



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 14, 2018, 11:00 AM

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

In attendance: Tre Mansdoerfer (President, non-voting), Jacob Shapiro (Vice President University Affairs), Matthew McLaughlin (Vice President Internal), Garima Karia (Legislative Councilor), Jessica Rau (Member at Large), Kyle Rubenok (Member at Large), Mu Rong Yang (Legislative Council), Jonah Levitt (Member at Large), Bryan Buraga (Legislative Council), Jun Wang (Vice President Finance), Husayn Jamal (Speaker, non-voting)

Regrets: , Andrew Figueiredo (Legislative Council), Lucille Xiang (Member at Large)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order; **11:09am**
2. Adoption of the Agenda;
3. Public Session
 - a. Legislative Council November 15 Motion/Report Approval (Action)

The President explains that Legislative Council passed the approval/rejection of clubs via a motion and now the Board of Directors (BoD) needs to pass it.

VP Shapiro explains that he would like a one sentence explanation for each club as to why it got approved/rejected for next time. The President says he can do that.

- i. VP University Affairs: request to have brief explanation with each club approval/rejection (email Club Administrative Coordinator - **ACTION**)
- ii. Motion to ratify Report of the Club Committee 2018-11-15 - **APPROVED**

Voting Procedure:



Voting on Motion 3 a) ii - **APPROVED Unanimously**

In favour: all else

Opposed: none

Abstain: Director Rau and VP Wang

b. Legislative Council November 29 Motion/Report Approval (Action)

The President explains that similarly to last motion the BoD has to approve this motion to ratify it. The President explains that this Council had a gun-control motion, funding motion and others.

Director Buraga explains that he is okay with the Motion but in line item 121 there is a problem with the funding timeline of the funding committee giving AIESEC around \$8000 for a conference. Director Buraga explains that giving AIESEC this money violates SSMU's policy of not supporting groups that promote unpaid internships.

Director Karia clarifies the issue at hand by saying that the funding committee allowed for this financial allocation because it wasn't towards the unpaid internships but it was towards a conference AIESEC was hosting in Montreal.

VP Shapiro understands the point made by Director Karia but believes there is value in Director Buraga's point and there should be greater attention towards providing this group funding for unpaid internships.

The President asks if the BoD want to set aside the AIESEC funding portion of this Legislative Council approval.

The Speaker explains that if the BoD proceed with deeming AIESEC's funding application invalid, then AIESEC will be barred from requesting funding from SSMU until they return the \$8000 that was allocated to them. It is up to the BoD to decide this because AIESEC wouldn't have to pay back the money necessarily if the BoD proceed with this option since AIESEC has ISG status.

Director Buraga acknowledges its a large amount of money so perhaps they need another look at this item and VP Shapiro agrees with Director Buraga.



- i. Motion to set aside (divide the question of) AIESEC funding at line item 121 of the Funding Timeline - **APPROVED Unanimously**

The President moves to vote on this motion not including the AIESEC portion.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 3 b) i - APPROVED Unanimously

Voting Breakdown:

In favour: all else

Opposed: none

Abstain: Director Karia and VP Wang

- ii. Motion to ratify remaining Funding Committee allocations and the four motions approved by Legislative Council on 2018-11-29, **APPROVED Unanimously**

The President asks if everyone is okay to vote. The BoD says yes.

Voting on Motion 3 b) ii - APPROVED Unanimously

Voting Breakdown:

In favour: all else

Opposed: none

Abstain: VP Wang

VP Shapiro wants to know if AIESEC's status makes them not deemable of getting funding applications. VP McLaughlin asks if the BoD should table the motion. VP Shapiro says they can just do a motion about it right now to follow his earlier comment.

- iii. Motion to ratify the AIESEC allocation from Funding Committee and refer the status of AIESEC to the Club Committee for review - **APPROVED Unanimously**



Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 3 b iii) - APPROVED Unanimously

Voting Breakdown:

In favour: all else

Opposed: none

Abstain: VP Shapiro and VP Wang

c. Legislative Council December 1 Motion Approval (Action)

VP Shapiro explains that previously this motion had always been handled by Senate Caucus but now the BoD can approve this to ensure that there is a Board-Senate Conference committee on divestment. He reaffirms that SSMU already supports Divestment

- i. Motion to ratify the Motion Regarding Support for a Board-Senate Conference Committee on Divestment 2018-12-01 - **APPROVED Unanimously**

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 1 c) i - APPROVED Unanimously

Voting Breakdown:

In favour: all else

Opposed: none

Abstain: VP Shapiro, Director Levitt and VP Wang

d. Employment Equity Report (Information)

VP Shapiro explains the report to the BoD and that it is lengthy and that he already went over it with Human Resources (HR). He explains that there is a number score associated to all SSMU representatives and staff. HR explained that the number scores are different based on the position of the SSMU member, such as the President to a BoD member. HR is committed to representing SSMU clubs but doesn't know which groups to specifically aid.



VP Shapiro explains that HR wants to aid in outreach to attract a more diverse application pool than previous SSMU jobs have in the past. For example, reaching out to Black Students Network and Aboriginal Groups on campus.

Director Rubenok clarifies that the HR goal is to ensure that there is better outreach to ensure that they reach out to more under-represented groups for SSMU positions.

Director Rau if the wage-gap is mentioned in this HR Report for how much they pay their employees. VP Shapiro explains that it is not in the scope of the report but that they have quasi-recommendations for the wage gap. HR explained to VP Shapiro that SSMU are above the Quebec standard.

e. Discussion about Charity Number (Discussion)

VP Shapiro explains that SSMU has explored getting charity status and he tried looking into it over the summer but so far SSMU has had little success. He explains that organizations with charity status have the ability to issue charity receipts and more rigorous tax laws. He explains that the positives are that with charity status SSMU get receive donations easier by not going through McGill and it opens SSMU to receiving grants for specific initiatives like mental health. The negatives include creating an autonomous SSMU organization that collects the charity donations, upfront cost associated with charity legal costs and more complicated taxes to deal with this.

VP Shapiro and the President explain that when he talked to the SSMU lawyer, there is a little amount of universities/colleges that have charity status, that being the University of Alberta and some American schools. The lawyer explained that they could get grant money from having a charity status and that it is a possibility. VP Shapiro opens the floor to questions. There are none.

VP Shapiro proposes to motion to set aside some funds to explore the possibility of getting charity status.

Director Levitt asks how would this exactly be done from SSMU's perspective from a legal standpoint given that the current financial laws in Canada are unclear on this issue. VP Shapiro explains that it can be done from the BoD and Legislative Council. VP Shapiro explains that he's doing this to try and find rooms that would be free of rent charges for students who are in need.



The Speaker clarifies that as the currently Canadian laws show, it is unclear where the financial laws are on SSMU taking this charity action.

Director Yang asks if VP Shapiro had consulted with McGill University about this. VP Shapiro explains that the Deputy Provost believes that SSMU doesn't need this charity status but that this shouldn't matter since SSMU decides SSMU matters.

- i. Motion to task the General Manager and Jacob Shapiro with liaising with the lawyer in order to explore Charity Status - **APPROVED Unanimously**

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 3 e) i - Unanimously APPROVED

Voting Breakdown:

In favour: all else
Opposed: none
Abstain: VP Wang

- ii. Motion to task the same individuals to liaise with the General Manager in order to scope out how much Charity Status would cost initially and then what the extra added yearly costs associated would be - **APPROVED Unanimously**

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 3 e) ii - Unanimously APPROVED

Voting Breakdown:

In favour: all else
Opposed: none
Abstain: VP Wang



- f. Motion to appoint the General Manager as the official representative of the SSMU with respect to the Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Quebec -

APPROVED Unanimously

The President explains that this motion is a general motion that doesn't need much explaining unless General Manager Ryan Hughes comes in to explain it, but he believes it's a simple matter. This is to ensure that Hughes is the official representative of the SSMU with respect to the Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Quebec.

Director Rubenok asks why isn't someone from SSMU accounting in-charge of this. The President explains that since there are no full-time accountants at SSMU currently, it's best to have Hughes as the representative.

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Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 3 f - Unanimously APPROVED

Voting Breakdown:

In favour: all else

Opposed: none

Abstain: Director Rau and VP Wang

4. Confidential session

5. Adjournment: **1:02PM**

Tre Mansdoerfer, President