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# Legislative Council

**November 29th, 2018**

1. Call to Order - **6:15pm**
2. Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement is read.

3. Attendance

The following Councillors are absent: Councillor Sanchez, Councillor Hersh, Councillor Abdelhamid and VP Esterle.

Alexander Yang will be sitting in as a proxy for Councillor Cosette.

The following Councillors walked in late to Council: Councillor Kara, Councillor Briand and Councillor Callaghan.

4. Approval of Minutes

Senator Buraga notes that Councillor Jayme is misgendered in the minutes. Senator Buraga motions to add that the Recording Secretary and Senator Buraga won the second game of Lazer Quest. The President wants the record to show that he won the first game with the scorecard.

Councillor Price motions a point of personal privilege to ensure that the room doesn't get too hot.

Councillor Sanchez arrives at 6:20pm.

5. Adoption of the Agenda



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The Speaker explains that the amendments, such as cancelling the Royal Bank of Canada guest speaker, among others, are reflected in the agenda.

**VP McLaughlin Motions to amend the agenda to reflect the chair's changes, seconded by Councillor Karia - PASSES Unanimously 30 - 0**

**Councillor Milchberg Motions to move his report to after the question period, seconded by VP McLaughlin - PASSES Unanimously 30 - 0**

**Senator Lametti Motions to move all councillor reports to after question period, seconded by Councillor Karia - PASSES**

The Speaker notes that the appearance of an overwhelming majority has made this motion pass at the Speaker's discretion.

**VP Wang Motions to move the VP Finance report to after the Councillors' reports, seconded by VP McLaughlin - PASSES Unanimously 29 - 0**

**Senator Buraga Motions to adopt the agenda with the added amendments, seconded by VP McLaughlin - ADOPTED Unanimously 29 - 0**

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

The Speaker explains the steering committee report to the Council.

#### Question Period:

Councillor Sanchez asks about if misgendering is now under spelling mistakes. The Speaker says that it is.

#### 7. Guest Speakers (40)

##### a. Indigenous Affairs Commissioner (Committee Report) (10)

Commissioner Tomas Jirousek gives the committee report. Jirousek explains that the committee represents many indigenous groups on campus. The mandate of the committee



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is to help with community engagement and to ensure that the voices of indigenous students are heard. It acts as a networking opportunity for students without harming them, among other highlights. Jirousek explains the Indigenous Students Alliance and how they are trying to indigenize certain groups and faculties on campus. Jirousek explains the First Peoples House and how it is a “home away from home.” Jirousek explains that there is an indigenous education program to explain and educate people who do harmful things to indigenous students. Another example is a mentorship program within the indigenous community at McGill.

Jirousek explains that the main focus was the “Change the Name” Campaign about changing the Men’s Varsity team name from the word “redmen”. Jirousek explains that one of the next big projects is indigenating certain groups on campus, partnering with many legal, management and other indigenous groups across camps. Also, he explains how they are bringing in professors to indigenize the academic community. He elaborates by saying how there is a homeless shelter near Milton B in the Milton-Parc community, primarily made for indigenous individuals. With the help of SEDE, Jirousek wants to launch a program to give students an idea of how it is like to be an indigenous student in this context. He explains that there was also a pow-wow. He explains how the upbringing of indigenous individuals will lead to them committing petty crime such as traumatic events of the residential school system. He explains that there should be cultural sensitivity training.

Questions:

Councillor Sanchez asks if all faculties have signed off on the “Change the Name” Campaign. Jirousek explains that recently Management has signed on for it and defers to the President and VP Shapiro to answer about how many and if all faculties have signed on to the letter.

Senator Lametti jumps in on the conversation saying that the Medicine Faculty has not signed on, but it is a motion at the next Medicine meeting. VP Shapiro and the President concur.

The Speaker thanks Jirousek for his report.

### b. Equity Commissioners (Committee Report) (10)

Equity Commissioners Robin Lee & Andreann Asibey provide their report. The mandate of the Equity Committee is to deal with injustices and inequity within the campus context. They explain that each of the members are student leaders in their own right. Explaining that they



are focusing on next semester and supporting the campaigns that they feel need support. They explain that they haven't been able to meet a lot, but they offer a lot of support to various groups. Explaining that they had an equity headliner event with comedians and poets for their events. Explaining that they are mandated to host events and have "coffee hours" to ensure they can properly deal with areas of equity, such as with SEDE and BSN. Commissioner Asibey explains that they are dealing with complaints as part of their mandate and that they are happy to take on questions and to reach them at their email: [equity@ssmu.ca](mailto:equity@ssmu.ca).

The Speaker thanks them for their report.

c. Funding Commissioners (Committee Report) (10) - **Funding APPROVED**

Commissioners Eva Rent and Raj Birgi present their report. They are in charge of the funding committee. They explain that there are 7 other members on the committee and how there are some interviewed members and councillors and how the committee meets on a weekly basis. Explaining that they give status to student clubs and how they represent student groups and departmental associations get funding from them. They get applications from all ranges of funding, small or big to \$8000.

The commissioner changed the process of funding, with VP Wang, and now they have revised the process of funding so that the 14 steps of funding, to 5 steps of funding. They claim that it saved money, time and logistics. They show the master timeline where they explain that this is the break-down of the events. Birgi was on the committee last year and felt the need to apply to the commissioner position to improve efficiency. He explains that this timeline shows every step of the funding process and how it explains each fund the application was from, and how the funding committee either accepts or rejects applications. They explain that there is a funding committee vote for allocating funding, and almost all the votes go unanimous because they follow the required rules and procedures. Birgi explains that the commissioners do not vote on the committee.

Rent explains that there was a strict "no-alcohol" policy with providing funding, but now they lifted this policy if they deem that alcohol is an important part of the event, like in a case of a "wine and cheese." The wine is necessary, and also explains that it is unfair to restrict some groups, for example they used to ban food funding, but now they allow it to include more funding opportunities. They explain the detailed expenses and how they have allocated \$90,000 from the club fund, environment fund and equity fund and how they have 15



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applications every week. Rent explains that the Campus Life and club fund were the most popular and there has been only 1 application for the mental health fund. They realize they need to do a better job of advertising the funds more and that they have the power to distribute it, but that the applications need to come in.

Question Period:

Senator Buraga asks how long does the system take to process a funding application. Birgi explains that it used to take very long with SUMAC, around 3 weeks, to create an account, to apply and to receive funding. Now they have a more streamlined process that is quicker. It's around 1-2 weeks now.

Councillor Karia asks about the funding applications that don't get accepted and why that is the case. Rent answers that 11 were rejected and the 2 most common reason is because they did not get the right receipts and they can just give the funding for no reason without a receipt, not just typing in an amount. The second reason is that they do not fund for the "one person benefit rule", citing an individual who would want to book a flight to do a great cause.

Councillor Sanchez asks about how the funding committee deals with unpaid internships and if they offer funds for them, citing AISEC. Birgi explains that the committee takes into account what role this funding application would have for the McGill Community. They need to make sure that they are serving the McGill Community and they will deal with situations where McGill students are directly participating. Birgi explains how AISEC did a McGill chapter event that needed funding that would aid a lot of McGill students and following the Internal Regulations, this was allowed. Rent explains that if this was about unpaid internships going abroad, this would not be the case. Since the AISEC application was about the McGill population and the conference, not the internships, they approved it since it was allowed under the IRs.

Councillor Sanchez asks if the internal regulations can change so that the SSMU won't fund groups like AISEC which support unpaid internships that are neo-colonial. Since AISEC is against the SSMU's mandate, she tells the commissioners that they shouldn't be funding them. Birgi explains that this was not directly related to the unpaid internships but rather helping out many McGill students, hosted by the McGill chapter, that would be of great value and prestige to McGill. He explains that this was done to follow the process.

Councillor Buraga asks a question but it's out of order according to the Speaker.



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Councillor Sanchez asks why AISEC needed \$100,000 or over for their conference at the Sheraton Hotel. The commissioners explain that they only aided a small portion of this amount and they explain how AIEC explained in their application how they will be spending their funding.

**VP McLaughlin Motions to approve the allocations, seconded by Councillor Karia.**

Debate:

Senator Buraga makes a point of parliamentary inquiry if the Legislative Council can veto any form of funding to a specific group like AISEC. The Speaker explains they cannot veto it immediately since the funding is already disappeared, but it could veto future funding. The Commissioners agree.

Voting Procedure:

Voting to approve the allocation for Appendix A - **APPROVED Unanimously 29 - 0**

d. Chip Smith, Accountability Committee (Committee Report) **(10)**

Chip Smith introduces himself and how he did an accountability report on the executives and the councillors with the accountability committee. He explains how the committee is keeping these SSMU representatives accountable. He explains that there are 4 member at large and 2 non-voting members that are the parliamentarian and speaker.

Smith explains that the committee dealt with the 2016 survey as a guideline for their current survey since there wasn't a survey last year. They dealt with office hours for executives and other factors as shown in the report. The quality of feedback shows how the individuals filling out the accountability surveys can make comments on the executives as a whole or as individuals. All the executives have seen the comments. In the future, they are looking at "re-vamping" their mandate. The results are shown to the Legislative Council.

Overall, Smith explains how the executive this year is doing better than last year and other years. He explains how the executive need to be more communicative, transparent and be clear and not gloss over important issues. Smith explains that some executives did not do their GSVP training and how some people on this Council did not like this fact.



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Smith shows the grades for accountability criteria in the report. If any Councillor wants to see the individual grades, they must specifically ask the accountability committee. The report reads that the President and VP Finance were too late with the Laster Asset Management project, they come off as condescending and that the President specifically shouldn't gloss over things. The report reads that there is a lack of engagement from VP Esterle. VP McLaughlin is criticized for not giving the SSPN report, the francophone report and other reports. There were no comments provided for VP Shapiro. Councillors were given A for fulfillment of a mandate, participation as C+ and constructiveness as B-.

Question Period:

Councillor Callaghan asks if Smith can repeat the VP Finance report since VP Wang wasn't in the room.

Councillor Scarra explains that they missed the misgendered part in the report, but the Speaker interjects and says that there is a confidential session today.

Councillor Sanchez asks about the accountability report and why information that is in private session can't be in public session.

Councillor Karia asks about how the Councillors can receive their individual grades. Smith responds that it can be given to them via email.

Senator Lametti asks what is the issue regarding the misgendering and why that should go from private to public. The Speaker summarizes Councillor Scarra's point about how it is about misgendering in the accountability report and so the Council can decide if this should go to public session instead of private session.

Councillor Bazylykut asks about the speaking French portion in the survey and why isn't that grade accounted for and if we do have it why aren't the francophones speaking also in English since many people in the Council do not speak French.

Councillor Figueiredo asks to what extent did Councillors leave individual reports blank, Smith says that 60% of councillors left something blank.



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Councillor Price asks why the grading system is a letter grade and not “good” or “bad”. Smith defers to the Speaker. The Speaker explains that the 2016 survey used a letter grade system so they did so, but that they are open to changing it and how to change it from a letter grade to be a more qualitative report instead. The Speaker explains that is why it is on the agenda, to amend this grading system so they can change it so that it is better in the future.

Councillor Karia asks if certain grades were distorted since many were left blank. In 2016, all the individual scores were released, but they found that too many people left it blank and so they wanted it as an average and not as individual grading. The Board of Directors (BoD) can mandate the Council to release individual scores.

Councillor Karia asks if you can find out how many people graded you to reflect your grade. The Speaker answers by saying that all Councillors received at least 5 grades.

Councillor Figueiredo asks how to improve this form and get their input. The Speaker says this can be done via the winter Council sessions.

**Councillor Price Motions to suspend the rules of procedure so that the executives can respond to the accountability survey comments, seconded by VP McLaughlin - PASSES Unanimously 29 - 0**

The President explains that all male executives have completed their GSVP training. The President explains that if they can improve their accessibility and their office hours accessibility.

VP McLaughlin explains that they want to work with TVM to post summaries about the Legislative Council meetings. VP McLaughlin explains that he is good to meet in person with any Councillor through an office hours system and that VP Shapiro is happy to do the same via email.

Councillor Sanchez and Councillor Bazylykut explains that the executives and VP Shapiro specifically are doing a wonderful job and are accessible to meet them.

The President explains that he will work on the criticisms that he got, such as not directly addressing a question he is asked in Council.





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VP Wang explains that the reason the financial ethics committee hasn't met is because there aren't any funds to "ethically manage" by the end of this year. He explains that the finance committee will meet more so in the Winter Semester. VP Wang explains that he knows he is a sassy person and he understands that he's reaching a mental breaking point because he's dealing with an unprecedented amount of faculties reaching out to him and clubs. VP Wang explains that he is trying his best with the bank transition and that he worked really hard to do his best to work with the accounting team to go through with this. It is an unprecedented feat that he had to accomplish. The Speaker thanks VP Wang on behalf of the entire Council for his work in handling this bank transition.

Councillor Karia **Motions for a 5 minute recess, seconded by Councillor Scarra - PASSES Unanimously 29 - 0**

VP Esterle is not present in the Council and so she cannot respond to her survey.

VP McLaughlin explains that he was overwhelmed and realized that he "messed up" and guarantees that his late submission will not happen again for the SSPN report. He explains that the issue regarding the francophone affairs commission is not his fault because he inherited this position from the resignation of the VP External and that today he hired the commissioner and they are working as we speak.

Councillor Bazylykut wants to explain that part of the blame on the SSPN report is on her as well.

The Parliamentarian explains that although VP Shapiro doesn't have comments, the Senators may have accountability comments from the Senate since the accountability committee also conducts a report of the Senate.

Councillor Sanchez asks a concern for the President from people about club funding. She explains that there isn't going to be a makeup auditing session and that the auditing session is due on December 21, explaining how people were upset that they couldn't make the makeup session. She elaborates by saying how they were only told 3 weeks in advance to make it and so they can't make the session and that this day isn't ideal since it's the day after finals.

## 8. Announcements (5)



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The Speaker explains that the Councillors can use walksafe and drivesafe to get home on the island of Montreal after tonight's Council session.

Councillor Scarra announces that Billy Kawasaki is the AUS VP Internal.

Councillor Hu explains that First Year Council (FYC) is holding its first event tomorrow from 1:30-3:30pm in the Arts Lounge and encourages students to come.

Councillor Kleiner explains that Social Work went on strike for unpaid internships last week.

Senator Lametti explains that the MSS is supporting the school of social work and they are having a GA to sign onto the change the name campaign.

VP Shapiro announces that Senate is meeting on December 5 to be discussing the new guidelines for student-professor intimate relations. If you would like to go, VP Shapiro says to contact him or a Senator. VP Shapiro says that the Senate will also be live-streamed.

The President announces that tomorrow is "Rowdy Day" hosted by PPO, a charity event where he will be dressed as Santa.

Councillor Milchberg encourages Councillors to apply to staff Science Games.

#### 9. Question Period (5)

Senator Buraga asks the President about the fight for free education that was brought up in the Fall General Assembly. The President explains that VP Shapiro and himself met with the Socialist fightback club, the movers of that motion, on how to properly support them in their fight for free education and aiding them with documentary supplies to cover the 2012 Quebec student strikes.

#### 10. Reports by Councillors (18)

##### a. Julian Jayme (Music) (3)

Councillor Jayme reads out his report. Explaining how there is a Jazz Equity Committee to deal with the inappropriate relationships between Jazz professors and students.



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Question Period:

Councillor Hu asks about the seriousness of the Jazz Professors accusations of treating students unfairly. Councillor Jayme explains that professors would give sexist comments to female students and treat them inappropriately.

Councillor Sanchez asks about the relationship with these accusation and practice room instructors and if they are included in this. Councillor Jayme says yes.

Councillor Frenette asks if Councillor Hu's question and Councillor Jayme's response should be stricken from the minutes due to the sensitivity of the issue. The Speaker says that Council is being live-streamed, so it doesn't matter in this case.

- b. Julia Briand (Environment) (3) - **POSTPONED**
- c. Caitlin Bazylykut (Nursing) (3)

Councillor Bazylykut reads out their report. She explains how there will gender-neutral bathrooms in their building and they are aiding suicide awareness. She wants more sustainable event planning.

- d. Moses Milchberg (Science) (3)

Councillor Milchberg reads out their report. Explains that Science Games is still looking for staff and how the cafe crawl event was a success.

Councillor Kara walks in at 7:54pm.

Senator Lametti asks about the personal project Councillor Milchberg has with the gym fees. Councillor Milchberg explains that \$80 is too steep for some people to access the McGill weight room and he wants something in the SUS to fund these people to ensure that students who do not have the financial means to access the gym still can.

The President asks a question, but the Speaker rules it out of order.



Senator Buraga asks what Councillor Milchberg thinks of the President's question. The Speaker asks that Senator Buraga refrain from asking those questions to speed Council along.

Councillor Callaghan asks if Senator Buraga can refrain from asking redundant questions. The Speaker rules Councillor Callaghan's point out of order as it is not a question to Councillor Milchberg.

Councillor Milchberg explains that he will answer the out of order question of the President after Council.

e. Natalie Constantin (Services) (3)

Councillor Constantin reads out their report.

11. VP Finance Report

VP Wang reads out their report. He explains that he convened with the finance committee. VP Wang explains that he created a budget template to deal with clubs.

Question Period:

Senator Buraga asks about the house and dental committee and the fees regarding this. VP Wang explains that Councillor Sanchez will answer this question. Councillor Sanchez defers the question to the President.

The President performs a popular culture dance move known as "the dab" in the middle of Councillor Sanchez's answer.

Therefore, the President dabs in the middle of Councillor Sanchez's answer.

The President explains the specifics of Senator Buraga's question and how often the committee meets, once a year and how although there is \$100,000 allocated to this, very few McGill students use this.

Councillor Milchberg, VP Wang and Councillor Jayme make points of personal privilege to leave Council. The Speaker grants these. These individuals leave at 8:15pm.



## 12. Old Business [70]

- a. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2018-11-15 (1) [10] - **POSTPONED**

### Questions:

Councillor Scarra makes a point of order about that this motion is and if it's just a notice, therefore not a motion. The Speaker explains that this is a motion because this was a notice of a motion last Council session, so now it's a motion.

Councillor Figueiredo asks about the unsolicited messages for campaigning and how this applies if you are already friends with them. The President explains that this was an issue brought up in the last SSMU executive election and that is why it's here and they differentiate this.

Senator Lametti ask about the changes and why these changes have occurred and what this reflects. The President explains the thought process of updating the IRs to reflect the current standards and that he is happy to talk about it more in-depth with Senator Lametti afterwards.

Senator Lametti explains that certain issues are too complicated and asks how to simplify this process. The President explains that there must be some restrictions on where finances can be allocated and how the CEO will distribute this.

Councillor Figueiredo asks why isn't Facebook advertising just set in stone. The President explains he is okay with the Councillor's point.

### Debate:

Senator Lametti explains that the language used in his motion that was amended from the previous motion is too vague and allows it to be subject to interpretation which he fears.

Councillor Figueiredo **Motions to amend the motion by striking the "Be it resolved" clause, "5.5 Online Advertisements", seconded by VP Shapiro**



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Senator Lametti makes a point of parliamentary inquiry asking if a postponement takes precedent over the amendment in the Rules of Procedure. The Speaker says that this depends on the type of postponement.

Senator Lametti **Motions to postpone this motion until next Legislative Council, seconded by the President - PASSES 29 - 1**

Senator Lametti explains that he wants to do this so that the amendments can be observed and debated for next Council session.

- b. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2018-11-15 (2) [20] - **APPROVED**

#### **Question Period:**

Senator Lametti asks about the quorum. Senator Buraga explains that he made it specifically 15%.

Senator Lametti asks what would happen if this motion passed and a quorum wasn't reached for the election of executives. The Speaker says he would have to reach out to Elections SSMU on this manner.

VP McLaughlin asks about what is quorum and if it is actually 15% or is this just a standard they are following. Senator Buraga says the quorum he is not sure about, but that this a good start to follow.

#### **Debate:**

Councillor Figueiredo explains that he agrees with the spirit of this motion but that this is a band-aid solution for a much larger issue. A culture change must occur. He cites how quorums and no-committees will not do enough unless there is a culture change.

Senator Buraga explains that this is the system the SSMU operates in and that the governance reform committee can deal with this, but that Councillor Figueiredo is correct with his culture change point.



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**Senator Lametti Motions to amend the motion by striking Section “1.9 Quorum:, seconded by the President**

Debate:

Senator Lametti explains that a 15% quorum is not necessary because it is not appropriate for a no vote to happen.

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on Senator Lametti’s amendment - **PASSES 15 - ?**

The Speaker explains that because this just needs a simple majority to pass, 15 people is enough for the motion to pass and does not make counting the opposition necessary and is therefore not counted.

**Councillor Pilote Motions to amend the motion to strike 4.1.1, seconded by Councillor Figueiredo**

Councillor Sanchez makes a point of order if a friendly amendment can happen. The Speaker says that under the Rules of Procedure it is not possible.

Senator Lametti explains that the SSMU should encourage regulation even if it cannot enforce regulation.

VP McLaughlin believes that while he agrees with Senator Lametti there are more issues about this that are worth debating.

Councillor Sanchez explains that there should be an announcement by Elections SSMU CRO to state that “No Candidate Campaigns” portion of this motion isn’t enforceable.

Senator Buraga explains that while this can’t be enforceable and this isn’t by the rules, at least there will be a financial incentive for the no campaigners and so he will vote against this amendment.

VP McLaughlin motions for an amendment but the Speaker rules it out of order.



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Senator Lametti makes a point of order that VP McLaughlin's amendment should be in order.

VP McLaughlin's amendment of an amendment is ruled in order by the Speaker.

VP McLaughlin's original motion is as follows:

**VP McLaughlin Motions to amend the amendment to strike everywhere where it says "No Candidate Campaign", seconded by Councillor Figueiredo.**

Debate on Amendment of Amendment:

Senator Buraga says he agrees with this point and he will vote in favour.

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on VP McLaughlin's Amendment of an Amendment - **PASSES Unanimously 24 - 0 - 3**

Debate on Amendment:

Senator Buraga explains that Councillors should vote against this amendment, claiming that even if it isn't enforceable it's a step in the right direction.

VP McLaughlin explains that the question should be moved because it is not enforceable and only some candidates, not all, will be affected by this.

**Councillor Figueiredo Motions to Move the Previous Question, seconded by VP Shapiro - PASSES 22 - 1**

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on Councillor Pilote's Amendment to strike Section 4.1.1 of the Motion - **PASSES 8 - 4 - 15**

VP McLaughlin **Motions to call the question, seconded by Councillor Price.** The Speaker rules this out of order.





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**VP McLaughlin Motions to appeal the Speaker's decision of calling the question out of order, seconded by Councillor Price.**

Senator Lametti makes a point of order saying that there should be debate on this motion according to the rules of procedure. The Speaker agrees.

Debate:

Senator Lametti explains that the decision of the speaker should stand. He believes that the appeal is undemocratic and it should stand, citing that the Councillors should resign if they do not agree.

Senator Buraga explains that he agrees with the decision of the Speaker and everyone should agree with this.

Councillor Hobbs says that people want to go home and we should debate only what is relevant to ensure that we proceed.

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on upholding the decision of the chair - **PASSES 19 - 4**

Return to debate on motion since upholding the decision was passed:

The President asks what are the Council's thoughts on doubling the expenses for the contents of this motion.

Councillor Figueiredo asks what exactly is going on with these finances.

Councillor Bazylykut asks where do these numbers exactly come from that are found in the motion.

Senator Buraga explains the standard on the finances should be upheld taking precedence from things in the past.

The President explains that having used his maxed out funds during his President Campaign he is happy to agree on the boost of funds to be used during the campaign period.



Senator Buraga explains that this funding increase is up to the discretion of the Council.

Senator Buraga explains that section 7.3 is amended to ensure that it reflects the funding differences.

**Voting Procedure:**

Councillor Sanchez makes a point of order if she can access the voting sheet through facebook since she doesn't have it through google drive.

VP McLaughlin asks if he can be given more time to do it on his phone since his laptop isn't working.

Voting on the motion with the reflected amendments - **APPROVED 15 - 4 - 8**

Councillor Sanchez **Motion to suspend the rules of procedure to move Motions 13 c and 13 d motions to be debated next in the agenda, seconded by VP Shapiro - PASSES 21 - 3**

- c. Motion Regarding Amendments to the Policy on Support for Family Care 2018-11-29 [15] - **POSTPONED**

Councillor Sanchez reads out this motion and explains how this fills in gaps that currently weren't mandated by the SSMU Executive.

**Question Period:**

Senator Lametti asks if points like "1.1.2" could be more clarified in the motion, it looks incomplete to him. Councillor Sanchez explains that this is a logistical error and the website refers to specific areas.

The President asks if Councillor Sanchez would be open to postponing this motion to fill in the gaps of the incompleteness.

Senator Buraga **Motions to postpone this motion until next Council session, seconded by Councillor Frenette**



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No debate takes place for this motion.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on the Postponement of this motion - **PASSES Unanimously 26 - 0**

- d. Motion Regarding SSMU's Position on Gun Control in Canada 2018-11-29 [5] -  
**APPROVED**

Councillor Sanchez explains that this motion is necessary right now given that the Canadian Senate is trying to ban all civilian and military handguns.

**Question Period:**

Councillor Price asks what qualifies as a military handgun weapon. Councillor Sanchez says she doesn't know the specifics but she is open to discussing it after. VP McLaughlin says the specific weapons are shown in the Appendix of the bill.

Councillor Hu asks exactly what is a "Military assault weapon". The Parliamentarian provides a definition of a military assault weapon through an online dictionary.

**Debate:**

Senator Buraga explains that the Canadian gun control laws and how it applies with the Canadian Senate bill currently ongoing in the Canadian Parliament.

Councillor Figueiredo explains that he is against this motion because guns are part of the rural way of life and safety.

Councillor Price explains that less guns is always safer in this case especially given that assault rifles have played a key role in mass-killings like in the Polytechnique shooting.

Councillor Callaghan explains that more guns like shown in the United States context leads to more deaths. It is always bad and goes against Councillor Figueiredo's point.



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Councillor Hu says the Council should not be debating on this issue because the Council cannot accurately determine what is or isn't an assault rifle and if their presence can endanger peoples; lives.

Councillor Sanchez **makes a point of order that Councillor Hu's point is out of order.** The Speaker rules Councillors Sanchez's point out of order.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to challenge the ruling of the chair, seconded by Councillor Kleiner**

Debate:

Councillor Figueiredo explains that Councillor Sanchez's point is out of order for ruling Councillor Hu's point of order.

Senator Lametti explains that the first point of order made by Councillor Sanchez isn't a point of order and that the second point of order is a legitimate point of order.

Councillor Karia explains that this discussion is moot.

Councillor Sanchez says that she thought points of order were to be done when false statements were done.

Councillor Hu references the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, citing that he has the Freedom of Speech to say what he likes, despite what this Council says.

VP Shapiro says that the Canadian Constitution doesn't apply in Legislative Council.

Councillor McLaughlin sees both sides and wants a vote to take place to settle the issue.

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on the ruling if Councillor Hu's comment is in order - **PASSES 23 - 4**

Return to Debate on Motion:



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Councillor Hu returns to his statement that was just ruled in order and says that since no one can define what a military assault rifle is, the Council shouldn't be voting on it.

Councillor Yang says they support the motion.

Proxy Yang explains that they support the motion.

Councillor Callaghan speaks in favour of this motion and supports the increased illegality of guns because many people die from gun violence.

Councillor Smit **Motions to call the question, seconded by VP McLaughlin - FAILS 17 - ?**

The Speaker explains that a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority was needed for this motion to pass and therefore with only a simple majority this motion does not pass.

Councillor Bazylykut explains that the Councillors are here to represent the constituents, not their personal opinions.

Councillor Hobbs explains that people should call the question since the opinion is clear.

Councillor Kleiner says to represent the faculty with the views they had to get into those positions.

Councillor Pilote **Motions to call the question, seconded by VP McLaughlin**

Senator Buraga **Motions to postpone this motion to next session** but retracts this motion after Councillor Sanchez explains that the sentiment on this motion is clear and therefore should be voted on.

**Voting on calling the question - PASS 22 - 5**

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on the Motion - **APPROVED 26 - 2 - 0**

- e. Notice of Motion Regarding Responsible Representation of Governing Bodies  
2018-11-15 [10] - **APPROVED**



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**Question Period:**

Councillor Scarra asks how this motion of electronic voting would happen and be enforced and the Speaker says it will happen next session.

**Debate:**

Senator Buraga encourages people to vote in favour of this motion given its complexities.

VP Shapiro explains that this motion is different from the other motion but he will still vote against it because it is redundant in his opinion. He believes it is showy and the semantics don't go far enough.

The President explains that it doesn't add anything new to the mandates of the Legislative Council.

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on the Motion - **APPROVED 18 - 5 - 3**

- f. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Governance on Freedom of Information 2018-11-15 [30] - **COMMITTED TO AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEE OF STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Question Period:**

Councillor Price asks about Motion 2.4 and how this 2 year time period before expiry would go forward and what is expected of former faculty executives. Senator Buraga explains that it is expected of them to share information but the writing of this motion is to help out with the process.

Councillor Sanchez asks a question but retracts it.

Councillor Scarra asks if Senator Buraga consulted with faculties about these rules since although it is not in SSMU, she thinks it is in faculties already like the AUS which has it.



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Senator Buraga explains that it is all SSMU staff that are held to this but they haven't reached out to the faculties.

Senator Lametti asks about the legal framework. Senator Buraga says that legal language is difficult and they will seek consultation to deal with it.

VP Shapiro asks about the desire for this motion and if they consulted the student body on this. Senator Buraga answers by saying that there is a desire for a more accountable and transparent SSMU and this motion can ensure this accountability by having a freedom of information request be accepted by SSMU and even McGill administration in the future.

Senator Buraga **Motions to add the friendly amendments, the co-movers agree.**

Senator Lametti **Motions for a 3 minute recess, seconded by VP Shapiro - PASSES Unanimously**

The Speaker recommends that Senator Buraga's friendly amendments be presented by Buraga in a 1 minute speech via a suspension of the rules of procedure.

Senator Buraga **Motions to Suspend the Rules of Procedure to present a 1 minute explanation of the friendly amendment, seconded by Councillor Hobbs - PASSES 20 - 2**

Senator Buraga explains that the BoD will make the final call on certain things with his friendly amendments, among other things.

Debate on the motion with the amendments:

Senator Lametti explains that the motion is not appropriate and should be more well thoughtout and will vote against it.

The President makes a parliamentary inquiry about if motions can be committed to a committee instead of postponed entirely. The Speaker responds by saying that this can be possible if the Councillors vote on this to be done.

VP Shapiro wants more clarification on the vagueness of the language of the motion and exactly where these student demands are coming from. He Also explains that McGill is a public institution and SSMU isn't public and so doesn't need a freedom of information



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request. He explains that he doesn't see the importance of sharing emails in regards to the wording of this motion.

Councillor Price explains that this motion is pointless because what is the point of seeing a Councillor's email if most of their emails are within a specific faculty, not with SSMU and why should a different faculty member be able to view the emails of the representative's of a different faculty not belonging to their constituent.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to Commit this motion to Steering Committee, seconded by Senator Buraga.**

Senator Lametti asks if amendments are allowed in this motion.

Senator Buraga asks if this motion is debatable. The Speaker says yes.

Debate:

Senator Lametti **Motions to Amend this so that it goes to an ad-hoc committee of the steering committee to include non-steering committee members, seconded by VP Shapiro**

Debate:

Senator Lametti says this will ensure steering committee can deal with this better with members of the Legislative Council.

Senator Buraga wants another committee to deal with this like the governance committee.

Councillor Figueiredo says the governance committee should go through with this unless they're overwhelmed.

The President explains that the Governance committee is overwhelmed.

**Voting Procedure:**

Voting on the Amendment of the Motion - **PASSES 21 - 4**





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Debate on Councillor Sanchez's Motion to Commit this motion to the steering committee which includes the passed amendments:

Councillor Sanchez asks to turn on the Air-Conditioning.

Senator Buraga says he will vote in favour of this motion, motivates other to join and says hopefully this will then be done by January.

### **Voting Procedure:**

Voting on the motion to commit this motion to a sub-committee of the steering committee - **PASSES - 27 - 0**

Councillors Flaherty, Price, Hobbs and Qiu have left the Council at 9:52pm.

#### **13. New Business [55]**

- a. Distribution of Surveys (Athletics, BOMCOM, Fall Reading Break) [15]

The President asks if everyone can do the surveys now.

The President **Motions to suspend the rules of procedure to do the survey, seconded by VP Shapiro - PASSES Unanimously**

VP Shapiro explains the survey and asks the Council to please commit to completing the submissions and write the letters by December 1/3 to ensure that everything moves along smoothly.

The Speaker clarifies that the Councillors must finish their letter according to the guidelines of VP Shapiro to deal with surveys on the renaming of commemoration.

- b. Motion Regarding Amendments to the Accountability Committee Terms of Reference 2018-11-29 [15] - **APPROVED Unanimously**

The President explains that the motion's goal is to ensure that the accountability committee would meet every year with specific goals instead of on an ad-hoc basis like it has done in the past.



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### Question Period:

Senator Lametti asks if the movers feel that SSMU should be more accountable to the constituents or the Legislative Council. The President explains that it should be accountable to the constituents.

### Debate:

Senator Lametti explains that the accountability committee should be geared towards the constituents, not the Council. He explains that the SSMU is representing the McGill students, not the Council.

VP Shapiro explains that this committee is not a final measure but rather it is a step in the right direction of where the SSMU should head towards in ensuring that accountability is a standard that the SSMU holds up to.

### Voting Procedure:

Voting on the Motion - **APPROVED Unanimously 19 - 0 - 4**

#### 14. Reports by Committees (35)

##### a. Executive Committee (5)

The President reads out the report. Highlights include that there are two executive committees coming up and that the committee restored VP McLaughlin's room booking privileges.

### Question:

Senator Lametti asks about how the people who got hired as advisors for the SSMU VP External role and the fact that they have power since they were previous individuals in that role. VP Shapiro explains that yes they have a role and they had power previously, but they do not have power now.



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Councillor Stemper asks about the SACOMSS contract and if the President could go in depth about this. The President explains about the payroll SACOMSS receives and how they'll get it.

Councillor Pilote asks if the people hired to advise the VP External role are part of I" AUEQ and VP Shapiro says yes.

Senator Buraga asks about the menstrual hygiene products and why is this back if it was already in a previous report, asking if something change with this product. The President explains that because someone else was hired recently for this project the executive thought it was best to provide an update to this initiative.

**b. Students' Society Programming Network (5)**

VP McLaughlin reads out the report. He explains the problems that happened at the "Children of the Corn" event, the fact that Faculty Olympics is coming up and they are looking for venues and now they are doing events at Redpath Library to move away from solely drinking events.

Question Period:

Councillor Constantin asks if SSPN received the services' reports on the night of "Children of the Corn" that was mandated by Wallace, the security head of SSMU. VP McLaughlin explains yes and they are going through it now.

Councillor Sanchez asks if the relationship between SSMU and Bus.com is in jeopardy and if Bus.com is going to walk away from SSMU, since AUS also relies on Bus.com for events like Beach day and others. VP McLaughlin answers by saying that SSMU still has a good relationship with Bus.com and it's not a question if Bus.com will walk away from SSMU, but rather if SSMU will walk away from Bus.com. VP McLaughlin explains how Bus.com even waived some of the fees for what SSPN and SSMU went through. So it's really if SSMU will walk away.

Councillor Smit asks why did this event go so poorly with the relationship between SSMU and Bus.com if SSMU has been working with Bus.com for so long and does VP McLaughlin realistically believe new policies can change this scenario. VP McLaughlin claims that the attendants at this event were more drunk than students were at beach day, he cannot prove it, but he believes it as such. He also explains that Bus.com and SSMU usually have a perception that students are more rowdy and so drivers ought to be more accommodating.

Councillor Callaghan **Motions for a five minute extension to the question period, seconded by Proxy Yang - PASSES 13 - 7**



Councillor Callaghan asks why did SSPN pick Mac Campus for their event. VP McLaughlin explains how last year's SSPN event was held at Mac Campus and how it went well last year so they wanted to continue the positive precedence. SSPN thought it was a good idea and it fosters a good relationship between SSMU and Mac Campus.

Senator Buraga asks about the services' report and when can students see these reports. VP McLaughlin explains that a lot of these reports are private concerns and they haven't decided yet if it should go public. He claims that the results will be shown through Faculty Olympics.

Senator Buraga asks if SSPN will release the report to the public. VP McLaughlin says he doesn't believe it is necessary.

c. Francophone Affairs Committee (5)

VP McLaughlin reads out the report. Highlights include making a database of resources, speaker series and hiring the commissioner

Question:

Senator Buraga asks about the status of the French translation of the constitution and IRs. VP McLaughlin explains that they are in the process of translating and should be done the constitution by January so that then they can start the IRs and in this way they will constantly be working on translating these documents.

d. Services Review (5)

The report is read by Councillor Stemper. Highlights include surveys, self reports and audits.

e. BOMCOM (5)

The Report is read by the President. He explains that Players Theatre is open to sharing their theatre space with other groups and how they are looking for more room space. He apologizes for the fact that they haven't been meeting as regularly as he'd like.

Councillors Kleiner, Smit and Sanchez leave at 10:28pm.

f. Fall Reading Break (5)

The report is read by Senator Buraga. Highlights include that they are consulting with the administration, there are focus groups and wants motions for next Council session to ensure that every faculty and representative councils complete the Fall Reading Week report.



**Motion on accepting the Recommendations motioned by President, seconded by VP  
McLaughlin - PASSES 17 - 2**

**g. Governance Reform (5)**

The President reads out the report. He explains that the BoD has historically over-extended itself and wants to ensure that this doesn't happen for the future. He wants to have better long term planning and ensuring that students could directly interact with the BoD to feel represented.

Question Period :

Senator Buraga asks why there are members on the BoD that were not voted on by the student body, referencing the Members-at-Large. The President explains that there should be some non-voting members on the BoD to ensure the efficiency and professionalism of the BoD.

**15. Executive Reports (18)**

**a. President (3)**

The President reads out their report. Highlights include Sexual Violence Policy committee meetings and how there is a conference in Ottawa. The President is excited to hang out with Senator Lametti's father - MP Lametti. The President is meeting with Dean of Students, Chris Buddle. He explains that there are updates to come with 680 Sherbrooke. Lastly, there will be an RBC Financial Literacy Center opening up soon.

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

VP Shapiro reads out their report. He explains that there are equity reports and there is a SEDE Community of Practice, and met with student advocacy.

Question Period:

Senator Buraga asks about the equity reports and if they are coming to Council. VP Shapiro says only the formal ones will, but the informal ones will not and he is not comfortable saying which equity reports are formal and informal.



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c. VP Internal (3)

VP McLaughlin reads out their report. Highlights include meeting with First Year Council, checking in with community affairs commissioner and had a check-in with the environment commissioner. All clubs and services get free Lazer Quest because of VP McLaughlin's agreement with the company.

Question Period:

Councillor Kara asks about the revision in CARE. VP McLaughlin says this is new but he is working on it.

d. VP Student Life (3)

The President reads out VP Esterle's report in her absence. The President explains that activity nights will take place in the Tomlinson Fieldhouse for the Winter Semester. There is a possible sports team collaboration.

e. VP External Portfolio (3)

VP Shapiro reads out the report orally since it could not send digitally to the Council google drive. Highlights include that there is a letter writing push for the "Change the Name" campaign. There is also progress on the sexual violence commission, citing that commissioner is working towards it. There are two new hires to the VP External portfolio advisor role. Lastly, he says how SSMU has a statement ready about the McGill student who was subject to racial profiling in Ontario.

Question Period:

Senator Lametti ask if the External advisors will ever be present at Council to provide a report. VP Shapiro explains that if Council wishes to have these people come then they can be mandated to do so but it isn't necessary but they are not supposed to in the job contract.

**Senator Lametti Motions for a 3 minute recess, seconded by VP McLaughlin - PASSES Unanimously**

16. Confidential Session



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**Councillor Scarra Motions to adjourn, seconded by Councillor Bazylykut - PASSES  
Unanimously**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tre Mansdoerfer', written over a horizontal line.

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

**APPROVED**