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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, June 11th, 2018

Held in Suite 1200 of the University Center at 3600 McTavish Street in Montreal, Quebec, H3A 0G3

Attendance: Tre Mansdoerfer (President, non-voting), Noah Lew (Member at Large – via electronic means), Alexander Scheffel (Member at Large), Kevin Zhou (Council Representative – via electronic means), Matthew McLaughlin (Vice-President Internal – via electronic means), Marina Cupido (Vice-President External), Mana Moshkforoush (Council Representative), Madeleine Kausel (Member at Large), Jessica Rau (Member at Large - via electronic means).

Regrets: Ryan Hughes (General Manager, non-voting), Archana Lokesh (International Student Representative, non-voting), Vivian Campbell (Council Representative)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: **18:14;**
2. Adoption of the Agenda – **ADOPTED;**
3. Motion to approve Board of Director Minutes from 6/12/17, 10/1/17, 10/29/17, 11/26/17, 1/14/18, 2/4/18, 2/25/18 in omnibus – **TABLED;**
4. Motion to decrease Student Care Dental Coverage from \$750 to \$500 – **APPROVED;**

President gives context to the directors, SSMU has an agreement with Student Care, private health care provider. There are fee referendums for every 5 years regarding health and dental coverages. Fees were increased through the years and there was a miscommunication in the amount of reserves that SSMU actually had and the fees were never restructured in accordance to the actual reserves. It is significantly smaller than what had been communicated, meaning SSMU is slated right now to run a 300,000\$ deficit if they don't adjust the fee. Student Care was contacted for advice on how to reduce the fee in order to not have a deficit, and their answer was to reduce the coverage. The most logical thing to do is that right now and then in the fall, do another fee referendum for the following cycle. This is a one year thing that will be communicated to students in the fall. This covers basic dental coverage, mostly preventative and a little restorative. The fee will be lowered to \$117 from \$134, gets SSMU to break-even. There were 3 other potential options but this option would impact the least number of students. Director Scheffel inquires on why the number of reserves was so off in the first place. President says he isn't sure but he can guess



that it was when former VP Finance got elected in the position late last semester and misread the numbers. Some directors are concerned that students don't have a say in this and whether this motion should be put to referendum. President says that he isn't happy that this has to be done this way but financially, it has to be done.

Director asks if there is a student who needs more coverage, who belongs in that 5% who uses the full coverage, is there anything that can be done. President states that he isn't aware of any solutions regarding that right now.

Big difference between the two plans between health and dental plans is that health excludes international students while dental plans includes everyone.

Motion to vote: One - Abstain, Rest – APPROVED;

5. Motion to approve Kevin Zhou for the Nominating Committee – **APPROVED;**

Currently Director Lew and Director Kausel are on the committee and due to Director Josephine resigning, the committee needs a new member.

Director Zhou nominates himself as he states he was supposed to be on the Finance Committee with the VP Finance but then the VP Finance never actually started it. He states he is committee-less.

6. Board Vacancy;

Applications are now open until June 20th and then Nominating Committee will interview them. Director Lew states that first the Nominating Committee will select new members of their committee to help select the new Director position.

7. Alumni Board of Directors;

President had mentioned in the second to last legislative council meeting to add 2 alumni positions to the Board of Directors. Found out that it actually has to be noted in the Constitution, thus they wouldn't be official directors, and be non-voting.

Director Scheffel talks about his experience with EUS Board of Directors including Alumni members.

President states that there shouldn't be any official selection process, like nom-com. Director Zhou mentions that they should be non-voting and not present during confidential sessions. He states that their position should be for advisory purposes only, considering they aren't SSMU members. Director Scheffel states that he would actually think having them in confidential sessions would be useful as they are the most important decisions made. President asks how they want to invite those members, word of mouth possibility since they can't be selected or recruited. A Director states that inherently though word



of mouth would create some sort of bias as these alumni would hear about the opening from members of the board and thus the process wouldn't be so open and suggests that more time be thought into this. Director Kausel asks why applications cannot be sent out, and President answers that positions with applications need to be listed in the Constitution. Director Kausel states that we should wait for November in order to be able to change the Constitution in order for selection to be based on application.

Directors discuss the problem on how those alumni members would be selected and the concerns behind. Directors agree to wait on this. Some directors are worried about how much of a voice the alumni will have at board meetings, even though they are no longer present in the McGill environment.

A Director asks what again these alumni members would be able to bring to the board meetings, president states that immense value and broader understanding of what happened years ago and contexts to why certain decisions were made.

8. Board Trainings;

Three types of board trainings required so come September these will be mandatory. Trainings will be tailored specific to the roles of directors.

Motion to adopt the Standing Rule that the Current President will sit on all confidential sessions of the board and act as the chair until the end of his term - **APPROVED;**

9. Confidential session;

- o Motion to approve renovations funds - **APPROVED;**
- o Motion to mandate the President to consult with legal counsel regarding Porter Grievances discussed during the Confidential Session of 2018-06-11 Board of Directors meeting. Following legal consultation, the President will present their recommendation to the Board, which will be subject to Board ratification - **APPROVED;**

10. Adjournment: **20:10**

Tre Mansdoerfer, President