



Legislative Council

November 15th, 2018

1. Call to Order :

The Speaker calls the Council to order at 6:11 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement :

The Speaker presents the land acknowledgement.

3. Attendance :

Regrets from Councillor Briand (Environment), Councillor Pilote (Law), Councillor Jayme (Music), Councillor Constantin (Services), VP McLaughlin (Internal), and VP Shapiro (University Affairs).

Ianna Folkes, SUS VP Communications, is attending as proxy for Councillor Qiu (Science), Nour Daoud, SWSA U1 Representative, is attending as proxy for Councillor Kleiner (Social Work), and Erin Patton, NUS President, is attending as proxy for Councillor Bazylykut (Nursing).

Councillor Sanchez (Arts) arrives at 6:35 PM, Councillor Milchberg (Science) arrives at 6:42 PM, Councillor Hobbs (Arts and Science) arrives at 7:00 PM, and Councillor Flaherty (Clubs) arrives at 6:20 PM.

Councillor Stemper (IRC) departs at 7:28 PM, Councillor Price (Engineering) departs at 7:39 PM, Councillor Flaherty (Clubs) departs at 8:02 PM, VP Esterle (Student Affairs) departs at 8:12 PM, and Councillors Karia (Arts), Scarra (Arts), Sanchez (Arts), and Proxy Daoud (Social Work) depart at 8:22 PM.

4. Approval of Minutes - APPROVED :

The Speaker notes that there are two sets of Minutes up for approval tonight.



First, the minutes from the meeting on October 11th, which were postponed at the previous meeting. The Speaker asks if there are any changes or corrections to be made to these. Senator Buraga notes that on page 15, the Speaker's name is misspelled, and on page 18, the GSVP Coordinator's name is misspelled. There is no opposition to these corrections, therefore they are changed by the Parliamentarian.

There are no other changes or corrections, therefore **the minutes from October 11th are approved as changed. There are no changes or corrections to the minutes from November 1st, therefore they are also approved.**

5. Adoption of the Agenda - ADOPTED :

The Speaker notes that there is an amendment to the agenda, the addition of item 11 b, the report from the clubs committee. The Speaker looks for someone to move the agenda including the amendment. This is moved by Senator Lametti and is seconded by Senator Buraga, it is **approved unanimously and therefore the Agenda is adopted as amended.**

6. Report of the Steering Committee :

The Speaker presents the report of the Steering Committee and notes to Councillors that there will be a confidential session this evening but that it should be very short. There are no questions from the council.

7. Guest Speakers :

There are no guest speakers this evening.

8. Announcements :

Councillor Hu informs the council that the First Year Council will be having their first event on Friday, November 30th, it will be a town hall event with free food. The Councillor invites the members to inform their constituencies of the event.

Senator Lametti reports that the MSS is holding a referendum regarding affiliation with the QUI campaign and encourages representatives from other faculties with unpaid internships to look into this seriously and get it touch with the MSS if they are considering joining.



Proxy Daoud reminds the council that the Faculty of Social Work is officially on strike from November 19th to 23rd as part of this same campaign.

The Speaker announces that, while the SSMU uses the McConnell building for council, they turn the bathroom on this floor into a gender-neutral bathroom. If ever anyone finds the sign taken down or missing, the Speaker asks them to please inform either him or VP Esterle. They have had a conversation with the building management and it should be left up during council sessions.

9. Question Period :

a. Submission of Questions - President for the VP Internal :

Senator Buraga has asked VP McLaughlin what the final exact dollar amount that has been reimbursed for student's transportation from the Mac Campus event, Children of the Corn, and what measures do they plan to put in place to ensure this does not happen again. In the absence of the VP, President Mansdoerfer answers that it amounts to \$9,800 total, give or take a few dollars. In terms of measures going forward, the President mentions that the Board of Directors passed new regulations at their last meeting regarding the SSPN and how their events will be handled by SSMU from now on. This was done in consultation with members of SSPN and is about 25 regulations that will be made public later.

b. New Questions :

Senator Buraga asks the SSMU President if more details of these regulations can be provided. President Mansdoerfer replies that all future contracts will be negotiated with more input from the Operations department, there will be more permanent staff input for these events. In addition, they will ensure that certain expectations for members of emergency responder teams are upheld as well as new rules where venues, especially if far away, will have to be approved by the Executive Committee. The President ends by saying that the full rundown of these regulations will be made public soon.

10. New Business :

a. Accountability Committee Survey Distribution :

The Speaker gives context for this section: the Parliamentarian and Speaker will distribute them afterwards. Using a pen or pencil, Councillors will be asked to evaluate the Execs and



other Councillors based on several categories from 0 to 10, with 0 being the worst, and 10 being the best. The Speaker also notes that Proxies will not fill them in, as their respective Councillors will have done so beforehand. The Speaker reminds Councillors not to evaluate themselves, but notes that there is an option for not evaluating someone if the councillor does not have enough info to complete their category, and that the Surveys are available in both English and French.

The Speaker, Parliamentarian and Accountability Committee Member-at-Large Chip Smith distribute the surveys and Council Members fill them out. As the papers are collected in sealed envelopes, the Speaker explains they will be locked in the SSMU Office until the Accountability Committee meets tomorrow, at which point the raw results will be entered into a spreadsheet after which the paper forms will be immediately shredded.

b. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2018-11-15 (1) :

The SSMU President reached out to previous Elections SSMU CEO, Alexander Nehrbass, who is the current SSMU Secretary-General, for suggestions and recommendations of changes that could be made. The ideas that came back were to standardize the process and to update the IRs so that they reflect where they should be. The Speaker notes that this Motion will have a Question Period and will be debated at the Council Session on November 29th.

c. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2018-11-15 (2) :

Senator Buraga outlines the proposed changes to the IRs of Elections and Referenda, noting that specific focus will be placed on “no candidate” campaign committees. In previous years, these have been unregulated which has caused great disdain for various candidates running in the past. These changes will address these deficiencies shown in the past and expand on the existing regulations, as outline in Appendix A.

The Senator continues that these changes will sets guidelines for “no candidate” campaigns, especially how they are formed, and will increase the maximum amount of campaign expenses for elections across the board. In the past, this dollar amount was halved due to an overuse of posters throughout McGill, with the digital age, candidates and campaigns tend to reach more of student pop through online advertising and adds that this will add an incentive



for “no candidate” campaigns to play by the rules. The Speaker notes that this Motion will have a Question Period and will be debated at the Council Session on November 29th.

d. Notice of Motion Regarding Responsible Representation of Governing Bodies 2018-11-15 :

President Mansdoerfer explains that this motions will clarify the process allowing the Legislative Council to temporarily suspend any action by Executives pending review, this motion will make this relationship and power more explicit. The Speaker notes that this Motion will have a Question Period and will be debated at the Council Session on November 29th.

e. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Governance on Freedom of Information 2018-11-15 :

Senator Buraga notes that freedom of information is currently spread out among the various sections of the IRs. This motion seeks to consolidate these into one section and increase access of students and media have to the documents and work from committees or executives, thereby increasing accountability. This motion also outlines the process of how students may request this information. The Speaker notes that this Motion will have a Question Period and will be debated at the Council Session on November 29th.

11. Reports by Committees :

a. Executive Committee :

President Mansdoerfer notes that there have been two meetings of the Executive Committee since the last council and therefore reads the reports from both.

Questions :

Councillor Sanchez asks why the Legislative Council needs to approve work from home days and why this does not instead go to Human Resources. The President replies that the Legislative Council does not approve these, the Executive Committee does, the Council just approves the minutes of the latter.

Senator lametti asks if there are any other members currently serving on the external advisory board. President Mansdoerfer replies that former VP-External Connor Spencer is the



only current member, but that another is being considered who has experience in another Student Union's External portfolio.

Senator Buraga would be interested in getting a further explanation on the Letter Of Intent for entr.ca. President Mansdoerfer replies that this was done under the Internal portfolio, so VP McLaughlin would have more information, but to his knowledge, entr.ca is also used by MUS, and is an external company specializing in finding venues, which the SSMU would hope to contract to find space for Clubs to use.

Senator Lametti asks if members were to email the VP External at the present time, who will be answering these emails. President Mansdoerfer replies that there is currently an automatic response to any emails sent to that account that indicates which alternate SSMU Executive to address the question or concern to.

Senator Buraga asks if the President can explain further on the matter of discretionary funding to the Board Of Directors. VP Wang replies that the SSMU is in a gray area with regards to discretionary funding. The IRs state that student groups can allocate up to 20%. However, after taking a hard look at this with both auditors and legal counsel, it falls into a grey area as the auditors says the SSMU does allow it but the lawyers pointed out that the SSMU would need to change its letters of patent to allow discretionary funding. This is because it is problematic when a society, such as the SSMU, collects funds to distribute to a specific group or individual. This will be an issue that will need to be addressed with the legal counsel going forward.

b. Club Committee :

VP Esterle present the report of the Clubs Committee. The VP notes for more clarification or for more details about the report to contact the Club Representatives or Councillors on the Committee.

Questions :

Senator Buraga remarks that the report is ambiguous regarding what the rubric score means, and would like more details on how the clubs were approved and/or granted status. VP Esterle answers that the full criteria are available online, there are 5 of them in total, and clubs are graded based on those things. The VP notes that for any questions on a specific club



that they can check the minutes, but that this process is usually more a stamp of approval from the Legislative Committee and Board Of Directors.

Senator Buraga notes that Clubs are extensions of the SSMU as a whole. The Senator is uncomfortable voting on this without proper documentation on steps taken in this process and asks for more information about each club and their process. The Speaker points out that the minutes of Club Committee are confidential and therefore they would be more suited to being discussed during confidential session.

The Speaker notes that there is a recommendation in the report and therefore looks for a motion to accept the recommendation.

Senator Buraga **motions to Lay this recommendation on the Table until tonight's confidential session. This is seconded by Senator Lametti.**

Councillor Price asks if a motion to adopt the recommendation supersedes this motion. The Speaker replies that it does not.

Voting on the motion results in **4 votes for, and 22 against. Therefore the motion to lay this on the table FAILS.**

Councillor Price **motions to adopt the recommendations in the report, this is seconded by Councillor Karia.** Voting on the motion results in **22 votes for, 2 against, and 2 abstaining - therefore this motion PASSES** and the recommendations will be referred to the Board Of Directors.

c. Equity Committee - POSTPONED :

There is no report for this Committee.

President Mansdoerfer **motions to postpone** this report to the Legislative Council meeting on **November 29th. This is seconded by Senator Lametti, and there is no opposition so it is POSTPONED.**

d. Students' Society Programming Network - POSTPONED :

There is no report for this Committee.



Senator Lametti **motions to postpone this report to November 29th. This is seconded by Councillor Karia**, but **there is opposition** by Senator Buraga. The Speaker confirms that the Senator understands this would mean it will be an immediate verbal report rather than a written one. Senator Buraga confirms that he understands.

Voting on this motion results in **23 votes for, and 3 against, therefore it is POSTPONED.**

e. Francophone Affairs Committee - POSTPONED :

There is no report for this Committee.

Senator Lametti **motions to postpone this report to November 29th. This is seconded by Councillor Scarra**. In voting, there is a **clear majority, therefore this motion passes and the report is POSTPONED.**

12. Reports by Councillors :

a. Benjam Smit (Management) :

There is a Point of Parliamentary inquiry asking if this is the report that was previously postponed. The Speaker confirms that it is.

Councillor Smit presents his report.

There are no questions.

b. Julian Jayme (Music) - POSTPONED :

Councillor Jayme sent her regrets this week. Senator Lametti **motions to postpone the report until the next session, this is seconded by Senator Buraga, there is no opposition, therefore it is POSTPONED.**

c. Garima Karia (Arts) :

Councillor Karia reads her report.

Questions :

President Mansdoerfer asks for clarification about whether the Councillor knew that the



Francophonie Commissioner has been hired recently. Councillor Karia replies that she did not know this.

d. Haoyi Qiu (Science) :

Proxy Folkes reads the report from Councillor Qiu.

Questions :

Councillor Sanchez says there were numerous complaints about accessibility and situations that arose at Hype Night including instances of violence, and there were concerns about there only being two coordinators present to handle this. The Councillor would like to know how the SUS is dealing with this and what changes are being made to ensure this will not happen again.

Proxy Folkes replies that she was at Hype as a participant, but knows there were two coordinators available in terms of the gluten free beverages table, but that other coordinators were indeed present. Proxy Folkes yields her time to Councillor Milchberg, who continues to notes that there were two coordinators at the door dealing with individuals who had misplaced bracelets, or who had a lack of understanding on how to get bracelets. The Councillor notes his confusion about claims of lack of accessibility and asks Councillor Sanchez to elaborate on that so that they may better respond to it.

Councillor Scarra notes that the new SUS VP External has been elected, and asks if this was posted on Social Media and such. Proxy Folkes replies that she is the VP Communications for the SUS and has communicated it to their constituents via listerv yesterday. The Proxy notes that this has not been posted to Facebook yet but as there was the only candidate, the result was rather expected.

Councillor Sanchez asks how will the SIC plans to change what happened in order to prevent similar situations arising in the future. Proxy Folkes replies that the events did happen, and they cannot erase it, but the Science Involvement Committee is doing their best to cross check participants with the Restriction Involvement List prior to the event and that there are coordinators checking at the door for individuals who may be on that list. When it comes to past events, it is under the VP Internal's portfolio, but the Proxy is sure that she is open to people coming to her to discuss equity issues and other matters.

The Speaker notes that this exhausts the Question Period. Councillor Sanchez **motions to extend the Question Period by 2 minutes, this is seconded by Senator Lametti and passes.**

Councillor Price asks if "Restriction Involvement List" is the official name chosen by the SUS



for their initiative as the EUS has chosen “Involvement Restriction List” for theirs and wants to be clear when communicating on this matter. Proxy Folkes replies that she believes this was a grammar issue and that the SUS is working to change this name.

Councillor Sanchez expresses confusion about the response she received earlier. When it comes to hosting events with alcohol present, if the only preventative action taken is to check a list, the Councillor would like clarification on why this is the only measure taken when there are other things that could be done other than that. Proxy Folkes replies that the VP Internal would be able to answer this better and encourages Councillor Sanchez to reach out to her for more detailed responses, but stresses that the SUS did have Red Frogs, and MSERT present at the event and that 12 sober Coordinators were present at the event, not taking part, in order to take care of safety aspect of the event.

The Speaker notes that this exhausts the Question Period. Councillor Figuerido **motions to extend the Question Period by 3 minutes, this is seconded by Senator Lametti and passes.**

Councillor Figuerido asks how the decision is made to hold a party in a church. Proxy Folkes replies that Hype night is a one night event held at Cafe Campus. The similarly named Hype Week is the one which had an event in a church.

Senator Lametti wonders if the matters being discussed are publicly available information that the councillors should be aware of or whether this a conversation between two individuals about facts known only to those parties. Proxy Folkes replies that this report was written before Hype night occurred and so cannot say if details from this event would have been added or not.

Councillor Sanchez thanks Proxy Folkes for her response, and asks how many coords have experience dealing with inclusion issues, active listening, survivor support, and other related matters as it is helpful to have these folks present and available at these events, as is done by the AUS. Proxy Folkes yields to Councillor Lyons who notes that many Coordinators were also Frosh Coordinators who go through extensive training regarding responding to disclosures and accessible event planning and so were more than adequately prepared for running this event.

e. Maxence Frenette (Engineering) :

Conseiller Frenette présente son rapport.

Questions :

Conseiller Lametti remercie le conseiller pour son rapport, et demande plus de détails sur le



changement du système de vote en considération, étant donné que le MSS pense aussi à changer leur système.

Conseiller Frenette répond que leur système précédent était très compliqué à instaurer, et que le conseil a constaté que le plateforme simply voting était plus facile à utiliser.

Conseiller Hu a une question au sujet des imprimantes 3D: est-ce que c'est un service ouvert à tous les étudiants de l'université ou seulement aux étudiants en ingénierie. Conseiller Frenette répond que les imprimantes sont ouvertes à tous au site cube.mcgilleus.ca.

f. Victoria Flaherty (Clubs) :

Councillor Flaherty reads her report.

There are no questions.

g. Bryan Buraga (Senate) :

Senator Buraga presents his report.

Senator Lametti **motions to extend the report by 2 minutes, this is seconded by President Mansdoerfer and easily approved.**

Senator Buraga continues his report.

Questions :

Senator Lametti asks for and elaboration on the involuntary leave policy for the benefit of councillors. Senator Buraga replies that this has only been discussed once and briefly at that. This is intended to be a last resort for student facing personal challenges, either in functioning academically or mental health, if they become a threat to themselves and others, and would be done in conjunction with the Dean of Students and his office.

Councillor Sanchez asks if student senators are generally against this policy, given that it would remove responsibility from the McGill Administration regarding any mental health issues or dangers students face that may have been caused by their time at McGill. Senator Buraga replies that he expressed these concerns when talking about it, but without any clear or defined policies, it is hard to know at present.

President Mansdoerfer asks if there is any rough documentation about this policy, as last year there was a rough outline of some things proposed by this council. Senator Buraga replies that there is no documentation.



Councillor Figuerido asks if any other schools current have the Global Experiential Learning Minor, and if not, where did the idea come from. Senator Buraga replies that no other schools he knows of currently have the minor, but that the idea came from Christopher Manfredi, the Provost's, office.

13. Executive Reports :

a. President :

President Mansdoerfer presents his report.

Questions :

Councillor Price asks for clarification on how the second game of laser tag mentioned by the SSMU President ended. The President says some nonsense about how he got tired in the second game which several Council Members and Staff who were present scoff at. President Mansdoerfer also notes that there are things in the report he did not get time to mention that warrant discussion and invites members to ask him to elaborate on these.

Councillor Figuerido asks for elaboration on aspects of the report the President was unable to touch on. President Mansdoerfer mentions the Involvement Restriction Initiatives and the upcoming meeting between the big four faculties to finalize the process before beginning their implementation of these policies. The President also notes that 680 Sherbrooke will make a huge difference for Clubs and Services, as there are several big rooms to be booked there. The Imaginus Poster Sale could also be hosted there.

Councillor Hersch refers to the renewal of the foods and services, does the President believe that there is a chance on Earth that Tim Hortons may return to the Redpath Library basement. President Mansdoerfer does not want to say for sure, but he is trying to get Tim Hortons somewhere on campus potentially. The Fiat Lux project is an issue for attracting big brands to that Library as they do not want to rent space only temporarily.

Senator Buraga asks for more info about the President's thoughts about the General Assembly, especially given that it did not meet quorum. President Mansdoerfer replies that the current plan is to talk to the SSMU's lawyers about possibly having 2 sets of quorum, a lower one for the corporate aspects of the society and a higher one meant for referenda questions. Conclusive answers to this question should be available more towards January but the President will make the Council aware as soon as he receives them.



Proxy Folkes asks if there is there a way students can let the President know about their thoughts on the food referral on campus. President Mansdoerfer notes that he just talked to the person in charge of this referral today, they agreed that a survey might not be super helpful, but emphasizes that he will try and communicate with students and get their thoughts on it before any decisions are taken.

b. VP Finance :

VP Wang presents his report.

Questions:

Senator Buraga notes that at the previous council, in the Executive report, it refers to the VP having purchased GICs for the society, and the Senator would like an elaboration on this. VP Wang replies that the GICs are certificates of deposit of guaranteed investments. This is essentially done to safeguard money, rather than having \$1.8M in a savings account, and in order to ensure there is a stable cash flow when needed. This was divided into several categories, cashable and non-cashable, the latter are for non-anticipated funds within a months' span.

Councillor Kara remarks having received complaints regarding the inefficiency of the Financial workshop, especially the sign in at the beginning. The Councillor asks if there if is a way to move this online in the future to prevent wait times. VP Wang affirms that he also hated this process, but it is a point of accountability to see that everyone wrote down their names, online forms are unfortunately not as accountable, so this was a matter of protocol.

c. VP University Affairs :

The SSMU President reads the report from VP Shapiro. The President notes that he will try to answer any Questions as best he can but encourages council members to contact VP Shapiro by email for more details.

There are no questions.

d. VP Internal - POSTPONED :



There is no report from VP McLaughlin.

VP Wang **motions to postpone this report until the next Council Session, this is seconded by Councillor Sanchez**, but **there is opposition** from Senator Buraga so the motion goes to a vote. With **22 for, and 2 opposed, this Passes and so is POSTPONED.**

e. VP Student Life :

VP Esterle presents her report.

Questions :

Councillor Sanchez refers to the events to be held during finals, and asks if there will be therapy dogs present. VP Esterle replies that it will likely be with materials provided by sponsors but that she will look into it.

President Mansdoerfer asks about potential sponsorships that may happen. VP Esterle informs the council that Universal Studios want to promote Aquaman so are asking for Blue Pancakes at the event and there is a chance there may be Kombucha along with Red Bull.

Councillor Frenette asks if it would be rice Kombucha. VP Esterle says she does not know.

Senator Buraga asks if there is any progress in getting Chef-on-call onto the One card. VP Esterle does not know but yields to the SSMU President. President Mansdoerfer replies that he is not sure if that is a possibility, as food and dining have said that some groups that simply will not take the One cards, but that he will try and see if it can be done.

Councillor Sanchez asks about when different restaurants and cafes are brought into a food agreement, does this increase or decrease the amount of student buy-in for the One card. VP Esterle yields to the SSMU President. President Mansdoerfer replies that his understanding is that the two are not correlated, but is not completely sure.

Senator Buraga asks a question regarding opening classrooms, and whether would this could be on the weekends, basically would like more details. VP Esterle notes that there has been one meeting so far, so far has been told after hours is likely doable, but that weekends are less sure as some buildings close access completely. The VP notes that any finalized details will be available later on.



f. VP External Portfolio :

VP Esterle presents half of the report and then yields to President Mansdoerfer for him to present the second half.

Questions :

Councillor Sanchez mentions her confusion about the “Quebec MPs in New Brunswick” section. The President replies that this is a typo and it should say “and”.

Councillor Figuerido asks how hires for the External Advisory Board are conducted and whether the student body was consulted on them. President Mansdoerfer notes that this was brought up earlier when talking about this committee and the External Portfolio. The hiring is done as in any other SSMU committee, where people apply, are nominated by the Nominating Committee and then reviewed by Human Resources.

Councillor Milchberg asks whether the committee members for External advisory are SSMU members or rather people who are removed from it. President Mansdoerfer explains the thought process behind not re-electing a VP External, and how this will lose some of reference points this position usually brings. The idea was to bring people in who could provide this for current staff and committees under the portfolio.

Councillor Figuerido asks which executive these advisors will be accountable to. President Mansdoerfer replies that it will be split between the different Executives, especially the President, Student Life and University Affairs, as the committees and portfolio themselves have been split up between these portfolios.

Senator Buraga is curious about why there was no verbal report given by the Francophone affairs committee, even as brief as it may have been to inform the members of the situation. President Mansdoerfer guesses it is because the committee has not met yet as they were waiting for the Francophonie Commissioner to be hired.

The Speaker notes that this exhausts the Question Period. Senator Buraga **motions for a 2 minute extension to the Question Period, seconded by Senator Lametti. With 6 votes for, and a clear majority opposed, this FAILS and there is no extension.**



The Speaker notes the next item on the Agenda is the Confidential session and therefore would look favourably on a motion for a five minutes recess to allow members of the gallery and TVM to leave. Senator Lametti **motions for 5 min recess, this is seconded by Councillor Hersch, and this is APPROVED.**

14. Confidential Session :

- a. **There is confidential business this evening.**

15. Adjournment - 8:24 PM :

- a. **Adjourned during confidential session.**

Tre Mansdoerfer, SSMU President