



Board of Directors

MARCH 31ST, 2019

1. Attendance:

Present: Tre Mansdoerfer (President, non-voting), Andrew Figueiredo (Legislative Councilor), Garima Karia (Legislative Councilor), Kyle Rubenok (Member at Large), Bryan Buraga (Legislative Councilor), Lucille Xiang (Member at Large), Mu Rong Yang (Legislative Councilor), Jonah Levitt (Member at Large), Shayan Sheikh (International Representative, non-voting), Jack Kline (Member at Large), Jun Wang (Vice President Finance), Jacob Shapiro (Vice President University Affairs).

Absent: Jessica Rau (Member at Large).

Late: Matthew McLaughlin (Vice President Internal).

Excused:

Quorum is obtained at 2:14 PM.

2. Call to Order – 2:14 PM:

The President calls the Board of Directors to order at 2:14 PM.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Director Buraga motions to add the motion about menstrual hygiene products to public session.

Member of the Gallery Asa Khon asks to have a question period in the public session.

The amendments are approved.



4. Public Session

The President explains the Motions passed at the Legislative Council.

- a. March 28th Legislative Council Motion Approval (Approval) – **APPROVED** (unanimously);
 - i. Motion Regarding Changes to the Legislative Council Standing Rules 2019-03-28
 - ii. Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Governance 2019-03-14
 - iii. Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy 2019-03-14
 - iv. Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Finance 2019-03-14
 - v. Motion Regarding the Support of the SPF for the Bike Centre Project Operations 2019-03-14
 - vi. Motion Regarding First Year Council Elections Fall 2019 2019-03-28
 - vii. Motion Regarding Public Consultation For Plans For the Royal Victoria Hospital Project 2019-03-28
 - viii. Motion Regarding Interim Provisions for Internal Regulations, Policies, and Plans 2019-03-28
 - ix. Motion in Support of the University of Windsor Professor 2019-03-28

In favour: Director Figueiredo, Director Karia, Director Rubenok, Director Buraga, Director Xiang, Director Yang, Director Levitt, Director Kline, Director Wang, Director Shapiro, Director McLaughlin.

Opposed:

Abstain:

- b. Judicial Board Justice Hiring Timeline (Approval) – **APPROVED** (unanimously);

The President explains that when the justices end their contracts in April/May, this is the new timeline for the justices that need to be hired for the Judicial Board (J-Board).

Director Levitt explains that the Nomination Committee decided that the applications for the judicial board will be opened between April 5 and April 26. A shortlist for the applicants will



be done between April 27 and April 28. Interviews will take place between April 28 and May 10. Ideally having the J-Board candidates selected by the BoD meeting on May 14.

Director Buraga asks Director Levitt to ensure that the nomination committee reaches out to marginalized groups. Director Levitt explains that policies are in place to ensure this.

Voting procedure:

In favour: Director Figueiredo, Director Karia, Director Rubenok, Director Buraga, Director Xiang, Director Yang, Director Kline, Director Wang, Director McLaughlin.

Opposed:

Abstain: Director Levitt, Director Shapiro.

- c. Menstrual Hygiene Products (Discussion) – **APPROVED** (unanimously);

VP McLaughlin joins the BoD meeting.

Director Buraga explains that multiple constituents reached out to him about why there is not baskets for Menstrual hygiene products. When one of the constituents reached out to General Manager Ryan Hughes, Hughes told the constituent it was not possible to have this.

The President explain that while in the past SSMU has used baskets for menstrual hygiene products they found that people would take more than they should and that is why SSMU is opting to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers instead because these products will not be taken en-masse. The President also explains that there was a general finding that these products were not be allocated enough to these baskets to deal with people taking them en-masse. He explains that SSMU has allocated for these dispensaries but it is up to McGill operational management to install these dispensaries but they currently have a moratorium on new projects so it is difficult to say when these menstrual hygiene dispensaries will be installed.

Director Rubenok explains that in his personal experience when he was in charge of installing a basket for menstrual hygiene products it works for around two days and then the entire stock will be depleted by someone. Afterwards, when he tried to install dispensaries he found that the building management were very delayed in getting back to him.



The President explains that there are delays that the SSMU cannot control with the dispensaries.

Director Buraga suggests having these baskets out until dispensaries are installed.

The President explains that there is a break-down of all the baskets available on campus and there is particular concern with the access to menstrual hygiene products in the Strathcona Building.

Director Rubenok explains that the solution that CSUS found was to put a basket in the CSUS Lounge so that there is always an executive present to ensure that no one takes the entire stock of the menstrual hygiene products. He claims that while it is not ideal, it is a solution. CSUS did this to model Healthy McGill policies.

Director Rau explains how she had no idea that these baskets existed on campus, aside from Healthy McGill, showing how these baskets are inaccessible.

Director Rubenok explains that working alongside faculties will aid in the access of these baskets.

VP Wang believes that there is a lack of marketing for these menstrual hygiene products and that this should be improved.

Director Karia suggests consulting groups that are specialized in this to improve the efficiency of the accessibility of menstrual hygiene products. The President agrees.

They write this in the form of the following motion.

The President **Motions to have the General Manager consult with Menstrual Hygiene Project Coordinators, Healthy McGill, Equity Commissioners on product implementation by April 14th - APPROVED** (unanimously);

Voting procedure:

In favour: Director Figueiredo, Director Karia, Director Rubenok, Director Buraga, Director Xiang, Director Yang, Director Levitt, Director Kline, Director Wang, Director Shapiro, Director McLaughlin.



Opposed:

Abstain:

d. Gallery Member Questions (Discussion) – **APPROVED** (unanimously)

The Gallery Member is upset that AUS, SUS and SSMU are not treating the Judicial Board with the respect they deserve and are very frustrated by the process.

VP Shapiro explains that he is also frustrated with the process and wants to reach a solution.

VP Wang explains that he is sympathetic to the gallery member that they want to hold their student faculties accountable but the only thing that the SSMU BoD could do is revoke the Science Representative to SSMU seat or to have a Councillor fill that spot. VP Wang explains how there is nothing that SSMU can legally do besides its operational capacity to do what he stated in the previous sentence.

Member of the Gallery, Asa Khon, explains that he is upset that the SUS still occupies a third seat on the Legislative Council by having SUS Executives proxy for the Science Representative to SSMU who resigned earlier in the year. This should not be allowed.

VP Shapiro explains that he is sympathetic to Asa Khon's question but he is not sympathetic to removing a Councillor of the Council. He believes that the scariest thing is for BoD to remove a Councillor's seat.

Director Rubenok explains how this issue came up in accountability committee and how the Legislative Council stated that they are okay with the proxying of this seat of Council. In this way, accountability committee's power is null. Director Rubenok agrees with VP Shapiro's earlier remark.

Asa Khon states that he does not want to remove anyone out of their seat in the Council but wants to punish the SUS for taking this action.

VP Shapiro is in favour of the BoD making a statement denouncing the Legislative Council or the SUS for taking this unconstitutional action, but is against removing a Councillor via the BoD, citing that it is largely an unelected Body.

Khon believes that while VP Shapiro's point is valid, it is up to un-elected bodies to ensure that the constitution is upheld if elected bodies, such as the Legislative Council, do not uphold the constitution.

The President asks if there are any other motions that Directors would like to discuss.



VP Shapiro states that it would be inappropriate to move on from this issue without making a decision. Director Karia agrees.

Asa Khon states that he would not have brought it up to BoD, but because his time was cut off at the last session of Legislative Council where he was trying to explain his petition, he felt it necessary to go to BoD.

The President asks what Asa Khon would like to do from this situation. He suggests giving Asa Khon a 10 minute speaking period in front of Legislative Council during the next Council Session.

Asa Khon appreciates the offer but wants to ensure that the constitution is upheld.

Director Buraga feels that he is uncomfortable with taking away a seat from Science at the Legislative Council with the limited information the BoD has. He believes that a decision should be made by the J-Board and they will decide what needs to be done and the BoD will follow their suggestion. He continues by saying how the BoD can ensure that Khon gets as much speaking time as he would like at the next Council Session to argue his point but there is very little the BoD can do with the information that is present.

The President agrees with Director Buraga saying that the BoD can ensure Khon gets his speaking time at the Council Session and in the future to ensure that the SUS does not differ to J-Board for decisions regarding its constitution but instead have an SUS judicial committee like the J-Board to deal with matters internal to the SUS, citing the AUS Secretary-General for the AUS as an example.

The President suggests that going forward, that Asa Khon be given 10 minutes to speak in front of Legislative Council for the next session and then take it from there.

VP Shapiro explains that he is happy to explore this more and bring in a SSMU Executive statement to the Legislative Council showing that they support the petition. Khon replies by saying that would be appreciated because he does not want his petition going to waste and that he wants a BoD statement saying that the J-Board is not working properly if he cannot bring in his petition to the J-Board.

VP Shapiro replies by saying that he proposes a motion to say that the J-Board is not working properly and that the BoD will figure out what this is to mean later on with the developments that occur. In addition, that the SSMU will communicate with its membership within 10 days that the J-Board is not working properly, in the form of a statement.

Director Buraga is worried that, in a worst-case scenario, if the BoD says that the J-Board is not working, what will prevent students from breaking SSMU Internal Regulations (IRs)



without a judicial body.

VP Shapiro explains that he is not comfortable with saying this but that the BoD needs to realize what is and is not fair.

Director Karia states that this statement should include that the future nomination process for the J-Board will be improved and that the J-Board will be operational soon.

Director Rubenok explains that this issue does not affect the BoD, but it affects the student faculties since they cite the use of the J-Board in contentious cases. He explains how it is a shame that these faculties did not think far ahead into thinking if the J-Board was not operational.

Khon believes it is a structural problem within the J-Board and that there are problems to be solved. He also asks if the Steering Committee is meeting later today and the President responds by saying it will meet at 5:00pm where he can speak at it and representatives will recognize Khon's point of wanting to redact the decision made by the SUS.

The President asks is that not the decision that the BoD is trying to avoid.

VP Shapiro interjects by saying that if a motion be put to vote in Council that the SUS loses its third Science Representative to SSMU seat, he would vote in favour, but that if it was put to vote in the BoD, he would vote against it. Director Buraga agrees. They sit on both bodies.

The President **Motions to inform public on Judicial Board as not working by April 10th – APPROVED** (unanimously);

Voting procedure:

In favour: Director Figueiredo, Director Karia, Director Rubenok, Director Buraga, Director Xiang, Director Yang, Director Levitt, Director Kline, Director Wang, Director Shapiro.

Opposed:

Abstain: Director McLaughlin.

- e. Motion to have Nightline representatives stay for duration of confidential session for 4a – **APPROVED** (unanimously);

Voting procedure:

In favour: Director Figueiredo, Director Karia, Director Rubenok, Director Buraga, Director



Xiang, Director Yang, Director Levitt, Director Kline, Director Wang, Director Shapiro, Director McLaughlin.

Opposed:

Abstain:

5. Confidential Session

6. Adjournment - 4:28 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Buraga', is written over a horizontal line.

Bryan Buraga, President

APPROVED