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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, July 17th, 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), Viv Campbell (Council Representative), Archana Lokesh (International Student Representative, non-voting), Jessica Rau (Member at Large - via electronic means).

Regrets: Ryan Hughes (General Manager, non-voting), Madeleine Kausel (Member at Large), Mana Moshkforoush (Council Representative).

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: **19:08;**
2. Adoption of the Agenda – **ADOPTED;**
3. **Public session;**
 - a. Motion to approve Board of Director Minutes from 5/27
One - abstain, Rest – **APPROVED;**
 - b. Motion to approve \$5000 for 911 Cellular safety software/app – **APPROVED (unanimously);**

The President explains that the SSMU Daycare has been looking for a security app to communicate emergency/non-emergency situations to parents. About 2-3 weeks ago, there was an electrical issue with McGill and at 4:30 they kicked everyone out. It was hard to communicate with parents. The President has been calling universities across the US trying to figure out what solutions they have for safety. One used by LSU, Vanderbilt and other big schools was found. Wallace (SSMU Building Director) has been looking for a solution for a while and he likes this one. This app has already been approved by the Daycare Board, but it has to be approved by the Board. SSMU is splitting the cost with the Daycare, \$5000 each.

This app could also potentially be implemented at the McGill level. The President is having a meeting



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about this later in the month. Oklahoma State has the app and it costs \$30,000-\$40,000 for the entire student body to use. SSMU will be using it for a much smaller group of people. The app could also be licensed out to other event groups in the future. For example, E-Week or Carnival could use this emergency information software, so information could be communicated to co-ords. There are a certain number of officer accounts that can be used for the price SSMU would be paying.

- c. Motion to mandate the GM to work on creating a contract with Rawlin Foods with the following considerations – **APPROVED** (unanimously);
 - 1) Tax included in advertised price.
 - 2) McGill students to staff the kiosk.
 - 3) Future presentation at the Board.
 - 4) Fixed prices in the contract.
 - 5) Work with SSMU sustainability commissioners to make sure that food is given away at end of day.

The President explains that Rawlin Foods gave a presentation to the Executive Committee. During their presentation, they communicated that they want to have a spot in the SSMU building. After discussions with them, the Executive thought the kiosk model could be used to start before a more permanent location is given to them. The President states that Rawlin Foods produce quality food, have a sustainability mission and want to employ student staff. The motion would be to ask the GM to negotiate a contract with them, but the final decision would still come to the Board. At this point, Rawlin Foods has only given a presentation, approval from the Board would allow for pursuing this. The pricing will be \$4/roll and some discounts and the founder graduated from McGill this year in the Management faculty.

- d. Motion to approve 'three nominees' as Judicial Board Justices – **TABLED**;

Motion to mandate the following: – **APPROVED** (unanimously);

- a) The Employment Equity Assistant (if unavailable, an Equity Commissioner) to be informed of the Judicial Board hiring process and to make recommendations to the Board regarding how to proceed.
- b) The President to reach out to the Chief Justice to understand the current composition of the J-Board and the urgency of appointing new justices.
- c) The VP Internal to work with the communications department on the advertisement plans for future SSMU positions.

As recommended by the Nominating Committee, 'three nominees' have been selected as Judicial Board Justices. Director Scheffel asks if it would be possible to leave one spot vacant to ensure more gender



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diversity. Directors ask for further clarification on the hiring process. Director Zhou clarifies that the posting was made in March and the Nominating Committee consists of three Directors and one member-at-large. The total number of applicants for the J-Board was 7 and included a number of women. All were interviewed or contacted for an interview, but only a few responded. In the final pool of five candidates, there was only one female applicant, who didn't respond to emails sent to them. The Nominating Committee decided they needed to move on with making a decision.

The VP External asks if there is an interview guide for the J-Board and whether HR was involved. The President answers yes to both. It is the Board's understanding that the J-Board doesn't currently have quorum and it is important to have a functioning J-Board.

In response to Director Zhou's note that the Nominating Committee needed to make a decision, Directors clarify that the Chief Justice will be away until August, so there may still be time for further nomination. As well, some of the applicants cannot start immediately, so there would be time to revisit the nomination. Director Lokesh asks about the next steps that would be taken if nomination is revisited – whether applicants who didn't respond would be re-contacted or the application will be opened to other people. The VP Finance believes that the Nominating Committee's decision should move forward, as the Nominating Committee is qualified to make this decision and it is unlikely that many applicants would apply if the application were opened for two weeks in the summer.

The VP External asks about the posting procedure – how long the application was up and how well it was advertised? The President responds that the post was made on SmartRecruiters and social media. The VP External also asks if there could be a process institutionalized for this circumstance, should it happen in the future.

The VP Internal states that an option could be to table this motion and determine the current composition of the board. In the case that ratifying two Justices would allow for quorum, then the third could be left vacant.

Director Campbell reminds the group that assuming the gender of the applicant from their name may be inaccurate.

The VP External suggests that the Equitable Hiring Assistant be consulted. The VP UA confirms that this would be possible.

4. Confidential session;

- a. Motion to allow the VP Student Life and VP UA to sit in on the confidential session –
APPROVED (unanimously);



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b. 3501 Peel

Motion to mandate the following: - **APPROVED** (unanimously);

i. Space is returned in the same condition it was rented.

ii. Hydro + Utilities are charged to the group.

iii. The GM pursues negotiations with contracts.

c. University Centre Building Updates

d. Ibrahim Statement

Motion to follow option #1 from Miller Thomson – **APPROVED** (unanimously);

5. Adjournment: **22:00**.

Tre Mansdoerfer
Tre Mansdoerfer, President