



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

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 5:40pm on the 10th day of March, 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
Matthew Satterthwaite, Director
Justin Bains, Director
Lexi Michaud, Director
Rayyan Pervez, Director
Kahli Douglas, Director
Adam Templer, Director
Erin Sobat, Director
Joshua Chin, Director

And also:

Ryan Hughes, General Manager
Benjamin Dionne, Speaker
Eileen Siow, Parliamentarian
Danielle Zhang, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm by Chairperson

CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Benjamin Dionne and Danielle Zhang as Chairperson and Secretary of the meeting, respectively.

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 adopted 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 the 25th day of February, 2016 at 5:40pm.

DISCUSSION REGARDING LAWYER'S REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

President Ibrahim: We lost quorum. I suggest we move forward as we are a decision-making body. Decisions made are non-binding.

VP Houston: What are the lawyer's recommendations for the constitutional amendments?

President Ibrahim: 6.8 we wanted to make it so that the board can remove execs. The lawyer says that only the body who elects the people have the right to remove them.

VP Boytinck: I understand where the lawyer is coming from. I feel that the threat from GA is enough to make someone resign. I don't see that being too much of an issue.

VP Bialik: I don't have concerns leaving this in. I think it would suck to have to put someone through GA.

Vote.

6 in favor

3 abstention (including Councillor Templer)

6.5

8 in favor to not follow lawyer's recommendation

1 abstention (Councillor Templer)

7.5

VP Houston: I really didn't like 7.5. They wanted to take out our reference to Robert's Rule of Order. To me it doesn't make sense to have a simple majority for all motions for the board. There are cases when we want a higher voting threshold.

6.8, 8.6, 10.6-Suggest we don't follow the lawyer's advice.

7 in favor, 2 abstention

10.2-Suggest we don't follow lawyer's advice



8 in favor, 1 abstention

10.16, 12.1-Suggest disregard

6 in favor, 3 abstention

7.6-Suggest disregard

8 in favor, 1 abstention

Councillor Sobat: Motion to delegate the approval of the rest to be decided by the executive committee

6 in favor, 3 abstention

DISCUSSION REGARDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLINE RATIFICATION

President Ibrahim: With all the complaints we received from the online ratification, all of them are made from the No side. Since there is no election CEO at the moment, the decision is on our hands for whether the GA online ratification results should be as it is or whether there should be a revote due to violation of the constitution.

VP Houston: If there was a J board saying that there should be a revote, that wouldn't really make sense. If they don't call for a revote, there's another option if they decide to strike the IR, which they can do. If they do I suggest we ratify that because I don't see us having an excuse to not do so.

Councilor Sobat: I agree with VP Houston.

President Ibrahim: I don't think we should wait for the J board. We should come to a concrete conclusion here and deal with the J board decision if it comes. From what I observed, I think people are for the idea of invalidating it and strike the IR. I think we have an obligation to our members.

Councillor Templer: I disagree with a revote because I don't think anything is going to change. Things like external organization campaigning are still going to occur.

Councillor Chin: whoever loses in the vote has a vast interest to file a complaint. If the violations are sufficient to change the outcome of the vote, invalidation would work. But I am not very much in favor of this.

VP Houston: If the J board calls for a revote I would consider change the IR. We should keep in mind we don't do that with elections. We don't do it unless we have proof that they did not attempt to prevent the campaigning. The IR wasn't enforced as strictly.



VP Bialik: Keep in mind that people just lost interest in this. If we invalidate it it's just going to bring up everything again. I really don't see why we need to do this if a J board case is not filed. I don't think it's fair to say that only one group was violating it because we have no control over external organizations.

Councillor Taylor: We can't control the media.

Councillor Templer: In terms of practicality. Do we want to leave this until the end of the semester to wait for a J board case?

General Manager: You will have to come up with a conclusion as nobody knows what to do for a GA ratification process. What is the elections CEO going to say? How are they going to respond to repeated calls from students? What is he going to say to them?

VP Bialik: Don't they just get them to appeal to the J board?

General Manager: Nobody knows publically that we are not able to enforce it. It just became apparent during this issue. It's not general public knowledge. Questions will continue to come.

Councillor Sobat: Can we get the CEO to review the article?

VP Houston: Can we get elections SSMU to have a standard response and refer them to the president?

Councillor Taylor: You were saying in favor of striking the IR. If we strike it now, would it then be needed to call for a revote?

VP Houston: There's no official way to ask the J board what they think of this.

Councillor Sobat: But the board could.

VP Bialik: it seems like a waste of the J board's time.

General Manager: what I will ask the election CEO to say is that this will be investigated accordingly. What I can say to them now is that all the information has been compiled and sent to the president. Through the president's office, the board of directors is looking into the matter.

VP Bialik: But are we going to look into it after this meeting?

President Ibrahim: Personally I'm not going against a revote.

General Manager: If this does go to the media, everything will be directed to the president as the representative of SSMU and the Board of Directors.

VP Bialik: I think we should just wait for another member and ratify the results instead of overturning it.

VP Bialik: can we re-adjourn after council?

Motion to adjourn by Councillor Templer

Motion carries.



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Meeting recalled at 8: 52pm

VP Bialik: We need to ratify the decision to not do anything

Motion carries

5 in favor, 4 abstention (including VP Boytinck)


TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was terminated at 9:12pm.

Date: 2016-03-10



Benjamin Dionne, Chairperson



Danielle Zhang, Secretary