REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-09-26

Submitted for: September 26, 2019

The Steering Committee of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) convened at 11:30 AM, 20th of September 2019 at the SSMU Offices, Montréal, QC.

Attendance

Present: Speaker Jamal, Parliamentarian Wong, Speaker On-Call Lee, President Buraga, Councillor Franceschini

Regrets: None

Guest Speakers

● There were no guest speakers at this committee’s session.

New Business

● Motions reviewed by the committee are listed below. The committee undertook the formatting, stylistic, spelling, and grammatical changes it deemed necessary to all motions and notice of motions submitted by the deadline.
  ○ Notice of Motion Regarding Policy on Moratorium on McGill Fees Until Fossil Fuel Divestment 2019-09-26
  ○ Motion Regarding Development and Implementation Process for Policies and Plans 2019-09-26
  ○ Motion Regarding Creation of Indigenous Equity Fund and Fee 2019-09-26
  ○ Motion Regarding Support of Climate Justice Actions at McGill 2019-09-26

Business Arising

● There were no motions postponed at the previous meeting of Legislative Council to carry forward but there was business referred by the Board of Directors.
Steering Committee Innovations

The Steering Committee has been contemplating ways to help make meeting of the Legislative Council more efficient while also building in greater mechanisms for consensus-based decision making.

With these changes, debate will be constrained and all motions on the agenda will be subject to a consent vote before question period, debate, and a formally recorded vote are held. We believe these changes will help to increase the efficiency of the Legislative Council by providing an expedited approval pathway for items not deemed contentious while also preserving the right of Councillors to debate motions should they wish to do so.

To prepare for this change, all Councillors should come to the Legislative Council having read and reviewed the motions in advance as motions adopted by consent will not have a reading during the Legislative Council, undergo question period or debate, or a formal vote.

We hope that Councillors will appreciate the efforts the Steering Committee is making to ensure that the Legislative Council adjourns at a reasonable hour. We welcome any comments or feedback in this regard.

Confidential Session

Councillors should be aware that there will not be confidential session this evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Husayn Jamal, Speaker of the Legislative Council