



**STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY / ASSOCIATION  
ÉTUDIANTE DE L'UNIVERSITÉ MCGILL  
Directors' Meeting**

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MINUTES of a meeting of the directors of **Students' Society of McGill University / Association Étudiante de l'Université McGill** (the "Corporation"), held at 3480 McTavish, Room Lev Bukhman, Montréal, Québec at 5 PM on 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

There were present:

Kareem Ibrahim, President  
Zachariah Houston, Vice President  
Emily Boytinck, Vice President  
Kimber Bialik, Vice President  
Chloe Rourke, Vice President  
Dushan Tripp, Director  
Sean Taylor, Director  
Kahli Douglas, Director  
Lexi Michaud, Director  
Matthew Satterthwaite, Director  
Adam Templer, Director  
Erin Sobat, Director

And also:

Ryan Hughes, General Manager

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:12 PM by the Speaker.

**QUORUM**

The Chairman declared that the directors present constituted the quorum required for the holding of the meeting and so the meeting was validly constituted.

**WAIVER OF NOTICE**

A waiver of notice, signed by all the directors of the Corporation, was produced and ordered inserted in the minute book immediately preceding the entry of the minutes of the present meeting.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the agenda as submitted.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes and documents produced during the Board of Directors' meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 at 3:30 PM.



Director Michaud: Ok, moving into the new business section, firstly let's talk about Motion: Standing Rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly.

Director Templer: I hope you got the chance to read through this. Based on the constitution, the legislative council is able to recommend motions to the board of the directors but it's up to the board of directors to approve those decisions. Based on the few things that happened following the adoption of the motion on the Council on Thursday, a lot of councillors expressed their concerns about how the GA will be ran and were confused about the time of voting on certain clauses so they wanted me to bring this back. So this motion is expressing that because of the democratic spirit of the General Assembly, would be better for the GA to adopt the standing rules as recommended by the council. Therefore we are here today to talk about this motion.

VP CS: So you are not proposing any changes to the standing rules?

Director Templer: No, I just retyped them here from the Council.

## **Motion: Standing Rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly**

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WHEREAS, per Article 6.1 of the Constitution the Board of Directors "In making any decisions or taking any actions on behalf of the Society, the Board of Directors shall consider, where applicable and appropriate, any recommendation in respect thereof provided by the Legislative Council";

WHEREAS, per Article 8.1 of the Constitution the Legislative Council is "empowered to make recommendations to the Board of Directors in respect of all actions taken by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Society";

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors must ratify any recommendations by the SSMU Legislative Council in order for them to take effect;

WHEREAS, per Article 13.2 of the Constitution "General Assemblies shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, subject to any special rules of procedure adopted by the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council voted to adopt Standing Rules for the General Assembly at the February 11, 2016 meeting of Legislative Council;

WHEREAS, many SSMU Councillors within twenty-four hours after voting concluded on the "Motion Regarding the Adoption of Standing Rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly" reported to members of the Board of Directors that they questioned the spirit of SSMU Legislative Council enacting Standing Rules for the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, it is against the democratic spirit of a General Assembly for SSMU Legislative Council to create Standing Rules that will govern the conduct of the General Assembly without discussion or approval of attendees;

WHEREAS, members of the Legislative Council were unable to come to a consensus on the appropriateness of allowing the General Assembly to table and postpone



motions and this determination on the democratic or undemocratic nature of tabling and postponement as provided for in Robert's Rules of Order is best deferred to the General Assembly itself;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors approve the Standing Rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, an item be added to the agenda for the Winter 2016 General Assembly titled "Roberts Rules and Standing Rules of the General Assembly", wherein the Speaker would present an explanation of Roberts Rules and the Standing Rules to the membership.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, during the aforementioned discussion, the Speaker explicitly inform the membership that motions to alter the Standing Rules or create additional standing rules are in order.

Moved by:

Adam Templer, Director

Matthew Satterthwaite, Director

### **Standing Rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly**

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1. A default speaking time of one (1) minute shall be enforced; speaking limits for reports shall be five (5) minutes.
2. Amendments considered 'friendly' to all movers of a motion will be automatically incorporated without requiring a vote.
3. Members who wish to address the assembly shall wait in line at one of the microphones to be recognized by the Speaker and be granted speaking rights.
4. Every 5 members speaking on a given question, the Speaker shall entertain subsidiary and privileged motions (e.g. motions to amend, call the question, recess or adjourn).
5. Before entering voting period on substantive motions, the speaker shall allow time for all members currently waiting to enter the room to be given voting cards.
6. Members addressing the assembly shall address the speaker, stay on subject and refrain from personal attacks. Courtesy shall be strongly enforced by the Speaker.
7. Motions to table or postpone indefinitely will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Approve: 7



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Abstain: 2 (President, VP External)

No:

Be it resolved that, the Board of Directors approve the Standing Rules for the Winter 2016 General Assembly.

Be it further resolved that, an item be added to the agenda for the Winter 2016 General Assembly titled "Discussion About the Standing Rules of the General Assembly", wherein the Speaker would present an explanation of the Standing Rules to the membership.

Be it further resolved that, during the aforementioned discussion, the Speaker explicitly inform the membership that motions to alter the Standing Rules or create additional standing rules are in order.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to ratify the Legislative Council Decisions from September 17th, 2015 to February 16th 2016.

## TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was terminated at 6:10 PM.

Kareem Ibrahim, Chairperson

Danielle Zhang, Recording Secretary

Jeffrey Wu