social from AUS – due to duress. Plans to investigate position itself? Third exec resignation? Is this common practice

Councillor Baraldi: Three resignations that we've had are not related. We have no control over personal reasons. We are planning a restructuring next semester of position. We can bring it to council if you're interested. Lastly the reasons for resignation have been extensively outlined in media. Our VP Social I don't want to speak too much to this you can email me.

Southey: My name is Sara: a question for speaker. Just wondering if outline why accountability committee only met twice and has not yet reported to council at all

Speaker: they met 3 times; first time was not fully formed. Scheduling problems too. I admit myself to having not been able to meet in person. Haven't yet reported to council because not much to report yet. Hopefully a report will be brought in depth for December 9th. On track to report for then. That's the answer I have.

Southey: do you think that it would make sense to amend the terms of ref because the accountability committee had same problems last year, maybe change them?

Speaker: I agree, but nonvoting member. Having trouble in general with accountability terms of ref in general. Definitely will bring that to the council to the table.

9) New Business

a. Motion Regarding the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Student Engagement Committee

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: there is a need for councillors and exec for looking for new ways to form student engagement. Ad hoc committee would be a good way to start I think.

Councillor El-Sharawy: 100% against this motion, what's the point of having office hours. I don't know about all of you. I have 6 hours of office hours per week, no one comes. It is a 2 way process, if they want to be represented, they need to make the effort. We have a website with office hours, so many different ways of communications.

Councillor Baraldi: briefly point out that we need this committee BECAUSE no people at office hours. A lot of circular discussion about this and this is a good way to formalize and institutionalize this. More productive. Especially regarding recent campus tensions.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: understand and feel concerns about office hours but I speak in favour of this. We've been talking ALOT about this issue and it's important to talk about their concerns and stuff, this is a real way to make these things actually happen.



VP Chaim: as a chair of this committee I'm in favour of it – accounts for SSMU talking and not individual talking, not reidentifying how we communicate but how we can do it better. I know I can't do it alone, I don't think it even should be done by one person. We all have different ways we like to speak to people I think did a good job of listing here what is being communicated and how. The ways we communicate in the past are no longer relevant.

Councillor Conrad: motion to amend be in order right now?

Speaker: yes but if it's too long...

Councillor Conrad: to 1 councillors AND 2 members at large instead?

Speaker: you may discuss.

[Discussion continues while movers discuss]

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: point of concern with this is under purpose – identifying paces of miscommunication, it speaks to problems of misinformation but it should be more about lack of communication. Maybe more like improving communication instead of miscommunication.

Councillor Rourke: strongly in favour of this motion, so so important, tangible way of implementing discussion in council and campus. I'd love to see some sort of contingency plan for students' response to controversy on campus. Find a way to engage SSMU in communicating properly during controversy.

VP Chaim: we decided to change to 3 and 3 and that would be friendly.

Speaker: Okay. Will be changed.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: motion to amend to identifying areas in which communications need to be improved instead of miscommunication.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: friendly.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: yes it's an issue that they don't come to office hours I don't think it's our role as representatives to demand people come to see us but it is to find out ways to come get engaged. It is to improve current situation.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: concerns: unclear as to how hands on it will be – specific issue – specific guidelines? Clarity? It would be nice to have that. Given different faculties = different constituents like med and arts – I hope that these could be properly represented on this committee, so I'd like more councillors from different faculties. But I know it's not necessary. And that's it.

Councillor Chin: every rep here and faculty is different. A lot of debate regarding office hours, I hold 0 office hours. MY constituents are not engaged at all with SSMU. I still manage to poll 1 in 8 of them for consultation. There are ways to fit different faculties. It wouldn't generalize. I don't know if having all these voices would be that amenable. I would lean towards voting against this.

Councillor Rioux: still think composition of committee is not necessarily going to help. Still a majority of people on council and if we already fail at outreach maybe just increase members at large or change committee. Maybe good idea to integrate into another committee. So less committees with unfilled positions. I found with my time on council is big issues of councils getting wrong info so that starts there

Ibrahim: speak in favour of this motion – it is our job to try and reach constituents. Are councillors are against this, have they been putting in



Councillor Weaver: agree with what chin has said but even for that I would appreciate more ways to reach out to them so I think this would be really good even though in theory I could probably just get to know my constituents

Councillor Sachal: in favour of this as well. Anything that engages the students is good. Its ad hoc anyway if it's good it can continue and if not it can stop.

Whatever had been presented so far is pretty good.

Councillor Fullerton: it is good and will vote for it, in terms of councillors – no matter how many members at large we want on committee, it'll still just be engaged students. To really improve – commissioner. Maybe to gout and see people. Really good but also maybe other things can be done to reach out better.

Councillor Houston: increasing members at large might be problematic. More than 3 would be a little difficult. Constituent consultation is super important but don't need to increase members at large.

Councillor El-Sharawy: 1. we're mandated to have office hours, so the fact that you don't have any is concerning me. 2. Students feel that SSMU is not accessible. Each exec has office hours, when I go to FD to make an apt they're super friendly. Execs are really accessible. 3. In terms of not having time to go to the SSMU office, there's the SSMU website and Facebook page. The tools are there. If students wanted to be represented, they would go to do it. The members at large will be those who want to be represented in the first place.

Councillor Baraldi: briefly explain – in terms of representation of faculties – we can't discuss every grievance in each faculty at council so this would actually bring extra resources. In terms of members at large – they're not there to be better represented so in my opinion it would be great if they weren't asking for it, but it would be also helpful if already engaged.

Motion to call to previous question VP Bradley

Seconded by Councillor El-Sharawy

Motion passes.

Motion passes.

b. Motion Regarding the Closing of the Redpath Library Doors

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: the person who started this campaign online emailed me and we met a few times about this and I decided to bring it to motion.

They want those Redpath doors reopened. It's something we can help with and publicize!

Councillor Rourke: I did raise this concern – it may be the case that the only way to do this is for us to pay for it. Will we have that responsibility?

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: this motion would definitely not mandate SSMU to pay for operation.

Councillor Rourke: not mandated, but it might be an outcome

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: any decisions for the use of library improvement fund would be made by LIF committee and a submission would have to be made and it would have to be approved. Way down the road. The motion as it stands is for me to prioritize this in my negotiations with library. Not on the table right now.



This mandates me to start those conversations and see what the options are. If that ends up being the only option I would certainly bring it to council.

VP Bradley: in favour of this particularly after wake of criticism we received on external affairs, a lot of students believe we should be focusing on internal policies. This is a direct response from student needs and wants.

Councillor Lin: I feel like it's very McLennan centric. People who live in ghetto prefer to go to Schulich. Right now also open 24hrs. The entrance on University Street is not open after 10. So why don't we use the money to improve this. It's very McLennan centric.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: regarding the access of Schulich. This motion as brought forward because strong student response. But if you have ideas for LIF you can come talk with me or LIF coordinator.

Councillor El-Sharawy: when I mentioned it was in constitution for office hours. I was talking about AUS constitution so I'm not actually sure about general constitution.

10) Reports by Councillors

a. Councillor Fullerton
[reads report]

b. Councillor Medvedev
[reads report]

c. Councillor Li
[reads report]

Councillor Ibrahim: thanks for your report and I hope you get better.

11) Reports by Committees

a. Interest Group Committee

Councillor Sachal: Every Wednesday at 5:30 we have our meetings, we passed a lot of new clubs. Everything is in report.

Councillor Weaver: out of 24 how many points?

Councillor Rioux: out of 30 actually.

Councillor Sachal: you need to be above 24 but it's out of 30.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: how is that being institutionalized?

Councillor Rioux: It hasn't been. We started this two weeks ago. It is on the website. The clubs have access. We go through what we think is fair.

Motion to approve by Councillor Ibrahim

Seconded by Councillor Rioux.

Motion passed.

Report adopted.

b. Nominating Committee

Councillor El-Sharawy: what happens if we reject something?

Speaker: if they need it and they are failed, their actions would not pass.



[report is read]

Motion to adopt by Councillor Rioux

Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim

Motion passed.

Report adopted.

Councillor Rioux: **motion to suspend the rules to put Funding committee last?**

Speaker: chair's discretion, passed.

c. Funding Committee

Funding committee coordinator: counting once, we had 187 funding requests. Most of the funding actually went to clubs. Not usually the case so that's good. They asked for about 160k. Deficit in ambassador fund because we overlooked one. Campus life and ambassador fund started with deficits. Working on fixing that this year. We're starting the instalment funding this semester. A lot of questions about it. Trying to be lenient because first year coming into play.

Councillor Houston: thank you for detailed report. Elaborate issues at end of report. Speaking about next meeting.

Coordinator: right now funding done by semester. However there has been debate as to making it a semester in advance. There has been some opposition. There are pros and cons and right now we need to weigh these. It's a very heated debate right now. Also we are restructuring the charity fund. It's the fundraising fund right now. A little out of hand. Everything that can be tied to minimal amount of fundraising is put in there. It's hard because we are asking them to make money so do we cover have the expense or a quarter?

Councillor Li: out of the 29 applications rejected – do any of them actually appeal for it to be re-evaluated and what is the process and is there a chance after re-evaluation?

Coordinator: not a lot of clubs appeal. Basically it's another letter saying why we reject them. Another way for them to explain their understanding. Unfortunately it does go back to us but we do reconsider.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: what are the requests made by McGill and McGill athletics?

Coordinator: figure skating and lacrosse and badminton. McGill University was CAPs.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: curious highest requested was 25k. The highest granted was 3k. Seems like big difference. Typical? Norm? Do group typically walk away with that percentage?

Coordinator: it didn't actually correspond to that. It was separate and tabled. Because it wasn't really exclusive to McGill. Asking for a little more explanation as to how it benefits McGill.

Councillor Conrad: there are some events that engineers throw like MBC, they were only granted 1/5 of what was requested and no explanation as to why.



Coordinator: the McGill engineering competition – giving away a lot of things. Judges gifts and pens and hype material. A lot of ineligible expenses. Food being one of them. Alcohol also.

Councillor Conrad: that wasn't the biggest grievances. Bigger grievance with not receiving an answer why. He never got reasoning. He only ever got response about 1.5k.

Coordinator: given that I just told you that I had 200 applications. It was about 150 emails at that time. If he had followed up it would have been better. There was something wrong with my email where it bounced back.

Councillor Conrad: I will agree that in those cases, they were dealt with. He was just worried; he believes that the process should be considered to be changed. So that people can see why they weren't getting the money so that they didn't have to go through the process of asking you.

Coordinator: we try to give the full amount but usually something in bylaws not allowed. I explain when big jump. We did grant 20% which is pretty low, but if he did ask I would have sat down to explain for sure.

VP Bradley: also worth noting that she is not voting member. All funding applications can be appealed. Detailing why a certain amount was not granted. The more information you give as to how funding is given, the more is it manipulated by other people. There are functions in place as to how we give our money. We can't always explain because next year any group who has that info can use it to their advantage.

Carolan: thank you so much to coordinator. Ridiculous amount of effort. So much thanks. Clarify Conrad: does your VP external want her to notify every person who is rejected? I understand if they followed up, I get it. I had another applicant who did the same and who followed up. I understand if you do want the money. Totally updated on everything?

President Ayukawa: I think this report proves to everyone the incredible work that coordinator does. It is pretty regular that I will be leaving office and the committee is still there. It's commendable.

Councillor Rioux: we should all be very thankful, 3 years funding coordinator. Completely changed how we do funding.

Motion to approve by Councillor Houston

Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim

Approved

d. Executive Committee

[reads report]

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: how will you be spending your vacation day?

Ayukawa: with my family.

Councillor El-Sharawy: based on recent statistic, last year's president was a fan of cats, are you more cats or dogs?

President Ayukawa: will answer during president's report.

Motion to approve by Councillor Ibrahim

Seconded by Councillor Fullerton



Motion passed.

Report adopted.

12) Reports by Executives

a. VP University Affairs

Councillor Carolan: when is the meeting?

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: 2:30 once a month December 3rd this month. You can also live stream or watch on McGill website up to a month alter.

b. VP Internal

c. VP External Affairs

Councillor Rioux: when asked whether harmful military research was being defined or not and whether getting committee onto that definition, is that possible?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: in terms of my job, my job description says that I am into support student run campaigns that we're mandated to. There are also campaigns that we are allowed to start too. Do you mean like an ad-hoc campaign or more like negotiating with administration?

Councillor Rioux: not my idea, but just really the intent to try to find a compromise between some of the engineering students. More in terms of negotiating.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: in regards to your question, something I was interested in doing was the faculty that SSMU has held policies on this so I'd like to continue with that. One specific definition that was made and I was hoping to make more moving forward. I wanted to wait until mandate from students and now we have it so that that's good.

Councillor Carolan: wondering if there's anything regarding French tuition hikes that we can do to help?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: good question. Yeah I think honestly it's hard for me to, I'm getting a lot of push and pull I think consulting your faculties is a really in important thing to do at this point and will be sending a motion soon.

Chin: thank you, just wanted to ask a few questions concerning TaCEQ—since now lawyers are former TaCEQ are they representing constituents of TaCEQ.

What are consequences of losing and how confident are we in winning?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: meeting about this, lawyer very very confident that we will win. The consequences would be bad if we lost. It would mean that students would be able to opt out from being members of society. Very very negative effect on student societies throughout Quebec

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: speak to what specific type of consultation you'd like us to do with our students like for protests about austerity. Also wondering if you could just speak to what happens when you have completely conflicting information. I have a lot of feedback from students that is polarized. What do you do as a rep in that case...? Congrats on being a spokesperson, what do you hope to bring to role and what do you see for future? Also wondering if you could



speak to lessons about Remembrance Day whether there was something to be learned as members of divest McGill + demilitarize McGill.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: It's a daily thing in my job it's very political and polarized. I think that I try to act within my mandate. I haven't had any project thus far that is outside my mandate. I would never act outside it either. Whenever there is something I'm unsure about I ask the execs. ECOLE is really cool and a lot of students contacting us to get on board. We're trying to reach people as much as possible. We will be working on the mandate and the constitution. Also just really building on what we've done and on international scale and getting info out there and new projects.

Councillor Conrad: Comparing this to demonstrations with tuition hikes, how come there's not as many people on board?

Moustaquim: I guess it was more tangible back then, but this is more about budget cuts and it's not as personally involved. It's very obvious as well but I'm trying to mobilize as much as I can. I'm going to be having a roundtable about this to make it more of an issue at McGill that students get involved with. It is only the start. I think it'll definitely be a lot bigger it's building towards something. Hopefully as big as past tuition hike.

Councillor Rourke: given controversy regarding McGill and online ratification what will SSMU's relationship be moving forward and what side are we on? How can we respond to this is we don't really have the option of online responses?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: I think this speaks to my every day difficulties of VP external. I do have a mandate to support groups now. I will be meeting with them and seeing how they want to be involved. I think as rep of student body I have to be held accountable and I report to you. I hope you never feel like SSMU is supporting something we don't have a mandate to support. I will have an open forum about these kinds of things. I am hoping to write in external bylaws so these issues don't come up in the future. When it comes to Facebook I think a lot of what I've seen is a reversal of the motion that passed. It's too complicated and not in my purview.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: in your consultations with constituents it is important to say that demilitarize McGill is not a SSMU group. Use our discretion in supporting their activities. Bear in mind not SSMU group.

d. VP Clubs and Services

e. VP Finance and Operations

Councillor Ibrahim: perhaps at the SSMU student run food provider group meeting. I noticed they had peanuts in one of their things and didn't advertise.

VP Bradley: also if you have feedback, please let the cashiers know they are trained.

Councillor Baraldi: long term financial plan for ECOLE, what are some avenues and how can we support this?

VP Bradley: looking into fee modelling structure and grant structure. Fee is pretty viable. But I think they are leaning towards grants.



f. President

Straw Poll: People are interested in attending a meeting on Mac campus?

Straw Poll: Which dates?

VP Bradley: could we perhaps do an online doodle instead?

President Ayukawa: yes.

Councillor Nadifi: wondering if I want to change something about the senate elections, would I have to change that in the bylaws?

Ayukawa: yeah but we can amend bylaws at any point during the year. So I recommend asking me by email.

Councillor Rioux: regarding the meeting with Mac campus, would this be an all evening kind of event, are we taking the McGill bus?

President Ayukawa: undeveloped. Probably take STM.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy: quick question – are the meetings of bylaw review committee open to councillors to talk about concerns?

Ayukawa: not stated but yes.

13) Adjournment

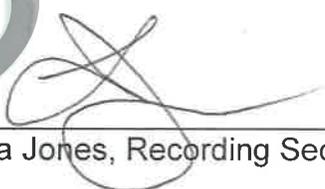
Motion to adjourn by Councillor Kpeglo-Hennesy

Seconded by Councillor Fullerton

Motion adjourned at 8:50pm



Rachel Simmons, Chairperson



Lydia Jones, Recording Secretary