



SSMU Legislative Council Meeting – December 4th, 2014

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm.

2) Attendance

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

3) Approval of the Minutes

a. November 20, 2014

**Motion to approve by Councillor Rioux
Seconded by Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy**



Motion passed.

Agenda approved.

4) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add a motion to the agenda by Councillor Ibrahim

Motion added.

Motion to move equity commissioner to guest speakers – VP Stewart Kanigan.

Speaker: not amenable since they are reporting, not just guest speaking. I will make this a vote of council by my discretion. Since everyone approves, it becomes item B on guest speakers.

Motion to adopt by Councillor Stewart Kanigan

Seconded by Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy

Motion passed.

Agenda adopted.

5) Report of the Steering Committee

Motion to approve by Councillor Ibrahim.

Seconded by Councillor Baraldi

Motion passed.

Report approved.

6) Guest Speakers

a. Mr. Alan Desnoyers, President of McGill Alumni Association

My name is Alan Desnoyers, 1985 grad. I am the president of alumni association. I asked Courtney I wanted to get a better sense of and hear what you're doing.

Also give you a bit of context, one thing the university is not doing. I was smiling at the small agenda comment since it's a hell of a small agenda. I'll tell you what we do and what we want to accomplish. We've been around for a very very long time. The big connections or miss or gaps is that although we all work for same purpose, there's a disconnect to what is the role of alumni as it relates to McGill.

Alumni association is 230,000 living graduates. Live all over the world. The most international university in Canada. We have people who go all over the world when they graduate. What we do and what the role of alumni in the success of the university aren't necessarily understood by the students. McGill could not exist without alumni. You should have seen the last big capital campaign. The last campaign raised 1.2 million dollars. The reason is because when you look at this province, there's no real funding from government for university. We have a lot of buildings that need a lot of repair. When you look at it between the tuition fees and what government is doing is starving the universities in Quebec. There would be no university without alumni. My full time job is a banker. I am just a volunteer. I am passionate about McGill though. I try to help out on boards of faculty and alumni association. I am honoured to be the president. All these living alumni, different groups. Big presence in Toronto and London. People just decide to get together since they went to McGill. There's a network that will serve you in your future. There will be McGillians everywhere you go. Your ability to reach out to these people will be a big part of what you take with you when you go.



Women's alumnae. Over 50% graduates at McGill are women now, though. There's no formality about this, but there are different groups of alumnus. Why do they form? They view their needs as different. A young graduate has different needs from someone who is in their 40s or 50s. Someone came back last time that was 93 years old. 70th anniversary of graduation. I wanted to give you at least a sense of who we are as a group. We're a bunch of volunteers. We work together on Peel Street and try to help out university. We help out when it needs money and raising money and giving it ourselves. Like all big companies, we realized our board is too big and needs to be more relevant. So we made the scope of board smaller. We created two councillors. We wanted to take out heaviness of board, and though we need it legally and for law purposes. We did want two councils created though. Suzanne Fortier told us that one of her key mission was that students understood alumni. Student alumni council was created to ask key student groups for info about what's relevant to you. Trying to have us explain what we're trying to do as a board and have you share what you want from alumni. Courtney and I met and her candour about this was really valuable. I didn't know alumni association existed until they called me after I got my degree and asked for money. The alumni association is supposed to help out on send offs or student events. Send off – we bring in alumni to help send people off to McGill. We host a parents' tent – we involve the parents. The parents are so involved nowadays. Parents of especially international students. They are worried, want to be involved. There are a number of things we do on that regard. When you graduate we try to connect you to people who are like minded and can host events in different cities to try and help graduates. Backpacks to briefcases, small things that help. We are trying to get a better pulse of what's happening with the students. And vice versa. We don't want to be invisible. You don't go and raise over a billion dollars from donors just because people feel good about donating. They feel they're investing in the future of kids and grandkids. It's an infinity feeling they look for. That's all I wanted to present to you. I would love to have a discussion if there is one to be had. At the very least through Courtney in particular, she is trying to represent 30k students. That's really hard to do. Everyone is busy doing this [holds up iPad]. You can't have relationships over email. Half of you probably don't even email anymore. You want a text. So the goal is how do we connect? Connect to a place that is giving you world class tuition with world class known. I don't know if you have questions but let me know.

Councillor Sanon: Thank you so much for coming. I appreciate it. Alumni are huge part of experience at McGill. Speaking as a management student here, I know a lot of the students in my faculty; feel like they don't really see it face to face when it comes to alumni help. I think that's one thing we can maybe address. For people looking from Toronto and NY, they hold power launches and such there, but having things like that here would be definitely appreciated and more helpful. Maybe even a database, maybe it already exists. Like a database – when I'm looking to go talk to someone to find an alumni I go to LinkedIn. It would be super helpful to have a list or some place to go to see what there is and who to contact.



Buddy: great question and it's fun, you all get a McGill.ca email. Many of you don't email and also you quickly land somewhere else without McGill.ca email. It's hard to stay in touch with people. We have tried bringing in experts to look at that. And we've been trying to get people to come to us in social media. We want to try linking to events and such. Some faculties are very very good at hosting events. I would strongly suggest that if you think university can solve this in a huge database way you'd be here for 50 years. I regularly have people who will call me and say could you talk to me about the banking industry for what it is. That's something you have from McGill. I see you're a McGill grad, I'm a McGill grad, want to have a cup of coffee? So some faculties will create events, medicine, law and management are good, but harder ones are arts. You have to be curious and leverage what people are there. The investment that the faculty has made in the career area. He is connecting people and knowing people. Trying to create that connectedness. I'm an executive at bank of Montreal, two of our capital market people are McGill grads. It's that ability to connect with people. Be curious, use those channels, and reach out to people. Use the faculty. Use those connections. We try to do as alumni is that we often get request we had someone in a role who just left and he came through and asked to connect to someone in management. Don't be afraid to ask about connections.

VP Chaim: I came here from the house I had a meeting with Aly and Kenny. Red and white event. For graduate student to meet with alumni and ask questions they've been wondering for a while I want to say it was a great step in connecting alumni with recent grads. We kept talking about how we would see McGill 10 years after graduating. So as an alumnus what was your vision back then and what can we do to affect McGill?

Buddy: If you were to plot on a graph the ages of the people who are on the alumni—very heavily weighted to recent graduates. What you have in McGill is an incredible global brand. You will be on a beach somewhere and have a McGill t shirt and people will recognize it. People who went off to Cornell, told point blank that you went to McGill, that's something else. What you have and continue to have is a university that is competing to be world class. McGill is an A school. The idea is that at a global stage it will continue to be that way. There's going to be tough choices to make. There's not going to be tuition fee increases – so it is a hell of a challenge. You got to understand that it's really odd to be told 6 months into a year that you have cuts coming up in a BUDGET. You're going to continue to have a world brand. You'll continue to have refinements. It's going to choose which faculties it will be renowned in. In that context it will still be something that will continue to be a network. But comes with that is the responsibility to run with that and what you'll do to make that happen? Helping isn't only writing cheques. Helping on a student level. That's really where you'll continue to see a world class university. I don't know if that answers your question.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: speak a little to relationship with McGill administration. SSMU has been taking on more and more operation costs. Is McGill administration increasingly coming to alumni association to use money or more of a dynamic interaction? Has that changed any?



Buddy: as I said the alumni association plays critical role in helping when times come. We now own the campaigns. You're talking about two separate things. They're involved in raising money, but you don't fund raise before friend raise. Everybody can write a million dollar cheque. I was able to support McGill when I first graduated but I didn't make millions, it's just a choice to make. When you look at what the university has done you can see very clearly that alumni are front and centre. We won't be at the table arguing what is to be funded. At times we are called upon. That's the context that needs to be understood. The issue of austerity is a tough one. It's happening everywhere. Here's the reality of what we're dealing with. In education – fixed cost for profs and buildings, there really isn't much variable costs you can get rid of. It's not about being mean or not helping out, you're scrambling. All governments in western civilization are indebted. We have to make choices. At end of the day it's going to be really difficult for university to say "we will be able to fund this or that". There are two levers – revenue and expenses. Every international student that is paying is a greater tuition, McGill does not benefit from that. It gets paid for head count. The differences in international tuitions don't benefit McGill, they benefit the government. We choose to have an international body, but it doesn't give us more money. The choices to fund and not fund are business decisions. These are the tradeoffs we make every single day. The university has attempted to do an exemplary role. So you have access to info, Suzanne has been very clear.

Councillor Conrad: wondering if alumni association has anything in place to help specific groups have alumni relations. POW – promoting opportunities in engineering – has funding to bring alumni relations. There it's really good. If you guys have a fund set aside to have these groups on campus do this.

Buddy: we represent alumni; I have no authority over anyone. The university does do some funding. Years ago someone endowed the university alumni association – 1 million. We only spend the earnings. Our total budget is under 70k\$. We carve out about 15-18k\$ for student sponsorship. We get a myriad of requests well fund individual events 250-450\$. I was recently asked to sign off on 17 requests for this. We'll do that but when you look at these small events. You're through the faculty and through the alumni. If you're doing an event for women in engineering, you don't need alumni. You can just ask. There are people from university advancement directly involved in faculties.

Councillor Rourke: feeling of community that lasts beyond years of McGill. That kind of connection starts your first day here. Throughout degree. That sense of belonging is hard to create in an environment that is so competitive and anxiety inducing. You get bogged down by exams and midterms. So that is a huge challenge to create that sense of community. I guess that's a challenge.

Buddy: what you're doing here is exactly that. You're missing out if you only walk out of here with a degree. I don't care about GPA. At the end of the degree a university education. The issue is more to show how you can think and make decisions. It's not about walking away with a good GPA and degree.

b. Equity Committee
Sula and Ska



Sula: we're going to run through the things we did this semester. The first thing that we did was consent week. We put on a forum on how to build a culture of consent. Panellist from res project and IGSA. A really great turnout and lots of participation. Something for next year to help us outreach. Spoke with a lot of people involved.

Ska: discussion series called campus conversations. Came into it a bit later in November. First discussion was about educational injustice. As I'm sure you know the turnout is only moderate. Hard to get people actively involved. Rape culture discussions, positive results in terms of discussion and environment. Safer spaces on campus for discussion spaces.

Ska: 4floors this year first time both of us attending 4 floors. A lot of support from previous equity commissioner. This year worked with Dan and committee. A lot of improvements. A lot of proactive and preventative measures. Only 3 major issues came up. A forum of culture appropriation. That had positive feedback. We suggested this become a regular thing around 4floors. Also a workshop for SSPN. People benefited from this. Then also poster campaign.

Sula: Lola and Dan meeting today. Going over 4 floors report. Overall the main things to improve next year are communication between equity and SSPN and VP internal, but overall success.

Ska: equitable hiring – interviewing researchers. Researchers are going to look at equitable practices at McGill for hiring. A lot of talk about it right now. Obviously things already going on. More light on this is needed though.

Sula: revision of equity policy every year. We have a little working group together. We're trying to make it more coherent and concise and equitable. Taking into consideration suggestions from last year. Hopefully doing things to make it less punitive. Avoiding unilateral decisions. Restorative and transformative rather than punitive. Background project trying to finish early. A lot of consultation with student groups as well as info session and open that up to the public. Hopefully also a video series on what it means to all members of SSMU.

Ska: also been sitting on various committees. Race at McGill only one meeting but more stuff being done this year. Hopefully. Also one thing we looked at was course evaluations. We're looking at ways in which we can propose improvements.

Sula: met twice for committee on equity. Doesn't feel like traction or progress but many things going on but hopefully more this semester. Looking into diversity and sense of belonging of students on campus. Right now we just have a page on SSMU website. We want a source of info for everyone. We hope to have it live next semester. We have a mini project coming up in the winter. We are looking to give people recognition when looking at the history of McGill. The equity award outreach and that was set up this year, going to fit people in different communities to raise awareness about this award. If you know anyone who could be a good candidate for equity award, please encourage them to apply.

Sula: We're going to be collaboration with other equity commissioner for frosh. In collaboration with Dan and other SSPN members. That's all!



Councillor Benrimoh: thank you for all your hard work. I wanted to ask the revision of equity policy is a big deal, one of the issues that came up last year was that in terms of definitions and clarifications but just as a preview would you be able to tell us some of the specific definitions and clarifications to make students more clear also more usable. Hard to apply general policy to specific situations. What are some of the strategies you have lined up to make the equity policy more robust?

Sula: tangible, you mean?

Councillor Benrimoh: yes because it's important to have the freedom to apply policy generally but also that it is robust that it will be interpreted the same over years.

Sula: a number of policies we're revising.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: I was also confused by your question but to speak to major clarification – this policy needs cleaning up. We're trying to see if there is going to be a change in length of policy. A lot of substance in the policy that is explaining the purpose of items. Like in confidentiality it gives a definition of confidentiality. It shouldn't even be in there. We need to make it more action plans and less description that isn't useful. We're trying to make it more were using a lot of the unnecessary justifications. So I think that by building the equity website, we're hoping to make the policy more useful. We're trying to make a formal guide outside this policy.

Councillor Ibrahim: first off thanks for coming to council—1. Something we hear a lot about – preaching to choir – what are some strategies to engage groups?

Also as councillors what can we do to help your work?

Sula: one of the great things of being a SSMU equity coordinator. We have access to events that are really involved, there's a huge outreach there. So if anyone has anything that they want o collaboration on. We are always open to working with you all. Anytime panels or forums or such. One way we can really open up a better discussion is having something we can all talk about. There was a screening of Easy A and talked about sexual consent and assault after that.

Ska: I think one of the important things for councillors is to always bring up equity committee as an important resource. Be comfortable saying equity is something accessible for students. Encouraging groups too to get involved and in touch with us.

Sula: really important to keep in mind that equity is everyone's responsibility. Whenever anything is being discussed, you should be thinking about equity.

Councillor Lin: Thanks. This is not a question – Never completed the final edit in one of our events – I think the person who was working on that project graduated this year. Suggest that make it happen earlier instead of doing it at the end of the semester because it doesn't get done.

Sula: thank you, we'll definitely keep that in mind.

Councillor Rourke: Thank you. Presentation mentioned transformative vs punitive. Can you give an example of that? Also how does this translate to overall approach?

Sula: given a lot of controversy and how handled last year. I think main thing is focusing energy on mediation. Also collaboration and consultation with student



groups and acknowledging I don't know everything about everything. Going to be a process. But main idea is not just punishing but also working with and helping people. We are hired to educate and work with people not police them.

Ska: pretty much yes just moving beyond policy and document itself. It's more like you in councillors use equity policy and how it's important to you and your job and making campus a safer space. The more it's talked about the more students will get involved.

Sula: not everyone is responsible to teach why things are offensive, but we do have that so we're coming from that position so yes.

7) Announcements

President Ayukawa: welcome councillor Pajar. New social work rep!

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: I had told you guys that I was bringing motion about French tuition hike but it didn't go through at steering committee.

Fong: McTavish Street is no longer a problem. The top portion and a portion above Dr Penfield are still under construction. So this isn't the end but done for now.

Councillor Baraldi: last Wednesday – AUS appointed VP social.

Councillor Ibrahim: let everyone know that ECOLE launch week coming up. Grab free tea and coffee 4-7 everyday. Join us, hang out.

VP Chaim: starting Dec 8th distress yoga, therapy dogs, etc.

Councillor Benrimoh: sock drive happening in medicine. For the itinerant population in Montreal. Please let me know if you have socks.

8) Question Period

Councillor Baraldi: wondering if any reason why we didn't follow through with territorial acknowledgment motion back in September.

Speaker: I thought it was just for GAs but I forgot so I will make sure I remember that from now on.

Councillor Ibrahim: whether or not councillors are opposed to the idea given that we represent entire body of McGill, opposed to the idea closing out laptops when people are talking? Most appropriate forum.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: concern is that sometimes if we have to speak to a councillor beside us and Facebook is sometimes most effective means for that. I wouldn't want to send a text to you that I want to text my grandma. I agree.

Councillor Rourke: I often take notes on my laptop. But otherwise I'm very okay with just putting it down.

Motion to suspend the rules and move item c to item a, because gallery members for this motion. Also planned for 7 but since the guest speakers took a bit longer would that be okay by Councillor Ibrahim.

Speaker: I will hold a vote.

9) New Business

- a. Notice of Motion Regarding Updating Funding Committee By-Laws to Clarify Advance Funding Applications



Councillor Houston: motion came from me and funding committee amends bylaws to give funding committee ability to approve things in advance. Currently not against the bylaws but not in bylaws completely. It would just lay out exactly how the committee would be able to do that.

Ayukawa: wondering if there's a typo about numbering I don't see the 17th in this. Unless referring to funding bylaws.

Councillor Houston: yes, it's about finance and operations bylaw book.

Councillor Conrad: question about clause 4.4, appeal in following semester.

Wouldn't it be better to have the appeal process in the semester in which the app is made? If rejected on basis of not being at the right time wouldn't it be better to appeal next semester?

VP Bradley: motivation behind 4.4 is about specific allocation of funding can be appealed. Not 2/3 majority vote. They can appeal the decision the next semester. Makes sure the finances match their needs.

Councillor Conrad: Will they be going over it again or just allocate them?

Councillor Houston: essentially how it would work is that a group would apply during the semester but it would be a different executive. New funding committee would reevaluate. They could appeal that decision in light of new info. The funding apps approved would be fine, not automatically be appealed.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: Why on this notice of motion under office of the speaker – President du Conseil?

Councillor Rourke: If a group is applying to funds allocated in the fall, will it be complicated for winter?

Councillor Houston: that is how it would work; the funds allocated would be not dispersed from the winter funds. It would mean that there is less available for the groups. All it really changes though is that we can plan better and see it farther in advance. It would give the committee an idea of what kind of funding would happen in the next semester. A large amount is being applied for in the previous fiscal year.

b. Motion Regarding Granting Independent Student Group Status to Education Community Learning Environment Inc.

Fong: just in case people didn't see I uploaded the letter of intent and constitution and all the stats they provided. In the interest of specificity, I'll cede my time to ECOLE.

ECOLE: I'm Emily. I am one of the facilitators. Basically it means I live at ECOLE. Between Milton and Prince Arthur. A space that can be booked by all students.

We provide our own programming. We are governed by a collective and BOG. 3 main principles are that we are a community centre, we are also researchers. We aim to be a hub for sustainability community at McGill. A model for sustainability living. Hoping to become an independent student group. SSMU funded us to get us off the ground.

President Ayukawa: abstaining from vote because I was coordinator last year.

VP Bradley: also abstaining as BoD abstaining.

Councillor Ibrahim: also abstaining as BoD.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie abstained, Councillor Ibrahim and VP Bradley.



c. Motion to Actively Inform Constituents of SSMU Legislative Council

Councillor Benrimoh: amendment that is written there is friendly.

Speaker: an amendment has been added.

Ibrahim: to brahim: to deal with disengagement of students. Also talks with accountability committee many students don't know what councillors are and council is.

President Ayukawa: a lot of thoughts on this motion maybe want to speak out against needing a motion to do this. I would hope that councillors work towards it all by themselves.

Councillor Rourke: are we are supposed to encourage people to come to council?

Councillor Lin: agree with spirit of this motion, question about the scheduled meeting time. There's been misrepresentation of faculties. Some faculties who know about this later maybe it is unfair for them.

Councillor Ibrahim: Just answer: regarding if we want our members to come to this meeting. The spirit of this is to use this one opportunity to promote the council at your faculty. The only reason we didn't write all of them should come to all the meetings, if this would pass, we should have issues with too many people being here. What can be changed though for the meeting? Although it is already in our mandate, I think this motion even if it's not too comfortable, I'm fairly confident that not many people are coming.

Councillor Chin: ask what happens if councillors don't follow these mandates. Do they get referred to accountability committee, is there a method to check up on them. Do we look at the gallery and count how many students from the faculty come, how will that be evaluated?

Councillor Benrimoh: Question as part of the reason we added the amendment about logging these efforts in councillor reports, the only real power that the accountability has is to look at reports and see what's done. We have a new audit process planned for surveys about SSMU and councillors. One part of a larger picture of evaluating councillors, No obvious punishments, talk to them about it, in the future thing about doing this.

Councillor Rioux: my only issue is that the association list serv, I have no control over that. I can send what my blurb is. The VP communications can choose not to include it.

VP Chaim: movers have considered that three info sessions happen during and after elections period and transition of execs.

Councillor Ibrahim: respond to some of the question in terms of accountability I think accountability is awesome and I think same measures will be used for this like everything else we do as councillors. In terms of suggested ways of promoting. Our decision would be to make a Facebook event for each faculty. If VP communications of one faculty doesn't approve it the essence is to just try. Also to respond to Chaim we haven't considered elections period we are open to modifications of that schedule.

Councillor Conrad: I actually like this motion and I've already personally invited members of my faculty to come to council. Isn't that what faculties are for. Let's have students come to everything when that was the reason for GAs.



Councillor Rourke: What I would say about this is that telling people to come to council is not a good sell; students are just going to come to sit here and watch for 4 or 5 hours. A better sell is to say that come and talk or hear about issues that we will discuss. I think in order for this to be meaningful we need an elaboration as to why they should come.

Councillor Baraldi: I'd like to speak in favour of motion and I'd like to respond to Conrad: we have a gallery for a reason, they don't know about this and aren't aware and looking at grievances towards SSMU, come and voice anything during question period It's something we can approach creatively – issue based, circulating facts about SSMU.

Councillor El-Sharawy: I see spirit of this motion, at the same time students don't really feel connected to SSMU unless personalized to them. I would definitely try to find a personalized reason for them to come. When we had that controversial motion at GA, more people came. We need better incentive. Make them feel attached to SSMU. It's our job to make other students feel attached to SSMU.

Councillor Fullerton: my objection – point that is too binding I think we should just every councillor should have responsibility to make known that council is open to them and publicize more specifically and not just make a law to come Feb. 12th and no rational behind that if it's something that doesn't really pertain to us particularly. In terms of outreach as well I think that for example the advertisements and ads in library I got a lot of feedback from that, extended hours funded by SSMU those are the kinds of things we have that DO make a feedback.

VP Chaim: strongly against. If these sessions are to bring in people specifically, I don't see why we don't have them. I think that we'll invite them we can't fit them it's a waste of their time. I think it's a great idea to tell students what we'll be talking about at council. I can't really speak in favour of this.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: concerns with this motion I feel as though the solutions proposed here jumped the gun on what communications ad hoc could have done. This could limit the work of communications committee; it creates a situation for council.

Councillor Rourke: I'm not against the motion I am against the schedule itself, it seems arbitrarily. We get the motions 2 days before council. Having motions available earlier might help. I understand the idea I agree with it but I don't see how students sitting and watching us talk for 4 hours. I think giving them opportunity to ask questions would be good. I don't like the motion the way it is. In my first year, I came to council and it was specifically for first years come and ask questions. I don't think just blindly inviting people will help community.

Councillor Ibrahim: speak to ideas being shared. I think Rourke just touched on the one goal of this motion. We're just targeting one group at a time; you are a group we want to hear from. People have negative approach to SSMU. It won't do much harm to post in list serv. We're not asking them to stay for 4 hours, just inviting them to ask questions. I don't think it's a harmful thing to ask them to come.

Councillor Benrimoh: all I wanted to say was that in response to a lot of the questions. The point is I agree to bringing students to issues that matter to them,



which is why I added amendment there. Hopefully that will spark the interest in council. I think there's value in inviting students. Different people will have different approaches. The communications committee can help with that and how we get more people. One part of greater whole.

Councillor Dunbar Lavoie: appreciate people spoken so far. I really love spirit behind it. Speaking from personal experience. It was only once I was invited to AUS and SSMU council was when I understood that it was something I wanted to do. It's a good opportunity to show people who aren't involved that they can be involved. You don't have to be an expert; you can be here and contribute in a meaningful way. This might be stepping on communications committee toes.

Motion to amend and add – and its question period by Councillor Conrad.

Remove amendment – looks like our mandate.

Councillor Ibrahim: the first part is added.

Councillor Rourke: it's part of our mandate, shouldn't have to be part of a motion.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: concerns with final be it resolved clause – makes it unclear. If it's just a suggestion. It's inappropriate to have it in a motion.

Councillor Benrimoh: question to amender: would you withdraw your amendment if I change my amendment from should to shalls. Our mandate only tells us to report and report but not specifics about actively doing things.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: in favour of striking third resolved clause. Conflicts with motion brought to council three weeks ago.

11 for

Motion passes.

Amendment adopted.

Councillor Baraldi: just wanted to respond to concerns of community engagement committee, I don't think it's mutually exclusive, they can work together.

VP Bradley: motion to call to previous question.

Motion fails

10) Motion against police brutality and racialized law enforcement.

Councillor Ibrahim: BSN organized vigil for Ferguson file. The grand jury did not indict the police officer responsible for the death of the person in question. This motion is simply to stand in solidarity with those people.

Councillor Rourke: I'm in favour but 2nd resolved clause, what's the discussion?

Councillor Ibrahim: it's been updated online.

Councillor Sanon: I feel like we're coming back to this again. I don't know if I personally feel like SSMU should be speaking out on issues like this, we've talked about this before but I just thought I'd say that.

Councillor Shah: I agree with spirit of this motion I think 2nd and 3rd clauses are things we could do. A public condemnation of grand jury decision implies a much better knowledge of what the decision made. I don't feel like 10% of SSMU members know. I don't think that SSMU can make a public condemnation. But I do think they should take a role for students wishing to do something about this.

President Ayukawa: question for movers: speak to whether or not BSN was consulted on this motion and if they are in favour of it being passed or no.



Councillor Fullerton: same thing as Councillor Shah, first one could be better worded. Jury was much more informed than us so maybe amend the first be it resolved that condemn police brutality.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: I think many black and mixed race students would disagree that it doesn't affect students at McGill. I believe that we should be condemning racial injustice on larger scale than just this grand jury decision.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: the amendment I see is not on the screen yet, but I'd like to echo Kpeglo-Hennessy that this is something that does affect student body and not issuing a statement is not neutral. IT would make sense to extend beyond police brutality and racial injustice but stance of solidarity with people who were affected by that.

Councillor Chin: ask since this motion came up on the floor plans in the future for BSN to come give a talk so we're informed about decisions we're taking.

Councillor Baraldi: I don't know how many of you here attended vigil that was held, it was an impressive demonstration of just how relevant this is.

Councillor Weaver: I'd be happy to procure communications between BSN and movers/council. I can't speak for them but I'd be happy to mediate talks.

Councillor Sanon: comment on amendment I agree with spirit, personally coming out with saying police racialized brutality. Extremely similar to just against grand jury.

Councillor Conrad: not feeling like they have enough knowledge, and want to hear form BSN. Motion to table until next council.

Move into debate on whether or not to table.

Councillor Conrad: clarify again; I was thinking that I don't feel knowledgeable to vote on this. I thought this might be a good idea.

Councillor Ibrahim: I definitely I think it's important to consult BSN or other groups involved. No intention to do anything unless BSN approves. I think it is a very timely motion. Waiting until January would be close to doing nothing reduces effectiveness of motion. Consulting BSN to fullest.

Councillor Rourke: I feel that the events are enough to say that students would support this. I think making a statement public denouncing police brutality.

Further action does require BSN involvement, but I think that this motion would get support. Statement itself is completely in line. Also timeliness.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: support the sentiment of timeliness importance.

Additionally, in response to question that council is uncomfortable because of knowledge in amendment proposed this is actually just for police brutality that is racialized.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: I think a lot of resistance that comes from this comes from lack of knowledge of system of oppression, we have to acknowledge that there are real discrepancies in treatment of POC and Caucasians and deferring it reduces efficacy.

Fong: instead of SSMU doing something with BSN, support BSN in activities. BSN whatever they choose necessary.

Councillor Rourke: even if you don't personally feel like you are not informed, in the motion it says there was a vigil held, you do know that 900 people care about this, its cared about, I think that's important.



Motion fails.

Debate reopened on motion as a whole.

Fong's amendment is added.

President Ayukawa: re-ask whether or not BSN was consulted on this motion.

And motion to amend so that it's SSMU work with BSN to publicly condemn.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: in response to Ayukawa's amendment, speak against this amendment because of the spirit proposed by VP Fong, I think it's better for us to take a stance and state that we support anything they decided. Instead of assuming that they want us to work with them.

Councillor Weaver: also support Fong's amendment.

President Ayukawa: respond to concern with my amendment the reason I'm proposing it I don't know how in SSMU would be issuing this public statement. I would be uncomfortable with people who are not POCs issuing statement.

Councillor Baraldi: we would talk to BSN beforehand before going about public statement and be in full collaboration with them.

Fong: if I'm not mistaken a rep of BSM just walked into the room.

Motion to lay on the table until after reports by VP Fong.

Seconded by Councillor Baraldi

Passed.

Motion laid on the table.

11) Reports by Councillors

a. Councillor Houston

[reads report]

Councillor Baraldi: were concerns brought to SUS or AUS representatives about formats of referendums? The yes option was put before motion and no below, which seemed to be an explicit push for people to just vote yes?

Councillor Houston: The concern was mentioned to me by one student. I didn't see it myself, and to be honest I didn't notice it. I didn't see this issue by the ballot. If I could see a photo that would be really useful. I haven't addressed that concern yet.

b. Councillor Rioux

[reads report]

Councillor Ibrahim: What are the plans of Engineering week?

Councillor Rioux: what do you specifically want to know? Generally? E-week is basically like frosh but not really in the sense that it's by department and it's a contest between departments. Initially contest of how many people, and then basically events during the day not drinking based during the day first week of classes. And events every night. Intense week. Hunger games is the theme this year.

c. Councillor Shah

[reads report]

12) Reports by Committees



a. Accountability Committee

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: wondering if the committee has produced any actual rankings or evaluations of execs and councillors?

Benrimoh: thus far just strategizing but rankings produced next semester.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: substantial review so far?

Councillor Benrimoh: not yet.

Councillor Rourke: personal reasons is no longer an adequate reason for absence, what kind of criteria then? Who judges? Might be reasons why they don't want to disclose, will they have to disclose?

Speaker: it is up to the speaker's discretion first and foremost. Make a distinction between leaving for personal reason, and just saying I am not coming for personal reasons multiple times in a row without preavis. If there's any confidentiality issue, it will never go past the speaker.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: will the accountability be extended to the committee?

Councillor Ibrahim: as far as I know, the first meeting was early November/late October, the selection happened in September, we spent the first meeting deciding who would be on the committee, I don't know why there was a two month gap, but since then we've been working on it.

VP Bradley: anyone on committee could speak to as to why this is value or substantive work?

Councillor Benrimoh: thank you for your comments; it's coming next semester with evaluations and audits. It's not an excuse but it's a fact. But seriously we have a plan and we're going to be providing significantly detailed and in depth evaluations of councillors. We didn't have a framework so we had to build one to work with. The idea is that we built this basis and now in the future they can start with this.

Councillor Ibrahim: a lot of potential, but not as effective as last year. If the organizational effort isn't put into getting it started. The one thing that stopped up from accomplishing goals was simple not meeting. Very sad to see a similar situation happened last year also. Just want to speak in favour of purpose of community.

Councillor Rourke: I definitely see importance of committee that holds council accountable. Are reports of councillors' public? And how will this be evaluated unbiased?

Councillor Benrimoh: I believe since it will be reported to council, it will be public. It works well that chairs of committee – personal reason as long as absences are excused – there's not a hierarchy of excuses.

Councillor Rioux: I remember last year's presentation, I get the feeling the committee isn't building off last year, is it because noting substantial from last year, my question is how will you ensure the longevity of what you decide this year?

Councillor Ibrahim: Yeah all of those things are very important. As far as I know that info would be passed down through chairs of committee, as long as those positions are filled they will be able to.



Councillor Benrimoh: because new process with surveys, we're going to write that down as a document to be passed down.

Councillor Chin: on the committee also sits two members at large, so not a committee that is just councillor. Talks about working with faculty associations. Public reports = gauging their own representatives performance.

b. Ad-Hoc By-Law Review Committee
[reads report]

c. Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee
[reads report]

d. Athletics Roundtable
Has not met.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: how many times they met last year?

Councillor Rioux: 0 times

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: friendly looking into past 2-3 years and if not maybe eliminating it?

VP Chaim: yes and no. I know some things they've done in the past years and there are a lot of things this committee can do, but this semesters I have not had time yet.

e. Building Committee
[reads report]

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: I noticed the mention of the dead space on the stairs platform and it sounds like a cool idea and I was wondering how you plan to consult students for that?

Fong: very preliminary idea, so leaning toward something temporary because need to know how much weight the floor can take.

President Ayukawa: Regarding space, pretty beneficial to mental health in the building.

f. External Affairs Committee
[reads report]

Ibrahim: what role does the u-political campaign coordinator play?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: do not is ton committee, which ideally what it would see this external affair to be would be more of a mobilization role. Help with coordinator those efforts. As it is it is advisory. A lot of people with opinions talking about politics. Cool but not effective.

g. Interest Group Committee
[reads report]

Motion to adopt by Rioux

Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim

Passed.

Adopted.



h. Operations Management Committee
[reads report]

i. Service Review Committee
[reads report]

j. SSPN Committee
[reads report]

Councillor Ibrahim: good job on all the hard work this semester and I just wanted to say thank you for the work you've done. How will Olympics be working this year?

VP Chaim: trying to do more of a rivalry with Olympics basically people who we see at many events we will be recruiting to see who would be best fit to lead a team.

Councillor Conrad: consulting execs from each faculty?

VP Chaim: yes. Already have. VP socials and internals. Actually for the first purpose of reaching out. I have been doing that already.

k. Executive Committee
[reads report]

Motion to adopt report by Rioux.

Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim.

Motion passed.

Report adopted.

Motion to take form table by Fong.

Seconded by Councillor Rioux.

Passed.

Back to discussion on police brutality.

Motion to amend by Fong.

Lubendo: overall thoughts, we like the motion. We weren't consulted beforehand.

Our amendment is concerning first be it resolved. We added more genders and ages. It does seem vague; it's more like we want to take a stance with this. We like it.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: quickly want to congratulate councillors on bringing political motion to the table.

Bedar: we were talking about brutality of police against racialized, and now we talk about black. It's not in my knowledge if we have brutality of other races or does it specifically have to be black?

Councillor Fullerton: in the spirit of what I was proposing before it might be interesting to not specifically refer to the lack of indictment which is the act done by police. Just to take away lack of indictments. Maybe just response to deaths of... And I think it's important to just be against the brutality in itself.

Lubendo: not friendly. To condemn the legal system. We didn't want to put in the clause that it wouldn't condemn the entire system.

Councillor Fullerton: Okay then I keep my amendment.

Discussion of the amendment.



Bedar: I just want to clarify, I think it's a good thing that we address the whole black phenomenon, I want to address the racial not just the black. It doesn't end just the black. If we can add that somehow it also condemns other races.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: we're speaking to the amendment right now. I would speak against this amendment. I think there's a reason why this motion as brought forward today not earlier because of the lack of indictment it would remove fundamental aspect of this motion. Not just condemnation of brutality but also legal system's role in resolving to brutality.

Councillor Kpeglo-Hennessy: agree with Stewart – legal system = not unquestionable and I think questioning it is very important in society.

Amendment fails.

Motion passes.

Councillor Fullerton abstains and Councillor Sanon.

13) Reports by Executives

a. VP University Affairs

Councillor Rourke: Is there an in between option for security that would reduce cost?

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: no. He needs to be there whenever the door is open. It would still be really expensive even limited. We could talk to him but it might be strange to have the doors open. Whether it's appropriate for us to be paying a security guard.

Councillor Ibrahim: thanks for report. Update about indigenous education coordinator.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: brief check in with indigenous coordinator, I was unable to go to last meeting. The student support coordinator will be talking to indigenous students about priorities. Might have to go towards more inclusive statements. McGill is okay to acknowledge very vaguely, but it's looking like we'll have to be not naming names. Research we'll be doing over next couple of months. We're not interested in necessarily a blanket homogenizing statement either. It's a bit of a challenge. University is pushing us to bring it to an agreement. More inclusive statement hopefully. Also looking into path put to it and benches because nightmare to move it.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: At Senate movers about public policy?

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: so the motion that was being brought forward was being brought forward. You can be accommodated on having a full term struck but not individual classes. We disagreed with that, it was a mental health forced between letting go of full semester or withdrawals. If we erased the Ws transcripts become dishonest because transcripts would be known as not honest. The movers of the motion could sense that there was a lot of tension so decided not to vote on it. We were really taken off by them very suddenly. So we'll be talking about that in the future and see if we can bring that back under different structure.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: as is what is status quo.

Councillor Stewart Kanigan: the same as before.

Councillor Rourke: any plans to bring it back?



Councillor Stewart Kanigan: motion at the end to be reconsidered at next senate. We need to vote to put it on agenda; I don't think it will be put on agenda. WE or WH instead of W maybe, but probably not going to come back.

b. VP Internal

[reads report]

Councillor Ibrahim: what is the forum for incoming Jan students?

VP Chaim: They do their academic but there's no social introduction. On Tuesday evening we are inviting them all to the forum were going to offer bowling and activities and all of us are invited as student leaders.

c. VP External Affairs

Fong: How important the case is with future of SSMU?

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: very very important. SSMU would be dissolved if this case went through. We wouldn't have a budget.

Councillor Ibrahim: universal student card project? Also I think bikes are great and the people who don't want them because danger but if there were lanes it could be safer.

Councillor Rioux: I thought the case he didn't have one. That's the impression I had. It was SQ in most reports last year. I thought he had a really bad case.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: Our lawyers are actually really optimistic, but the reason it died last year is because he was too busy to pursue but now he's not a student so he wants to bring it back. I can't say whether he'll win or not. Our lawyers seem to think so. If by some chance he does, we would no longer exist basically (SSMU). I don't think we should be TOO concerned. I will of course update you. The universal student card project – what would happen is that a bunch of universities are stake holders, everyone with a student card would become like a public library card, an all access thing, It will take a lot of time effort and money but the stake holders are really impressed with the project.

Bedar: the majority of people use bikes; we'll have chaos in terms of bikes. If we want to have some sort of rules then it's not compatible. If you want to walk with your bike that would be possible, but I think it would e possible to walk and just park it on campus not ride it?

d. VP Clubs and Services

e. VP Finance and Operations

f. President

Councillor Fullerton: who is the advocate for J-Board case?

President Ayukawa: I don't think it's public. I don't know his name. Dan something.

Councillor Moustaquim-Barrette: what is the new Deputy Provost like?

Councillor Ibrahim: in my experience he is a good guy and cares about students. He is very open to student feedback which is great.



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Councillor Baraldi: also he came to last AUS council and Patrick congratulated him on his retirement before it was announced.

14) Confidential Session

15) Adjournment

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