



Legislative Council

October 18, 2018

1. Call to Order - **18:16 (6:16pm)**

2. Land Acknowledgement

Land acknowledgement is read.

3. Attendance

Proxies: Mia Trana for Councillor Karia (Arts) (left at 8:05pm) and Vincent Mousseau for Councillor Kleiner (Social Work)

Absent: Councillor Kara, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Pilote, Councillor Callaghan, Councillor Abdelhamid and VP McLaughlin

Other: Councillor Smit leaves at 8:29pm. Councillor Kara arrives at 8:09pm.

4. Approval of Minutes - **POSTPONED**

The Speaker informs the Council that there will not be an approval of minutes for this Council Session as this session has occurred a week after last session, thereby not affording the Recording Secretary the necessary amount of time to format the minutes in time for the next session. The Speaker reminds the Council that the Recording Secretary is usually given two weeks, as opposed to one, to format the minutes therefore delaying the minutes' approval.

5. Adoption of the Agenda - **ADOPTED**

The President **Motions for adding two motions to the agenda**, that being: Motion Regarding the Creation of an Anti-Violence Fee Levy and Motion Regarding Adoption of General Assembly Standing Rules. To be added to "New Business". This is seconded by Councillor Sanchez.



The Speaker informs the President that they have already been added to the agenda prior to committee session, but that this motion that was made by the President was necessary to finalize their acceptance into this agenda. The President acknowledges the remarks by the

Voting Procedure:

Voting on the **Motion to add the two motions to agenda. - PASSES Unanimously 27 - 0 - 0**

Councillor Figueiredo **Motions to adopt the amended agenda**, seconded by Councillor Sanchez. It is **APPROVED unanimously. 27 - 0 - 0**

6. Report of the Steering Committee **(3)**

The Speaker reads out the steering committee report.

7. Guest Speakers

The Speaker explains that there is no guest speakers for today.

8. Announcements **(5)**

The Speaker is pleased to announce the Council's partnership with Student Television at McGill (TVM) which will be live-streaming the Legislative Council sessions and the General Assemblies.

The Speaker also announces that the Council will not be performing voting by acclamation, thereby inferring unanimous consent, since it can exclude people who would otherwise not vote in favour for particular motions.

The Speaker explains there are time limits associated to each agenda item and that the time limits put in square brackets are suggestions, not actual time limits.

The President announced that the SSMU Fall General Assembly is happening on October 29 and that he encourages everyone to invite their constituencies and their friends.

The President also announced that congratulations are in order for VP Shapiro, as he got engaged this past weekend.



Councillor Sanchez announces that the SSMU DayCare toddlers will be trick or treating in the Arts Lounge and if anyone wants to help out by tabling during it, they should email Councillor Sanchez.

Proxy Mousseau announces that there will be a demonstration on October 31 and how they will be tabling outside the James Administration building where many groups will be present, such as the groups against fascism. There will also be free food and coffee provided.

9. Question Period (5)

There are no questions for question period.

10. Old Business [30]

a. Motion Regarding Responsible Representation 2018-10-11 [10] - FAILS

Movers: Senator Buraga, Councillor Figueiredo (Arts), Councillor Hersh (Dentistry) and Councillor Qiu (Science)

Senator Buraga asks if he can make a friendly amendment about this motion. The Speaker explains that Buraga cannot propose the amendment since it's an old business matter and that there was already debate but he can motion for an amendment in the debate section.

Debate:

Senator Buraga **Motions for the amendment that he emailed to the Speaker for the current motion, seconded by Councillor Figueiredo - PASSES Unanimously**

Senator Buraga explains how the circumstances have changed since the movers brought up this motion and that he wants to strike out the first 3 "be it resolved" clauses and 1 new "be it resolved" clause. He explains how the movers want the SSMU to condemn the xenophobic nature of the Coalition Avenir Quebec (CAQ) policies given that they were recently elected as the Quebec government.

Councillor Sanchez asks if there will be a question period for the Amendment and the Speaker explains that this is not possible since it is not allowed in Robert's Rules Rules of Procedure.

Debate on Amendment:



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Proxy Mousseau asks what the motivation for the amendment is if the SSMU VP External Facebook Page already addressed this issue. Also, they would like clarification as to who it falls on to manage these Facebook posts. Senator Buraga explains that VP Shapiro can best answer this question. VP Shapiro explains that this question should be dealt with once a formal interim position is filled for the VP External role.

Councillor Sanchez asks about the wording of the motion, explaining that it is too vague and saying that the language does not make the motion clear. Senator Buraga says that the motion should have been better worded but that this motion was drafted prior to the resignation of the VP External, and wants something that unites students instead of dividing them.

VP Shapiro says that the Council needs to recognize that the timeline is an issue because this is an ad-hoc motion and that SSMU executives should be allowed to post on their Facebook pages.

Proxy Mousseau explains that their previous question wasn't answered. They also explain that the SSMU VP External was asking for political action and sensibility of the larger student body regarding the election of the CAQ. Mousseau continues by explaining that what the Council is seeing in this motion is the advocacy for measures that the VP External Facebook page already did. They end their point by asking the Council what the point of this motion is then. Mousseau also asks who is responsible for the original SSMU VP External polarizing Facebook post being taken down.

Councillor Figueiredo says that the motion was submitted early and is being updated to reflect the "up to speed" nature of the fact that the VP External has resigned. These updates are being done via the amendments.

Senator Lametti says that the amendment doesn't work with the rest of the motion and the fact that the "whereas" clause contradicts it and that the "be it resolved" clause is too vague and that the entire motion should be more coherent as a result

Councillor Sanchez wants to add on to Senator Lametti's point by explaining that the amendment counters the rest of the motion. She says how the policies of the CAQ that are detrimental to the affected students, and by putting in a clause that says the CAQ cites no sources is not clear enough to understand how the CAQ affects McGill students. Regarding the SSMU VP External Facebook Page Post, Sanchez explains that it is difficult to understand what someone is going through, taking into account their personal views, and how the views



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of SSMU executives cannot be substantiated. Sanchez explains that the Council cannot disregard that it is a person behind the maintenance of that Executive Facebook Page.

Senator Buraga explains that he recognizes the issues with the motions and he invites councillors to amend the amendments to ensure the condemnation of the CAQ policies. Buraga also states that he realizes that Senator Lametti is right with his previously made remark.

Proxy Mousseau clarifies that the Council is solely debating on the amendment, that being to get rid of the three “be it resolved” clauses and replace it with one “be it resolved” clause that is shown currently on the google document.

Proxy Mousseau explains that the statement, proposed in the motion, has “no teeth” and that the amendment the Council is debating on puts no power to the SSMU or prevents the harm that the CAQ can do to McGill students. Mousseau explains that the Council should be naming the specific policies of the CAQ and not vaguely referencing them. They emphasize that the Council needs to show that SSMU is willing to stand up for their students and to protect students.

Councillor Scarra makes a point of order how the Councillors cannot see the proposed amendments to the motion and the reflected changes on their laptops. Scarra explains that they can only see the policies changed that are on the projector.

Senator Lametti **Motions to Lay on the table this motion (to fix technical difficulties), seconded by Proxy Mousseau - PASSES Unanimously**

- b. Motion Regarding Approval of Judicial Board Proposed Procedure Changes
2018-10-11 [15] - **APPROVED**

Movers: The President, Senator Buraga and Councillor Frenette (Engineering)

The President explains the proposed procedure changes and that he likes the current changes besides the fact that it should be gender neutral terms which the Board of Directors (BoD) missed.

Question Period:



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Senator Lametti asks what is the reason this motion has been delayed since April 2018. The President replies by saying that the previous SSMU President didn't move it to BoD when they said they would. The President found this lost motion recently.

Senator Buraga asks that since the procedures are ratified by the BoD and if the Council ratifies this motion right now, would that mean the Council is approving the non-use of gender neutral pronouns. The President replies with a yes but that the BoD will change this themselves if the Council ratifies this.

Senator Lametti seeks clarification about the selection of the Judicial Board (J-Board), asking if the J-Board needs to be approved by solely the BoD or the BoD and Legislative Council. Lametti also asks if this is actually needed or just a formality. The President and the Speaker explain that the J-Board needs to be approved by both bodies.

Debate:

The President explains that he wants to de-gender the motion.

The President **Motions to de-gender the motion via an amendment**, seconded by Councillor Sanchez.

Councillor Sanchez makes a point of order and asks if steering committee can treat these de-gendered motions as spelling mistakes so that amendments won't need to be done in the future. The Speaker looks favourably upon that.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on the Amendment proposed by the President - PASSES unanimously 25 - 0

Senator Lametti **Motions to strike the last two "whereas" clauses via an amendment, seconded by the President. - PASSES Unanimously**

Debate:

Senator Lametti explains that the competencies of the SSMU executives should be better so that these types of motions don't get forgotten in the future.

Voting Procedure:



Voting on the Amendment proposed by Senator Lametti - PASSES Unanimously 26 - 0

Senator Buraga **Motions to amend section 9.1, and wants to amend no more than five days after to no more than 10 days after, seconded by Councillor Hu - PASSES Unanimously**

Debate:

Councillor Scarra asks what is Buraga's reasoning for this amendment. Senator Buraga explains that ten days is better than five days so that both the respondent and the petitioner have the same amount of time to respond to submission of the document.

Senator Lametti asks why specifically ten, rather than five days. Senator Buraga says that he wants to match up the petitioner time to the respondent time, so it's fair.

VP Shapiro says that it's more equitable to have five than ten days since the petitioner takes time to submit it, whereas the respondent has limited time regardless. Senator Lametti says that no amount of time addition will change what Buraga is amending for, respondent will "never have enough time" to properly respond.

Senator Buraga explains his personal reasoning behind this motion, citing that the Faculty of Law was going through their week-long break and therefore couldn't provide any legal aide to Buraga while he was drafting this motion. As a result, he wants to ensure that no one has to go through the same personal trauma that he had to.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Senator Buraga's Amendment: - PASSES 11 - 9 - 6

Debate:

Member of the gallery explains that pages 19-21 of the motion are not properly copied. The Speaker explains that the steering committee can fix this.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 10b - APPROVED 22 - 0 - 4



Senator Lametti **Motions to take motion 10a from the table, seconded by Senator Buraga - PASSES Unanimously**

The Council is back to the debating section of the amendment proposed by Senator Buraga of Motion 10a.

Councillor Figueiredo explains that if the Councillors have a problem with the language of the motion then he proposes making an amendment now rather just delaying the motion. VP Shapiro says that Councillor Figueiredo is wrong because writing a motion “on the fly” is unfair, and that the Council should have more time to motion since we want a substantive denunciation of the CAQ’s policies.

Senator Lametti **Motions to amend the amendment, seconded by Mousseau - PASSES**

Debate for the amendment of the amendment:

Senator Lametti says that the Council should proceed with this amendment of an amendment to properly have a strategy going forward. Senator Buraga agrees.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to Call the Question On the amendment of the amendment, seconded by the President - PASSES Unanimously 26 - 0**

Voting Procedure:

Voting on the amendment of the amendment by Senator Lametti - PASSES Unanimously 26 - 0

The Council is proceeding back to debate on original amendment proposed by Senator Buraga.

Proxy Mousseau reiterates how they are frustrated that no one has answered their question that they stated earlier. The question being if the SSMU Executives approved the SSMU VP External Post. VP Shapiro says that the post was approved by the SSMU Executives and that he doesn’t want Mousseau to be frustrated.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to call the question on Senator Buraga’s Amendment, seconded by the President - PASSES 25 - 1**

Voting Procedure:



Voting on Senator Buraga's Amendment - PASSES 16 - 3 - 7

Debate on the entire motion:

Proxy Mousseau explains that the second “whereas” clause is written in bad faith and that this motion can turn the SSMU executives against each other.

Proxy Mousseau Motions to strike the “without citing sources” section via an amendment, seconded by VP Shapiro - PASSES

Debate on Amendment:

Councillor Milchberg says that if there is no text after the word “afterwards” in this specific clause then it will jeopardize this entire motion.

Councillor Sanchez explains that SSMU needs to assure that the SSMU denounces xenophobia and racism and that this amendment will do that while showing that there is no bad faith.

Councillor Figueiredo says that he doesn't like this amendment because it is “out of left field” and divides students, doesn't unite them.

Member of the Gallery, Matthew Savage, says that it is extremely unsettling that people like Councillor Figueiredo are against this amendment because when the Quebec Liberal Party (PLQ) was in power and they voted to ban the burqa, the SSMU didn't do anything. The denunciation should therefore be for policies not just pertaining against the CAQ, but all xenophobic policies in general.

Senator Buraga says that he agrees with the gallery member and that he wants to agree with Councillor Figueiredo's remark that the amendment is “something out of left field”. Buraga goes on to explain that the Council can't ignore the polarizing SSMU VP External Facebook Post, since it was “out of left field” and that the Council should do something, which leaves him to state that he will vote against this amendment. Senator Buraga reiterates that there needs to be a denunciation of the SSMU VP External's Facebook Post, since it was “radical”.

Proxy Mousseau says that what Senator Buraga and Councillor Figueiredo are trying to pass (through their motion) is counter-productive since it looks like the SSMU is denouncing it's



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previous executive and that the SSMU Legislative Council needs to support them since they left due to mental health reasons.

Councillor Sanchez, citing her non-white immigrant background, states that she can say certain things about the CAQ government and its racist policies.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to call the question, seconded by the President - PASSES 18 - 6**

Voting Procedure:

Voting to strike the specific clauses as proposed by Proxy Mousseau - **FAILS 5 - 13 - 6**

Member of the Gallery, Matthew Savage, asks the Council what is not real about the CAQ being a xenophobic political party and now governing party of Quebec.

Councillor Figueiredo says that this motion, coming from his personal background, doesn't personally like the CAQ, but that the motion is made in good faith and it represents the students.

Senator Lametti asks an open question to the Council regarding the policy creation side. He asks what is the procedure regarding motions that need quick replies to ad-hoc events that happen.

Senator Buraga explains that today and in the future, through this motion SSMU Executives will not be allowed to do things that do not reflect SSMU matters and that the motion isn't in bad faith. He states that it is in the interest of representing the McGill students fairly, he believes this motion should pass.

Councillor Scarra says we can never reflect with everyone, and we cannot figure out the problems of democracy in a Council meeting. She asks how do you qualify the mandate of the SSMU regarding protecting students, citing that you can never do anything that can protect and be in the interest of all students. There will always be an opposition.

VP Shapiro says that he agrees with Councillor Scarra and that as someone who could "go rogue" according to this motion with posting on Facebook that aren't approved by the Council there is no way to police SSMU executives. He explains that regardless of what happens VP Shapiro will use his Facebook account the way he pleases and be accountable to the decisions made by Council from there.



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Councillor Sanchez **Motions to call the question, seconded by VP Shapiro - FAILS (13 - ?)**

The Speaker explains that because there was only 13 votes in favour for the motion, regardless of what would happen with the other votes between the abstain and against votes, it would not produce a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority which is required for the question to be called. As a result, it fails.

Senator Buraga makes a point of the order that the previous statement should get stricken from the minutes since it doesn't refer to the motion. The Speaker explains that it falls on the Speaker to approve a strike from the minutes.

Councillor Sanchez asks if people can respond to a Chair's decision here and Chair explains that Councillors can motion to appeal the Chair's decision.

The President **Motions for a 2 minute recess, seconded by VP Wang, - PASSES Unanimously**

The Speaker makes the decision to strike the comment as requested by Senator Buraga's point of order.

Councillor Sanchez **Appeals this Speaker ruling, seconded by Mousseau - FAILS 4 - ?**

The Speaker informs the Council that this motion fails because there was only 4 votes for, thus not constituting the simple majority and regardless of the other votes, it would still fail.

Return to Debate:

Councillor Mousseau explains that "who cares about the SSMU VP External" post. They explain that Quebec Neo-Nazi groups, referencing La Meute, does care about these posts and uses it for political propaganda. Mousseau explains that the Council should not proceed with this motion because it denounces this VP External Facebook Post.

The President explains how he is against this motion because it polices the SSMU Executives because it will limit how the SSMU Executives will use social media. Furthermore, he explains that the Executives should be able to make the posts that they want and that this is a waste of time to debate this, and that the SSMU Executives will be accountable to the Legislative Council.



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Councillor Hersh explains that he wasn't elected to express his personal views and that he was elected to represent his constituents, but that the spirit behind the motion is to ensure that the professional accounts remain professional.

Senator Lametti explains that it is weird to call the question in debate if there is debate still to be had since it's un-democratic and that the motion is not worth passing because it censures SSMU Executives before they make posts when it should be done only after they make posts.

Councillor Hu says SSMU is supposed to represent McGill students and be accountable to McGill students. Hu goes on to explain that the Executives should be responsible to the SSMU and should only do things with the approval of the Council and encourages everyone to vote for this motion.

Councillor Sanchez says that she realizes that people aren't comfortable with the radical posts of SSMU Executives, but that's the reason the Council can regulate what they do afterwards. She then **Motions to call the question, but the Speaker says it's not in order.** Afterwards, Sanchez explains that she will be voting against this motion.

Councillor Figueiredo says that section 2.3.1 addresses Councillor Sanchez's concerns, that being that the Executive Committee can make a post in the need of the ad-hoc nature of political events like the election of the CAQ or the election of Donald Trump in 2016.

Member of the Gallery explains that the entire debate is centered around the fact that what the VP External did and that students will no longer be able to do their internships due to the CAQ. He goes on to explain that there are real people being affected by these policies and the only reason this is being brought up is because the SSMU VP External made this post, it is clearly politically motivated in their opinion.

VP Shapiro explains that SSMU Executives should be able to say what they want via Facebook posts and **Motions to strike all the "whereas" clauses and Appendix A and B, seconded by Buraga. - PASSES Unanimously**

Debate on the Amendment by VP Shapiro:

The President motions to strike Appendix A and Appendix B and the Speakers explains that this is going to be done at the steering committee, but that VP Shapiro adds this specific point into their amendment.



Proxy Mousseau explains that there is no use to this amendment and if we strike the context, then it makes it look like the Council is double downing on SSMU policy, and that this is only making things worse with no context. Councillor Figueiredo extends a question where the SSMU procedures outline this already.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to lay on the table and to move this to the end of New Business, seconded by Councillor Frenette - FAILS 2 - 24**

Return to Debate:

Senator Buraga explains that he seconded this motion because if the only roadblock is the whereas clauses, he is happy to do this to ensure that this motion finally passes due to the time sensitive nature and to hold the executives to account. He goes on to explain that he votes in favour of the amendment.

The President explains that he will vote in favour of the amendment and that he tried to make an executive committee meeting the day after the resignation, but couldn't due to logistical constraints.

Senator Lametti explains that the "whereas" clauses are the context of this motion and removing the whereas clauses makes the motion "dishonest".

VP Shapiro explains that he is inclined to agree with the amendment, but that he will vote against the entire motion. VP Shapiro states that the motion is heavily politicized since it says VP External and not Former VP External in the writing.

Proxy Mousseau **Motions to call the question, seconded by The President - PASSES Unanimously 26 - 0**

Voting Procedure:

Voting on VP Shapiro's amendment - PASSES - 14 - 4 - 7

Return to Debate on the "New" Main Motion:

Councillor Frenette explains that there are no "whereas" clauses now in this motion and **Motions to postpone motion to next Council session, seconded by Councillor Price**

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to call the question, seconded by Proxy Mousseau**



The Speaker clarifies with the Council that calling the question takes priority over postponing and so the Council will be voting on calling the question first.

Voting on the Motion for calling the question - PASSES 23 - 3

Voting Procedure:

Voting on the 10a Motion with the new amendments - FAILS 10 - 13 - 3

- c. Motion Regarding the Rights of Canada's Most Vulnerable Children 2018-10-11
[5] - APPROVED

Movers: The President, Councillor Figueiredo (Arts) and Councillor Qiu (Science)

The President explains that the fry society came to the SSMU and that the organization wants their cause publicized in the SSMU building and across campus since it's a good cause to be supporting vulnerable children across Canada. The President explains that they are in favour of this and thus this motion would approve that.

Seeing no questions or debate points, the Council moves into voting procedure.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 10c - APPROVED Unanimously 26 - 0 - 0

11. New Business **[70]**

- a. Motion Regarding Council Length 2018-10-18 **[10] - APPROVED**

Movers: The President, Senator Buraga and Councillor Frenette (Engineering)

The President explains that he's been on Council for 3 years now and has stayed up late to finish lengthy Council sessions and encourages that Council be adjourned at 10:00pm. The President states that it's fair to Councillors and people shouldn't have to stay up past 10:00pm for these sessions.

There are no questions asked.

Debate:

Senator Lametti explains that he understands the sentiment behind this motion and that it is reasonable, but he says that it will put pressure on students to remain silent (if they want to



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shorten Council sessions) or talk more (if the session are going below 4 hours). He explains that he will be voting against this motion.

VP Shapiro explains that there aren't best practices with no fixed time ends and it will be detrimental to students if the Council doesn't implement some type of limit. VP Shapiro explains he will be voting in favour.

Councillor Sanchez explains that not everyone has the opportunity to get home safely very late at night and therefore she looks favourably on ending these sessions at 10:00pm.

Councillor Mousseau explains that limiting the time limit of the sessions can be inequitable and be pressuring for people to perform and limiting the amount of times people can speak. They explains that they will be voting against the motion.

Senator Lametti explains that it should be on a "case-by-case" basis and that it is best in allowing Councillors to leave early if they must, in a non-discrete manner. Instead of forcing them to leave early, that can cause pressure, they should be able to leave.

Councillor Hobbs explains that people may feel pressured to pass motions and speak-up/speak-less, but that it's better to make these sessions as efficient as possible and that limiting the time will not be bad.

Councillor Hersh notes the irony in talking so much to talk about this motion, explaining that it shows that the Council needs to limit these sessions.

Councillor Sanchez explains that it is a matter of choice, and values the well-being of the student over the speaking passionately about a particular motion.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 11a - PASSES - 20 - 4 - 1

Councillor Milchberg asks the Speaker if this motion will be effective immediately, affecting future Council sessions. Although this is not a valid point, the President explains that this is a guiding framework and that it won't be an actual motion regardless until the Board of Directors ratifies it.

- b. Motion Regarding Mandating the Finance Committee to Focus on Restructuring SSMU's Fees 2018-10-18 [5] - **APPROVED**

Movers: The President, Senator Buraga and Councillor Frenette (Engineering)

Councillor Kara walks in at 8:09pm.

The President explains the motion by reading it out.



Question:

Senator Lametti asks if the Finance Committee is functional this year as opposed to last years.

VP Wang explains that the Finance Committee would only meet in second semester in the past, but now it has been changed to also meeting in the fall semester.

Senator Lametti asks if this is the case, why haven't they met with the BoD once a semester like it says in the motion. VP Wang explains that this is due to poor professionalism.

Senator Lametti asks how can we guarantee this doesn't happen anymore. The President explains that seeing that more committees have been meeting now than in the past, this is a good sign of what to expect of the finance committee.

There are no debate points made.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 11b - PASSES Unanimously 24 - 0

- c. Motion Regarding Amendments to the Standing Rules of Council 2018-10-18 [15] - **POSTPONED**

Movers: Councillor Figueiredo (Arts), Councillor Sanchez (Arts), Councillor Karia (Arts), Senator Buraga, Councillor Flaherty (Clubs) and Councillor Hersh (Dentistry)

Councillor Figueiredo explains the motion to the Council. He thanks TVM for being here and at the time of creating this motion, he realizes that this may be out of date and realizes that this could be not passed. He is okay if this is the case, but could see the motion as a guideline to follow.

Senator Lametti **Motions to postpone indefinitely the 11c Motion, seconded by Mousseau**

Councillor Figueiredo **Motions to postpone this motion to next Council Session, seconded by Sanchez**

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Councillor Figueiredo's Motion of Postponing until Next Council Session - PASSES Unanimously 26 - 0 - 0

- d. Motion Regarding Adoption of General Assembly Standing Rules 2018-10-18 [5] - **APPROVED**



Movers: The President, Senator Buraga and Councillor Cossette (PT/OT)

The President explains that the motion is just general procedure.

There are no questions and no debate points.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 11d - PASSES - 24 - 0 - 1

- e. Motion Regarding the Creation of an Anti-Violence Fee Levy 2018-10-18 [5] - **APPROVED**

Movers: The President, VP Shapiro, Councillor Figueiredo (Arts), Councillor Frenette (Engineering), Councillor Hersh (Dentistry), Councillor Cossette (PT/OT), Councillor Price (Engineering), Councillor Yang (Education), Councillor Abdelhamid (Medicine), Councillor Qiu (Science), Councillor Lyons (Science), Councillor Callaghan (Management), Councillor Constantin (Services), Councillor Scarra (Arts)

The President explains the Judicial Board showed that there were not enough movers for this motion. At this point, he realizes that there will be questions for this and welcomes them. This is just procedural.

Question:

Councillor Scarra asks why does it say four instead of three movers. The President explains that Governmental Regulations support this motion due to legal precedent and he has the approval of the General Manager who has worked with legal teams and is fairly confident about the legal nature of this document.

VP Shapiro asks if this is the exact same motion as last Council session. The President explains that only the “Whereas” clauses are slightly different.

Debate:

Senator Buraga **Motions for an amendment of the motion that says: “Be it resolved that the Legislative Council direct the VP Finance to find the necessary funding for the GSVP to ensure its immediate employment.”, seconded by no one**

The Speaker explains that because there are no seconders, **Senator Buraga’s motion FAILS.**

The President **Motions to call the question, seconded by Councillor Scarra - PASSES 24 - 1**

Voting Procedure:



Voting on Motion 11e - **APPROVED 24 - 1 - 1**

f. Generative Discussion on VP External Position **[30]**

Movers: The President

Councillor Figueiredo **Motions for a 5 minutes Recess, seconded by The President - PASSES 24 - 2**

Councillor Smit leaves Council at 8:29pm.

The Speaker explains that the President will explain the unique nature of the 11f motion.

This is the document that is read by the President to the Legislative Council. It is pasted directly to reflect what the SSMU Executives directly wrote.

Vice President External -- Discussion Document:

The executives had multiple meetings after the resignation of the Vice-President External on how to handle the resignation aftermath. There were three immediate possibilities that came to our attention for this role:

- 1) Run a by-election concurrent with the Fall Referendum, have the Vice President External elected this semester, starting their work in January.
- 2) Do not run a by-election. Instead, create student staff positions to supplement what work would be done by the Vice President External.
- 3) Do not run a by-election, do not add student staff to assist the portfolio. Redistribute the portfolio amongst the executives.

To start, we immediately ruled out option #3. This wasn't realistic. We would need additional support to give the portfolio the attention it deserves.

Deciding between options #1 and #2 were more difficult. The value of option #1 was having a dedicated executive to work at the portfolio. However, numerous issues revolve around selecting option #1 including:

- How effective can someone be in this role, while entering it 7 months into the position?
- How will this impact team dynamics? Is it difficult to onboard someone at this phase?



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- How much-added value can this person contribute to a position that only has four months remaining in its duration?
- **This is in some sense the easiest option. Yet, we felt it would be fair neither to the person in the role nor to their portfolio in general.**

Instead, we have opted for the following plan:

- We will not be running for a by-election for the VP External role.
- We will be creating new student staff positions for the External Affairs portfolio to cover certain projects that were previously under the responsibility of the VP. As such, we'll be creating a Francophone Affairs Commissioner position (at 5 hours per week) and Sexual Violence Mobilization and Advocacy Commissioner (at 10 hours per week).
- We will be doubling the hours of certain commissioners: Indigenous Affairs Commissioner and Community Affairs Commissioner.
- We will be pairing up each position with an exec so as to ensure that they have institutional support.
- We will create 3 person mentorship advisory board composed of former VP externals (or former commissioners) to serve as resources for our commissioners. While current execs will offer institutional support and guidance, the advisory board will provide commissioners with additional, relevant strategic, experiential support and guidance.
- In order to ensure that the external portfolio projects receive proper attention and support, we have added a permanent item on our ExCom agenda devoted to knowledge sharing and brainstorming around this portfolio.
- On the same point, moving forward, we will -- as an Executive-- submit an External Affairs Portfolio Report to Council instead of folding the different areas of External Portfolio into our own reports.

Vice President External Portfolio Breakdown:

For each aspect of the portfolio, a lead executive has been established. Other executives might collaborate on aspects of the portfolio, but not the entirety. Under each portfolio header is a breakdown of what the portfolio entails.

Community Affairs -- Matt McLaughlin {Jacob Shapiro}

- Community Engagement Committee
- Trash2Treasure
- Open Door
- UTILE {Jacob Shapiro}
- Milton Parc Relations (CARE Agreement)



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Francophone Affairs -- Matt McLaughlin

- Francophone Affairs Committee
- Identify priorities on increasing francophone engagement with SSMU

Political Campaigns -- Jacob

- Divest {Tre}
- Harmful Military Technology
- Unpaid Internships
- Austerity/Accessibility on Higher Education

Indigenous Affairs -- Tre

- Event planning/education
- Renaming Campaign {Sophia, Jacob}
- Accessibility for Indigenous students

Provincial Representation -- Tre

- Observing AVEQ/UEQ in limited capacity {Jacob}
- Collaborating with projects under AVEQ/UEQ
- UCRU work

Sexual Violence -- Jacob/Sophia

- Sexual Violence Policy {Tre}
- Formal SV Committee
- Sexual Violence Mobilization researcher

The document finishes to be read by the President and the highlights are shown below.

The President explains that the SSMU Executives had many meetings after the resignation of the SSMU VP External, Marina Cupido. The Executives had many problems to deal with, such as dealing with the fact if there should be a by-election. They also contemplated if they would absorb the position themselves as whole or have a specific executives take in the position themselves. They outweighed the options and realized that it wouldn't be fair for someone to have a new position with little training. What they decided is that there will be three commissioners for each committee that the VP External previously didn't have but that they will make regardlessly. In this way, the positions under the VP External will receive more autonomy and certain commissioners will be working with specific SSMU Executives.

The President **Motions to extend his explanation by 1 minute, seconded by VP Shapiro - PASSES Unanimously**



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The President explains that there will be a three person mentorship committee to help out the commissioners and that the SSMU Executives can help out with what is going on and act in an advisory role.

The President explains how VP McLaughlin, VP Shapiro and the President will be working with specific commissioners that were previously under the VP External role, but now they will absorb.

Question Period:

Councillor Sanchez asks if the Commissioners can work more hours or have the Executives consulted them if they can/want to do so. VP Shapiro says that they will work more if they can, but if they cannot be working the extra hours then it's okay.

Councillor Scarra asks if the commissioners will be compensated. President says yes they will be.

VP Wang explains that they will re-allocate the salary of the VP External to the commissioners to have more money to work with the more hours they are allocated.

Senator Lametti asks if there is a plan going forward with the proposed outline that the President and the SSMU Executives have thought of so far. VP Shapiro explains that they are committed to all of the portfolios of the VP External, saying how they will be working with mentors, and that they will be announced once the people are hired and that along with their expanded roles, the SSMU Executives will be "point people" for all the VP External responsibilities.

Councillor Sanchez leaves at 8:43pm.

Senator Buraga asks what will be the loss with the resignation of the VP External and the External portfolios. The President explains that, naming some, most commissions will be fine and have resources allocated there. Also, he explains that the provincial representation will be lacking, since people have to physically go to the meeting on the weekends, which they cannot do with their roles already.

VP Shapiro explains that with the consultation of the former VP External and other former ones as well, they will do their best to do what they can to ensure provincial representation and whatever advice the Council can give them.

Senator Buraga asks what the SSMU Executives plan on doing to better represent marginalized communities given the election of the CAQ government. The President explains that the goal of the executive therefore will be to support the commissioners to ensure that this matter and the other matters are best handled.



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Senator Lametti asks if the Council can expect the VP External role to be abandoned altogether like the VP Building Operations was in the past. VP Shapiro says that there will be an exit report to ensure continuity, an advisory board and to have that the executive committee regularly touching base with each other to how they are handling the role.

Senator Lametti asks what is the plan with the transition for the rest of the year for the transition of the VP External role. VP Shapiro says that they will be continuing the role based on their current guidelines stated by the President at the beginning, but they are open to Council suggestions.

Senator Lametti asks who will be running the SSMU External Facebook page. VP Shapiro explains that it will be VP McLaughlin, since it makes the most sense given their similar responsibilities as VP Internal.

Senator Buraga asks how the Executives will be dealing with this extra workload with their current workload. The President explains that he will be facilitating the Indigenous Commissioner to aid him as best he can and that he can manage the provincial representation. He is managing in his opinion.

VP Shapiro explains that there are still the basic functionalities of SSMU that they want to preserve with the taking of this VP External role.

Senator Lametti asks if the removal of the VP External will remove the diversity of political ideological view that reflect SSMU opinions. VP Shapiro explains that it does limit the diversity, and it's unfortunate, but that the SSMU Executives are doing the best they can to manage this role and students can see commissioners acting more autonomously.

12. Reports by Committees (20)

a. Executive Committee (5)

The President explains the committee report. Highlights include approving plate club funding.

Question:

Senator Buraga asks about the feasibility study and what it is. The President explains that SSMU is looking for funding for this study to ensure that elderly individuals can live with underprivileged children.



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The President asks what the thoughts of VP Shapiro are on the executive report. VP Shapiro explains further elaborates on the previously stated project, going into detail of the study, which can be found in the report.

Senator Buraga asks for the President to briefly go over the Cancer society project. The President explains how the SSMU is getting involved in signing off for them, since the cancer society cannot themselves.

b. Ad-Hoc Fall Reading Break Committee (5)

Senator Buraga explains that he desires a representative from each Faculty and every other organization that sits on this Council on this ad-hoc committee. Buraga asks the Council what they are willing to give up to ensure a Fall Reading Break occurs, such as starting school early. Senator Buraga wants to show how a Fall Reading Break will affect everyone. Next semester in January/February, the final report will be ready and explains how the committee plans to lobby the McGill University administration and “if all is okay”, then there will a Fall 2019 Referendum as a goal. Senator Buraga explains that he has talked to Dean of Students Chris Buddle about this and that Buddle is “open” to the idea.

Question:

Councillor Mousseau asks what measures are being taken to avoid being “dubbed into” working with the administration and have nothing come through to the end, since they have done this in the past. The President explains that the conversation has been much more productive than in the past, he explains that there is even this issue going under a specific sub-committee under the administration.

Councillor Frenette asks what difference will a referendum make if there has been one in the past. Senator Buraga explains that there is a higher percentage of students who want a referendum than in the past, past being 70% in 2015 and now a 98% as shown in a Student Life poll.

c. Mental Health Committee (5)

VP Esterle explains the committee report, explaining how the committee handed out resources in Leacock and around campus. Also, VP Esterle showed a resource masterlist online so that people can find the support that they need.

Question Period:



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Senator Buraga asks since the McGill disorder eating program was dissolved, what does the committee plan to do about this. VP Esterle explains that the committee plans to fix this if they could but they cannot. VP Esterle explains that they are upset about this McGill policy, but they cannot do anything about this.

Councillor Frenette asks if a SSMU mental health survey will create confusion with a Quebec university mental health survey. VP Esterle explains that there won't be confusion, because the SSMU survey is personalized to McGill students, where the Quebec survey will not be.

VP Shapiro explains that the SSMU survey can be fully in control of SSMU, so that will be the difference. The President explains also that a problem is that the Quebec survey is not ready to be submitted in English and therefore a SSMU survey will be better for communication.

d. Community Engagement Committee **(5)**

The hiring of the Commissioner occurred 2 weeks ago. This is vastly delayed due to poor performance of the person in charge of hiring in the past.

13. Reports by Councillors **(33)**

a. Zach Kleiner, Social Work Representative **(3)**

Report is read by Proxy Mousseau. Mousseau highlights their school is considering a Strike General Assembly motion on the 24th of November. And that they are campaigning against unpaid internships in Quebec. They explain that the executive coordinator resigned and that they have restructured their constitution to deal with this and have co-equity commissioners.

Question:

Senator Lametti asks if Social Work is talking to other McGill Faculties about the demonstration against unpaid internships. Proxy Mousseau says no they haven't, only to other Social Work schools.

Senator Buraga asks about the Strike Vote. Proxy Mousseau explains that it is a strike vote for the Social Work General Assembly that would take place during November 19th-23rd. If this were to pass, they would picket outside classes and if the faculty did not go ahead with it, they would engage in dialogue with more important stakeholders.



The Speaker strikes a previous remark from the Minutes for not being on topic.

b. Fairhurst Lyons, Science Representative **(3)**

Councillor Lyons explains that frosh was great. The Executive Revenue Officer no longer exists, so it was replaced by VP Sustainability. Lyons explains that the SUS VP External is also vacant right now.

Questions:

Councillor Mousseau asks about the First Year Council Representative being selected instead of being elected. Councillor Lyons explains that the reason they did this because it was just a popularity contest.

Councillor Mousseau asks what is the legitimacy in this tactic. Councillor Milchberg explains that this makes sense since the election of SUS executives are done when the students have been at McGill for at least 6-7 months, whereas the First Year Representative is just there for around a month.

c. Andre Lametti, Senate Caucus Representative **(3)**

Senator Lametti reads out their report.

d. Shannon Stemper, IRC Representative **(3)**

Councillor Stemper explains that the IRC is looking towards booking their first event for mid-November and that they have a Corgi as their mascot. They have Rez Project going on.

Question:

Councillor Figueiredo asks how Rez Project can be enforced to be mandatory and have consequences in the future. Councillor Stemper explains that it's enforced via scanning McGill IDs.

e. Brooke Callaghan, Management Representative **(3) - POSTPONED**

f. Imogen Hobbs, Arts & Science Representative **(3)**

Councillor Hobbs reads out the report.



g. Andrew Figueiredo, Arts Representative **(3)**

Councillor Figueiredo reads out the report. They revised the Financial By-Laws, so that the VP Finance doesn't look over the FMC since they also deal with AUS finances.

Question:

Senator Buraga asks about class waitlist prioritization. Councillor Figueiredo responds that it is in the hands of the professors, but that the AUS Senators are fighting for the rights of students.

h. Rowan Fletcher, Athletics Representative **(3) - POSTPONED**

i. Robert Hu, First Year Council Representative **(3)**

Councillor Hu reads out the report. They explain that the First Year Council Executives have been elected.

j. Philippe Cossette, PT/OT Representative **(3)**

Councillor Cossette reads out the report. Cossette highlights how the PT/OT website is functional and finalized. Also, the PT/OT VP Academics position is still vacant.

k. Brandon Hersh, Dentistry Representative **(3)**

The report is being read out. The website is being made.

Question:

The President asks Councillor Hersh what he is excited about in the health and dental committee. Councillor Hersh explains that he is excited to fill in the cracks and ensure more dental coverage.

14. Executive Reports **(15)**

a. President **(3)**



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The President reads out the report. The President explains that the Board of Directors approved the 680 Sherbrooke Lease with McGill. The President explains that the BoD is waiting on the final confirmation in this matter. Moreover, the President explains that the Board of Directors approved bank transition from ScotiaBank to RBC.

The President has presented to EUS, SUS and other faculties about the role of SSMU.

Senator Buraga **Motions for a 30 second extension, seconded by Proxy Mousseau. - PASSES Unanimously**

Question:

Senator Buraga asks about the divestment motion. The President responds that he has low hopes that the Board of Governors will pass the divestment.

Councillor Frenette asks if the President thinks that SSMU will be able to reach quorum for the General Assembly. The President says he is hopeful, but says that it is unlikely as shown in the past with not reaching quorum.

Councillor Figueiredo asks if there will be online voting. The President says that it will not happen for this GA, but that it will hopefully happen for future GAs.

Proxy Mousseau asks how will this be taken into account for a live-streaming service and that you can edit online forms, making them problematic. Therefore, Mousseau asks what will the President do if there isn't responsible voting. The President responds by saying that he will hope for responsible voting, but cannot fix that himself. He will try his best to get online stream voting for the next General Assembly.

b. VP Finance (3)

VP Wang reads out their report. VP Wang developed the plate club budget clarified how to figure out accounting forms. VP Wang secured a new contract with Enterprise for Drivesafe. VP Wang got the official report to change bank accounts to RBC and that the negotiations with Scotiabank are going well to leave, but they are going through some rough patches with fees with Scotiabank, but that it is manageable.

Question:

Councillor Kara asks if clubs will be able to have online banking. VP Wang says yes.



Proxy Mousseau asks how to have a better professional image for SSMU by not having to hassle clubs and services for payments. VP Wang seeks clarification on this point. Proxy Mousseau explains that specifically regarding SACCOMS and other groups, the fact that workshop leaders had to provide a C.V. after a workshop, for the VP Finance to run around to pick up a check, with 2 months delay, being told continuously about lost forms and Proxy Mousseau is wondering if steps are being taken to deal with these various problems. Specifically, in regards to dealing with enforcement of contracts VP Wang responds by saying that the only way to pay a contractor is via invoices and that there should not be any C.V. situation or any running around.

c. VP University Affairs **(3)**

VP Shapiro reads the report. Highlights include checking in with Students from Care Project Assistant.

Question:

Councillor Figueiredo asks if there are positions at large in the democracy and governance committee. VP Shapiro says people are encouraged to come with their suggestions or complaints to the committee, but that there aren't members at large in it.

d. VP Internal **(3) - POSTPONED**

e. VP Student Life **(3)**

VP Esterle reads their report. Highlights include paying for the SSMU Clubs Night event held at the Athletics building. VP Esterle explains that Rez Life Study Cafe is coming.

Question:

Senator Buraga asks what AETELUQ is and VP Esterle explains it's a francophone university in Quebec (acronym).

Councillor Stempler asks what the Rez Life Study Cafe is and VP Esterle explains that it's Rez Life studies working on how to better residence life.



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16. Adjournment - **21:59**

Councillor Figueiredo **Motions to Adjourn, seconded by VP Wang - PASSES 24 - 2**

Expected duration: Approximately 3 hours

APPROVED

Durations within (standard parentheses) are mandated time limits. Those within [square brackets] are suggested based on Steering Committee recommendations.