



Legislative Council

March 28th, 2019

The regular bi-weekly Legislative Council Meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held in Room 603, McConnell Engineering Building, Montreal, on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - **6:18 pm**
2. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker reads out the land acknowledgment.

3. Attendance

Councillors that are absent are: Councillor Yang, Smit, Callaghan, Jayme, Cossette, Kleiner, Councillors that are sitting in as a proxy are: Julia Kafato for Arts-Science Councillor Hobbs, Lea for Councillor Stemper and Ana Buchanan for Councillor Milchberg.

4. Approval of Minutes - **APPROVED**

The Speaker explains that these are the minutes for Legislative Council sessions from February 21 and February 28, 2019.

5. Adoption of the Agenda - **APPROVED**

Councillor Sanchez **Motions for an amendment to the agenda to include the motion about the University of Windsor Professor, seconded by Councillor Kaira - PASSES**

The Speaker notes a clear $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

Councillor Karia **Motions to adopt the agenda, seconded by Senator Buraga - PASSES**

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



The Speaker reads out the report.

Senator Lametti makes a point of personal privilege to ensure that the new motion on the agenda is available on the Google drive.

- a. Motion Regarding Changes to the Legislative Council Standing Rules 2019-03-28 - **APPROVED**

The President explains that this is the same motion from last week but this is changed to ensure that all Councillors can agree on this.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

Senator Lametti **Motions for an amendment of 5.7, after the word “Motions”, he would insert, “with the exception of motions added to the agenda at that same Legislative Council”, seconded by Councillor Pilote**

Debate on Amendment:

Senator Lametti believes that there should not be consent on motions introduced in the Legislative Council in regards to the motion.

Voting on Amendment - PASSES Unanimously 23 - 0

No debate on the original motion.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 6a) - **APPROVED Unanimously 21 - 0 - 1**



7. Guest Speakers (10)

Senator Lametti **Motions for a 1 minute recess, seconded by Councillor Sanchez - PASSES Unanimously**

a. Gerald Cadet, Director (Bicentennial Planning) (10)

Gerald Cadet, Director of Bicentennial Planning, thanks SSMU Legislative Council for letting him present and solicit the help of the Council on how to make the momentous event meaningful for the student body for McGill. He explains that the big question is why do we want to celebrate the 200 years of McGill history. He explains that they want to recognize the great works of McGill individuals and focus on where McGill can improve. He explains how they need to address the big issues that are occurring in McGill and how to handle it. The event will also distinguish McGill individuals who have done great things in the world. He also wants to highlight, through this event, where McGill will be in the next 50 years.

Cadet explains that the group has met with many student groups, senior directors and met with as many people as possible on campus. He explains how he wants to celebrate where they are and where they want to go, referencing McGill. The event is to tell the story about McGill, how it's a leading institution and that it's a leading institution because of its people. Whether you are a professor, student, or a staff, you play a big role. He explains that the event is also meant to show how McGill identifies with Montreal and how McGill's location plays a big role in this event.

Cadet explains that the Bicentennial Event at McGill is not the first university to celebrate its anniversary. He explains how the event lacks student involvement since many students will not be here for the bicentennial event but only for the lead up to 2021, since it's 2 years from now. They want to stress student involvement.

Cadet explains that there is a problem with finding the "wow" factor, since Montreal has so much going on. Cadet also wants to ensure that there is strong faculty involvement and that every faculty have made a committee to the bicentennial event. He also stresses that the event is to show the importance of McGill and its various initiatives, such as equity, diversity and an indigenous component. He highlights how there was an open-house event where Senator Buraga was present. He explains that this is the overall focus.



He wants to highlight 3 or 4 key events to ensure that the wow factor is really there for the event. He recognizes that there were concerns made by the Legislative Council last year and wants to ensure that the event will handle this.

Cadet also highlights that there will be a music and film festival at McGill to attract Montreal-based festivals. Also wants to highlight the space and aerospace contribution that McGill has made, that will be student led. He also wants a component to the event where professors can share their research in relation to this and hopefully the astronauts will come afterwards.

Question Period:

The President asks if McGill would be interested in doing a concert for the students for the 200th anniversary. Cadet thinks that this is a great idea, but this is only from a personal view. He wants to be able to create a “McGill Spirit”. From a Director perspective, he wants to see how they can highlight the McGill factor in this and believes there is enough time to pull this off.

Councillor Bazylykut asks what is McGill doing with the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH). Cadet explains that there are steps being followed, but that this is largely in McGill hands with what they want to do with the RVH. He explains how he doesn't have that much information on it.

Councillor Frenette asks if there are any plans to improve Homecoming since there is low McGill turnout. Cadet thinks he can't answer this question since this isn't his portfolio, he explains that it's under University involvement. He explains that Homecoming is for McGill alumni, not McGill students.

Councillor Abdelhamid asks what role is SPF going to have in the future with SSMU. Cadet explains that a committee has formed with this and that SPF is looking for five student representatives for this committee. Cadet explains that they want student involvement in planning and in organizing for the projects.

Councillor Frenette asks if there has been any plans to reach out to undergraduate student societies for this student outreach. Cadet says that they met with 7/10 undergraduate



faculties. Cadet explains that they are looking towards the undergraduate societies to specifically aid with external funding.

Member of the Gallery Christelle Tessono asks if the Bicentennial Committee has reached out to underrepresented student groups. Cadet explains that they have worked with Black Students Network (BSN) for Black History Month and is looking forward to working with this underrepresented student group and other groups as well, such as LGBTQ+ groups.

Tessono asks if there are going to be any other ways that historically marginalized groups are going to be represented at this event besides Black History Month. Cadet explains that the group will reach out to other under-represented groups to ensure that their opinion is used in planning.

8. Announcements (5)

The President explains that there is only a 12% voting turnout right now for the SSMU elections and encourages people to vote.

9. Question Period (5)

a. Submission of Question: Executive Committee

The question addressed to the executive committee is why were payments made in cash-only for Faculty Olympics. The question cites that that is a dangerous amount of money to carry all at once since some of the payments were \$4000. The question comes from Councillor Frenette. Councillor McLaughlin explains that it was in SSMU's best interest to do so, but is unsure about the specifics since VP Wang has the best answer to this, but isn't present.

Member of the gallery, Connor Spencer, former SSMU VP External last year, asks why are people in this room looking to get SSMU Executive positions and wants to read out a statement by the BSN and SSMU Indigenous Student Groups. Spencer explains how BSN has been given hostility from the VP Finance portfolio and VP Wang was threatening to cut off finances for BSN. Spencer claims that VP Wang is purposely delaying signing off on cheques and that he is uncooperative with the BSN finances when it was not before. The report reads that BSN is being purposely systematically marginalized through SSMU in this way. The



report also reads that the Indigenous Student Group is horrified to read that the SSMU Legislative Council passed the athletic fee increase referendum question when no change has happened on the “Change the Name” Campaign. How can SSMU do this when it claims it’s an ally to indigenous peoples and groups.

Senator Buraga Motions to extend the question for 1.5 minutes, seconded by Councillor Sanchez - PASSES Unanimously

Spencer continues by explaining through the statement that SSMU needs to recognize that this athletic fee is problematic and that the athletic facilities are a place of hostility and systematic racism for indigenous students. The report also reads that this statement is an act of condemnation towards SSMU. This is signed by BSN President, Christelle Tessono and SSMU Indigenous Affairs Commissioner, Tomas Jirousek. The question is: does SSMU want to respond to this report?

Senator Lametti Motions to extend the answer to the question indefinitely - PASSES Unanimously

The President explains that he regrets that SSMU Legislative Council passed this athletics fee and that it is problematic. He also asks if the members of the gallery want to discuss this, then they can. The members agree. The President also states that SSMU also acknowledges that there have been finance problems between SSMU and BSN and he will do what he can to solve this issue.

Senator Lametti Motions to suspend the standing rules for a 10 minute general discussion on the statement read by Connor Spencer - PASSES Unanimously

Councillor Sanchez asks when was this motion passed, referencing the athletics fee increase. The Speaker explains that it was on February 21, 2019.

Councillor Sanchez explains that she personally opposes this athletic student fee increase but understands that this passed so that the McGill student body can do their part in opposing this referendum question, in displaying their clear dismay with the lack of progress on the “Change the Name” Campaign from the side of the McGill administration.



Spencer explains that by Council passing this referendum question, SSMU forced the indigenous students to do more labour to oppose this fee to ensure that the Change the Name campaign remains powerful. Spencer explains how there has been no action since last year and she hopes that there will be action taken by SSMU.

VP McLaughlin apologizes to Spencer and indigenous students for not consulting with indigenous students when they passed this athletic fee increase in Council.

Councillor Karia explains that lobbying to vote no to the Athletic Fee should be the prerogative of the Council and apologizes to the gallery members and indigenous students.

Councillor Hersh believes that the athletic facilities fee increase is not related to the Change the Name campaign.

Councillor Fletcher explains that on behalf of athletics they want the athletic facilities to be an open environment where all are welcome to participate in healthy living. Councillor Fletcher also explains that by voting no to this referendum, this will marginalize most students at McGill.

Tessono says that there is a lot of anti-blackness going on at McGill and specifically directed from SSMU towards Black individuals and the BSN. She cites VP Wang's unwillingness to cooperate with BSN as an example. She also comments on how SSSMU can use their power to change anti-Black and anti-indigenous culture at McGill. She explains how SSMU has successfully done this with anti-Semitism.

The President explains that he is horrified that the SSMU permanent staff showed evidence of racism and wants accountability on that. He also is unclear about the BSN issue but wants to ensure that there will accountability on this.

Senator Buraga provides clarity to Councillor Hersh's point by explaining that by supporting the fee increase, it means you are supporting the marginalization of indigenous students at the athletic facilities since it is a hostile environment for indigenous students.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to extend the discussion period by 7 minutes, seconded by Councillor Bazylykut**



Councillor Bazylykut wants change but not right now immediately since they won't solve this issue in the next 7 minutes but they want a solution to this but explains that Council needs more time.

Connor Spencer wants to see if SSMU will actually try and do something to make systematic change happen at SSMU. Spencer explains how SSMU has BSN and the Indigenous Committee to be their represented for these marginalized groups and yet, they are not doing their due diligence in being allies and making sure change happens. Spencer specifically calls on the white-identifying Councillors in the room to be aware of their white privilege.

Councillor Hersh explains that he does not appreciate that the Members of the Gallery are assuming that just because you are white that you are not marginalized. He explains that you can also be apart of a religious group or non-racial group that is marginalized.

Councillor Sanchez explains that she has benefited from being white passing, but wants to ensure that some change happens in regards to Spencer's remarks.

Councillor Pilote asks if the SSMU Executive is interested with meeting BSN and the Indigenous Affairs Committee to ensure that they will find long-term solution, and not just short-term solutions.

VP McLaughlin says yes, "100%". He wants to at least makes a social media post for the short-term endorsing a "no vote", but wants to ensure that long-term solutions do occur.

Tessono asks that if the fee does pass can SSMU delay the increase of the fee going to athletics? The President says he doesn't know.

Senator Buraga **Motions for a 5 minute extension, seconded by Councillor Karia - PASSES Unanimously**

Councillor Karia asks if there is a motion that can occur to mandate the SSMU Legislative Council to share their progress on the issue at hand by next Council session.



Senator Lametti explains that the regulations of Committee are not good to handle this issue but that holding executives accountable is a good use of Council. However, he notes that only two executives are present so how can the Council keep them accountable if executives won't even come to Council.

Spencer explains that Tomas Jirousek has this statement to say. It is as follows: he believes it is deplorable that Councillors, which all are non-indigenous, are deciding what should be done for indigenous students. He wants action to be taken with the SSMU Legislative Council and hope they can work towards meaningful institutional change and policy changes to ensure that indigenous students are no longer marginalized.

Return to Question period:

Senator Lametti, referencing the lack of executives present at Council, and asks how will the Council ensure the accountability of the executives if the majority of them aren't present. The President explains that VP Esterle has a concussion and that VP Shapiro and VP Wang are late with a flight (in addition to chairing the Anti-Semitism committee) and doing the audits, respectively. SSMU will do what it can to improve this.

Councillor Flaherty asks why wasn't there greater notice given for the SSMU audit workshop and why is it only that the VP Finances of the clubs that have to come when its club transition period. The President explains that he isn't sure since VP Wang and VP Esterle aren't present. However, he will look into it.

Senator Buraga asks if there is going to be a moratorium for the addition of SSMU clubs. The President explains that there will not be and that there are no dedicated permanent staff for clubs. The President explains that the conversation regarding if SSMU should cap the amount of clubs is currently at a no.

10. Recess, Consent Items (5)

The Speaker explains the motion and how people can vote right now to approve motions if they do not believe they are worth a debate. This will take place during a 5 minute recess period.



VP Shapiro arrives at 7:55pm.

11. Old Business [25]

- a. Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Governance 2019-03-14 [5] - **APPROVED Unanimously**

There are no questions and there is no debate on this.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 11a - **APPROVED Unanimously 20 - 0 - 1**

- b. Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Representation and Advocacy 2019-03-14 [5] - **APPROVED Unanimously**

There are no questions and there is no debate on this.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 11b - **APPROVED Unanimously 19 - 0 - 1**

- c. Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Finance 2019-03-14 [5] - **APPROVED Unanimously**

Question Period:

Councillor Hu asks if in Appendix A, if the area regarding the FYC fee is altered. The President says no.

Councillor Hu asks if in Appendix B for the FYC when it says “portions of the fee”, what does that mean. The President explains that he is not sure but traditionally there’s always been a fee that handles the FYC.

Voting Procedure:



Voting on Motion 11c - **APPROVED Unanimously - 18 - 0 - 3**

d. Motion Regarding Support of the SPF for the Bike Centre Project Operations 2019-03-14 [**10**] - **APPROVED**

VP Wang arrives at 8:09pm.

The President explains that this is a motion to show that SSMU was in support of the Bike Center. McGill has been hesitant to approve the cost of this facility because they are fearful of the Operations cost. The President explains that McGill and SSMU have agreed that they will use the Sustainable Projects Fund (SPF) as collateral for the first three years just in case the facility runs a deficit, but it doesn't look like it will.

Question Period:

Senator Lametti asks under the original MoA between SSMU and McGill with the Bike Centre Project, McGill should be paying its side of the bargain for this project. Therefore, he asks what has changed. The President explains that McGill got cold feet, that's what changed. He doesn't know why they did this but they want to ensure that the votes of the student from the referendum remain.

Councillor Bazylykut asks how in this collateral going to be covered with the specific funds. The President explains that it would come from multiple sources such as flex.

Senator Lametti asks if the MoA signed between McGill and SSMU recently and the one signed in 2017 for this referendum question are the same. Councillor Bazylykut explains that she found it from 2017 but not from 2019. The President explains it's the same one, they just want to extend the one from 2019.

Senator Lametti asks what does the word "project" specifically mean in the MoA. The President defers the question.



Senator Buraga asks if the Flat Bike Collective is aware of this motion. The President explains that not really and the Recording Secretary clarifies Senator Buraga's question. The President still says not really.

Debate:

Senator Lametti explains how he is opposed to this motion because McGill is going back against the MoA it made with SSMU and therefore SSMU should not be helping McGill in its "cold feet" situation.

Councillor Bazylykut explains that she is also opposed to this because although the motion had a good sentiment to it, there are so many things hidden within it that it's not worth pursuing with these hidden fine-prints.

The President explains that although he personally is against the Bike Facility and the fee, the fact that 83% of students want this bike facility to pass, the Council should support this motion.

Senator Lametti recognizes that 83% of students want this but wants to ensure that McGill cannot go back on its MoA with SSMU.

The President **Motions to amend the motion with the changes as shown on the projector, also in the Appendix shown, seconded by Councillor Karia.**

Debate on Amendment:

Senator Buraga explains that he doesn't see the reason to support this amendment given that there has been no construction from McGill has occurred and they should ensure that they are stamping down on McGill getting cold feet.

The President wants to ensure that the students are getting the bike facility that they were promised and so will support this motion.

Voting on Amendment - PASSES 19 - 1 - 3

No debate on motion.



Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 11 d with amendments - **APPROVED - 10 - 6 - 7**

Proxy Buchanan leaves at 8:30pm.

12. New Business [30]

- a. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2019-03-28

The President explains the motion. He explains how the hiring method of the Chief Electoral Officer will be institutionalized, striking out the referendum question early and other things.

- b. Notice of Motion Regarding Policy on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority 2019-03-28

The President explains that this is a notice of the motion that ensures that SSMU clubs are more involved in this motion process.

- c. Notice of Motion Regarding Plan on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority 2019-03-28

The President explains how this plan is being made to deal with the fact that clubs have many resource and financial gaps.

- d. Motion Regarding First Year Council Elections Fall 2019 2019-03-28 **[5] - APPROVED Unanimously**

The President explains that the FYC elections need to be approved by Legislative Council before the elections and are doing it this early before the year to ensure that there is no delay in the process for FYC elections.

Question Period:



Councillor Hu asks if the FYC elections can occur sooner and if it can be advertised throughout Frosh to ensure high participation from First Year Students in the FYC. This would ensure FYC could organize more events and have more participation. The President explains that it would be harder to do an effective job for voting earlier but they could look into it.

Debate:

VP McLaughlin believes he is in favour of having the FYC elections earlier.

Councillor Hu **Motions to amend the motion to move the nomination period to September 3 from September 9, seconded by the President**

Debate for the amendment:

Councillor Hu believes that by making the nomination period earlier this will ensure that candidates have a longer time to get their nomination packages.

Voting on the amendment - PASSES Unanimously 21 - 0 - 1

Return to debate but there are no councillors who want to debate.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 12 d - **APPROVED Unanimously 23 - 0 - 0**

- e. Motion Regarding Public Consultation For Plans For the Royal Victoria Hospital Project 2019-03-28 [10] - **APPROVED Unanimously**

The President explains the motion and how the Milton Parc Citizens Committee reached out to SSMU about this.

Question:



Councillor Bazylykut asks if there is any progress from McGill on this. The President explains that he is not sure.

Debate:

VP Shapiro wants to highlight that he will be voting in favour to support the Milton Parc Citizens Committee but is curious as to why Milton Parc care about this since this hospital is not in the boundaries of Milton-Parc.

The President explains that this isn't about conversation fatigue but about ensuring community collaboration.

VP McLaughlin states that there is no way of accessing the Royal Victoria Hospital without going through Milton Parc so that's why it affects them.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 12 e - **APPROVED Unanimously 21 - 0 - 1**

Senator Lametti asks how abstentions factor into voting on this if they are not in Robert's Rules of Procedure. The Speaker says they use abstentions for the purpose of the recording minutes and differentiating which Councillors abstain because they are not present and which Councillor abstain who are present. Senator Lametti recommends that the Council do not use it since the minutes reflect which Councillors are present. The Speaker believes this isn't necessary given the precedent of using abstentions but that he encourages Senator Lametti to challenge his ruling if he wishes to do so.

- f. Motion Regarding Interim Provisions for Internal Regulations, Policies, and Plans 2019-03-28 **[15] - APPROVED**

The President explains the motion.

Question Period:



Senator Lametti asks about the Legislative Councils taking place in April and why these aren't qualified in the motion. The President explain that the best option is for Council not to take place on April 11th and let BoD handle these decisions then since it's during exam period.

Senator Lametti asks what is preventing the SSMU Leg Council of taking decision on the mental health survey plan if they only have two council sessions left. The President explains that there isn't anything preventing them and he encourages this change to be reflected.

Debate:

Senator Lametti believes that the increase for the mental health survey is perfectly justified.

Councillor Frenette believes it is better for the dialogue to take place at the Council sessions and not at the Board of Directors so they can observe it.

The President explains that the benefit of discussing it at the Legislative Council is shown in that it is visible to Faculty representatives. Also, regarding the way the money is being used will be visible to constituents.

VP Shapiro explains that universities are well equipped to deal with situations where they need to consult their constituents in a week's time.

Senator Lametti explains that relying on the goodwill of the policies is a bad practice and that's why he is not in favour of the base fee increase.

Senator Buraga explains that a base fee increase will be advisable if there is constituency transparency in how it will be used.

Councillor Flaherty leaves at 9:03pm.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 12 f **APPROVED - 19 - 2 - 2**



Senator Buraga makes a point of order, but rescinds it and makes a **motion for a five minute recess to read the motion, seconded by Councillor Frenette - PASSES Unanimously**

g. Motion in Support of the University of Windsor Professor 2019-03-28

Councillor Sanchez reads out the report and the situation in the University of Windsor. She calls on the Council to take action.

Question Period:

Senator Buraga asks why did Councillor Sanchez bring it to Council if the executives could handle this. Councillor Sanchez explains that this would be best since it shows a powerful stance coming from SSMU.

Debate Period:

VP Shapiro says that in the future executives should be the ones handling this because it is so clear that it is within SSMU's mandate to handle this.

Voting Procedure:

Voting on Motion 12 g - **APPROVED Unanimously 20 - 0 - 2**

Councillor Price, Councillor Abdelhamid, Councillor Qiu and Proxy for Hobbs all leave at 9:19pm.

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to suspend the rules to make the confidential session the next item on the agenda - FAILS 9 - 9**

13. Reports by Committees **(25)**

a. Executive Committee **(5)**

The President reads out the executive committee report.

Question Period:



Senator Buraga asks why it took so long to approve the Italian Studies course. The President explains that this occurred because there was an error with the labelling of the course and so it got brought back the SSMU Board of Directors.

b. Indigenous Affairs Committee (5)

VP Shapiro reads out the report. VP Shapiro explains how the main priority of the committee has been rallying around the change the name campaign since it still is ongoing since they await for the decision from the McGill Principal on its stance on the campaign.

c. Financial Ethics and Risk Committee (5)

VP Wang reads out the report.

d. Services Review Committee (5)

VP Wang reads out the report.

e. Students' Society Programming Network (5)

VP McLaughlin says that SSMUper Bowl party went well. He also highlights that SSPN organized Faculty Olympics and that it went very well.

Question Period:

The President asks why cash payment was used to pay for the events. VP Wang explains that based on how poorly and how short the time frame there was in collecting money, cash was the preferred method.

Senator Lametti makes a point of order that in future voting, abstentions should count as votes and not as non-votes. Therefore, things should only be able to pass if it receives a majority of in favour votes, including the abstentions. The Speaker thanks Senator Lametti for his point of order and explains that this will be brought up in the next steering committee meeting, but for now the previous decision made by the Speaker remains.



14. Reports by Councillors (21)

a. Benjamin Smit (Management) (3) - **POSTPONED**

Councillor Sanchez makes a point of order, asking is there any accountability being taken for the fact that Management representatives have not attended Legislative Council sessions for the past two sessions. The Speaker explains that the accountability committee has noted it but has not suspended it.

b. Julian Jayme (Music) (3)

Senator Lametti **Motions to have the written motion stand as a report and that questions can be asked for next Council session, seconded by Councillor Karia - PASSES Unanimously 18 - 0**

c. Garima Karia (Arts) (3)

Councillor Karia reads out her report. Highlights include an equity report on Arts Frosh, the Leacock Building Closure, AUS Secretary General Report on POLI 339 and a LICM Endorsement.

Question:

VP Wang explains that AUS constituents have reached out to VP Wang regarding the fact that many AUS employees explain that they haven't been getting a fair wage and have been receiving stipends that do not reflect their hours, which are overworked. He asks, what will AUS do to ensure that this doesn't continue. Councillor Karia explains that she will relay this information to the AUS Executives.

Senator Buraga wants more clarification on what parts of Leacock are closing. Councillor Karia explains that the Arts Lounge, SNAX and various parts of the basement and the first 2 floors are closing. The AUS President is working with clubs affected by the Leacock building closure.



Senator Buraga wants more clarification as to why parts of the Leacock building are closing. Councillor Sanchez explains that it is because McGill wants to construct an amphitheater just outside Leacock Building.

The President asks if the AUS is prepared for a longer building closure than the Winter 2020 deadline. Councillor Karia says yes.

Senator Buraga asks what the status of POLI 339 is and if there will be any action taken on this issue since this class isn't supposed to be available by the AUS Council vote. Councillor Karia and Scarra explain that the Secretary General report states all the factors that went into passing the POLI 339 course and that the AUS President is going to meet with Fabrice LeBeau to ensure that the course won't be available to reflect the decision made by the AUS Secretary-General and AUS Council.

d. Maxence Frenette (Engineering) (3)

Councillor Frenette reads out their report, highlights include the updates to their website and Engineering winning Faculty Olympics.

The President asks how close the second place team was to Engineering in Faculty Olympics. Councillor Frenette says that it was not close.

Councillor Bazylykut highlights how Councillor Frenette won the "Best Captain" awards at Faculty Olympics.

e. Philippe Cossette (PT/OT) (3)

Senator Lametti **Motions to Replicate the same Motion he made for Councillor Jayme's report, seconded by VP Wang - PASSES Unanimously**

f. Haoyi Qiu (Science) (3)

Councillor Lyons reads out the report, including the ratification of the newly-elected SUS executives and the SUS St. Patrick's Day Apartment Crawl.



g. Robert Hu (FYC) (3)

Councillor Hu reads out the report. Councillor Hu explains that it's been a while since his first report and he is amazed that it's been so long. He also explains how their event at Club Soda originally had \$5 tickets but then made the tickets free, and demand for the event increased, Hu cites economics as the reason for this demand shift. The Council enjoys Councillor Hu's light humour.

The President **Motions to extend the report indefinitely, seconded by Councillor Karia - PASSES**

Councillor Hu also explains how the Lazer Quest event was very fun.

All Councillors give Councillor Hu a clapping ovation.

Question:

Senator Buraga asks about the budget and why there is that much surplus for that. VP Wang explains that this happened because of the budget that was agreed upon.

VP Wang asks if the FYC VP Finance can reach out to VP Wang earlier when agreeing on the budget for events. Councillor Hu says he will do that.

VP McLaughlin asks is it not true that the FYC VP Finance tried to reach out VP Wang but VP Wang is busy. Councillor Hu says he declines to answer.

Councillor Sanchez makes a point of order says that you cannot respond to a question like that and asks what is the appropriate protocol. The Speaker says that you can simply say: I defer the question.

Councillor Hu says that is what he meant with his answer.

The President asks that given that it is hard to attract first year students to FYC events, what does Councillor Hu see being the greatest initiative to attracts students. Councillor Hu says the events do help.



15. Executive Reports **(18)**

a. President **(3)**

The President reads out his report.

Question:

Councillor Scara asks more information about the master plan for SSMU and the President explains that he cannot share that information since some of it is confidential.

Member of the Gallery Asa Khon asks what is going with the governance reform committee meetings and why can't he access the meetings. VP Shapiro explains that the SSMU has done a poor job of advertising the location/time of the meetings and they will be publicized on the VP University Affairs Facebook page.

Councillor Bazylykut **Motions to move the Executive Reports to next Council Session in the interest of time since there is a confidential session, seconded by Councillor Sanchez**

Debate on Amendment:

Senator Buraga explains that he is against this motion since it prevents accountability of the executives.

VP McLaughlin states that he agrees with Senator Buraga.

VP Shapiro explains that his report isn't ready and will provide an oral one if need be right now and apologizes for this.

Voting on the Amendment - FAILS (needed a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority) 10 - 8

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

VP Shapiro reads out his report.



Question:

Senator Lametti asks why the Senate Caucus motioned to abstain on the sexual violence policy. VP Shapiro explains that this vote was frustrating in a way since there was a lack of leadership from McGill administration.

Councillor Karia **Motions to extend the Question Period by 2 minutes, seconded by Senator Buraga - PASSES**

VP Shapiro explains that the SSMU Senators are concerned about what is going on in terms of McGill accountability and that is what the abstain vote reflected.

Councillor Lyons asks what are the thoughts of the McGill administration on this issue. VP Shapiro explains that efforts are being made but that there is a lack of efficient tools to engage positive change for our community.

c. VP Internal (3)

VP McLaughlin reads out his report.

Question Period:

Councillor Bazylykut asks how many beverages will be at SSMU Awards. VP McLaughlin says four per person.

Senator Buraga asks if Asa Khon can attend the SSMU Awards since he attended so many Council sessions. VP McLaughlin agrees.

Councillor Sanchez asks if the SSMU Social Media will publicize the LICM referendum since there was a re-vote. VP McLaughlin explains that the news on the LICM referendum are on the SSMU Facebook page and also will be on the listserv.

d. VP Finance (3)

VP Wang reads out his report.



Question Period:

Senator Lametti asks if VP Wang can respond to the remarks made against him earlier by the members of the gallery. The Speaker says this isn't in order since it isn't a question on the report.

e. VP Student Life (3)

Senator Lametti **Motions to replicate his motion for the 3rd time, seconded by VP Wang - PASSES Unanimously**

f. VP External Portfolio (3) - **POSTPONED**

Councillor Hersh **Motions to postpone the report, seconded by Councillor Sanchez - PASSES Unanimously**

Senator Lametti **Motions for a five minute recess, seconded by Senator Buraga - PASSES Unanimously**

16. Confidential Session [60]

a. There will be confidential business this evening.

17. Adjournment - **12:15 AM**

Councillor Sanchez **Motions to adjourn, seconded by Councillor Karia - PASSES**



Bryan Buraga, President