



SSMU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC MINUTES

November 14, 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, November 14, 2019, at 6:00p.m.

1. Call to Order: **18:15**

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 18:15.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker presents the land acknowledgement.

3. Attendance

Absent: Councillors Patzer, Platt, Sbayte, Eisner, Gurvey, Morgan, Lametti.

Evelyn Silverson-Tokatlidis is serving as a proxy for Councillor Kersch.

Elise Lacoste is serving as a proxy for the Education Representative.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Legislative Council Minutes 2019-10-10 --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

b. Legislative Council Minutes 2019-20-24 --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The Speaker asks if there are any amendments or objections to the minutes.

There are no objections.

The minutes are unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of the Agenda



The Speaker announces that the agenda has been adopted as amended.

VP Finance arrives at 18:20.

6. Report of the Steering Committee

The Speaker presents the report of the Steering Committee.

VP External inquires about the rationale for the for the new format of Legislative Council motions.

The Speaker explains that it arose after feedback from numerous students, especially those looking to submit motions for the General Assembly, noting that they faced considerable barriers in writing motions. As well, it will be used to ensure a consistent format in motions.

Councillor Chan asks if the same format will affect referendum questions.

The Speaker states that the referendum questions will be in the same format.

7. Guest Speakers

a. Lester Asset Management

Jordan Steiner, a portfolio manager at Lester Asset Management presents the report. Steiner explains the backstory to Lester Asset Management's relationship with McGill.

Jordan Steiner explains that the firm was founded in 1988 by McGill professor Ken Lester. Lester Asset Management manages about \$320 million, making them a moderately small firm.

Steiner explains that in terms of the investment breakdown, 60% of investments are in bonds, while the remaining 40% is in stocks. The firm has primarily long-term investors.

Steiner explains that Lester, on behalf of McGill, is Canadian, investing in Canadian bonds and stocks. He explains that this is partly because they are largely ignored or skipped over by global investors, and that there are many valuable Canadian companies beyond oil and mining organizations, citing Dollarama and Aritzia among others. As well, all of the investment spending is in Canadian dollars, and foreign investment runs a currency risk.

Steiner explains that Lester Management does not invest in oil or gas, weapons, metals, mining or coal.

Steiner states that they tend to overweight some investments, and they are focusing on towards investing in green bonds.



Regarding performance, Steiner states that SSMU is performing better than SSMU would have done if they had bought only index.

Steiner explains that they are lagging on this year to date, but notes that lagging years are normal for investors. With Gerts being closed, there may be a funding shortfall, with this money being kept in case of requiring funding.

Councillor Dixon thanks Mr. Steiner for the presentation, and inquires if they are currently investing in any tobacco companies.

Steiner states that they are not, but Lester Management has invested in cannabis products. Similarly, Steiner explains the situation of Couche-Tard, noting Couche-Tard is not a tobacco company, about 40% of their sales stems from the sale of tobacco products. Steiner makes Council aware that Lester Asset Management does not own Couche-Tard.

VP External inquires how Lester Asset Management has been an active shareholder in regards to Quebecor. Steiner explains that they have “gone activist” on Quebecor, hiring lawyers at one point. Steiner explains that as Quebecor is owned by the Peladeaus, pressuring has little impact.

Councillor Roy inquires if Lester Asset is investing in any logging companies. Steiner states that they have not invested in any logging companies.

Councillor Chase understands that Lester Asset Management is an active manager, and asks that when compared to other managers with regards to rates of return, if they find themselves on the more active or less active side. Steiner explains that it depends on how you measure it. In terms of churn, they are relatively low, as they are long-term investors, holding on to stocks for typically at least four years, citing that their churn is about 25% annually. Based on the index, Steiner explains that they are very active, as they are very different based on how the TSX looks. As well, Steiner explains that they provide a better representation of the Canadian economy, and prefer the organizations that are more representative of Canada.

Councillor Flaherty departs at 18:43.

Councillor Daryanani departs at 18:44.

Maheen Akter, AUS VP Internal is serving as proxy for Councillor Daryanani and arrives at 18:44.

Haidee Pangilinan, AUS VP Services, is serving as proxy for Councillor Dandamudi and arrives at 18:44.

b. FL Fuller Landau LLP

Uros Miligich, a partner at Fuller Landau, citing that they have done the audit for over two years.



Miligich goes over the auditor report, including the SSMU's financial statements.

Miligich goes over the basis of qualification paragraph. Miligich explains that the first one refers to cash transactions, and the second qualification is in regards to the SSMU daycare, as SSMU has a control relationship with the daycare, and have cited that there was no deemed benefit perceived by SSMU management to consolidate it.

Miligich states that the accounting standards that SSMU uses is the accounting practices that not-for-profit organizations use.

Miligich explains that the capital assets includes the land and the building that was purchased last year.

Regarding the liabilities, Miligich explains that is related to the health and dental premiums.

Regarding long-term debt, Miligich cites the RBC loan, a loan of 3.2 million, with a fixed rate of 3.72%, stating that is has been locked in until 2023, and that annual payments equal \$18,929.

Miligich explains the zero balance in the operating funds, explaining that the policy of the SSMU that whenever there is a surplus at the end of the year, the surplus is transferred to the Student Life fund.

Regarding Gert's and Gert's activity, Miligich explains that activity diminished significantly, as Gert's was closed for renovations.

Regarding the Clubs net, Miligich states that it is allowed to state as net, as SSMU is viewed as an agent of the Clubs.

Question Period:

Councillor Marcoux asks how long is the loss sustainable for. Miligich explains that in regards to a not-for-profit organization, stating that it is not desirable to display constant profits, as it insinuates to the government that it is not a real not-for-profit, unless you can then prove that the profit is used to advance the main purpose of the organization. Similarly, in terms of a loss, Miligich also explains that a constant loss is not desirable, but states that the loss is not currently in trouble.

Senator Lametti arrives at 18:40.

c. Confidential Presentation

Legislative Council enters confidential session at 18:45.



Legislative Council exits confidential session at 19:31.

d. Eric van Eyken, McGill University Scarlet Key Society

Eric van Eyken presents on behalf of the McGill University Scarlet Key Society.

Van Eyken explains that the Scarlet Key is an organization and an award that recognizes McGill student leadership. Van Eyken states that it is an annual application, and recognizes outstanding student achievement. Van Eyken states that about 100 people apply annually, and a committee decides. Van Eyken explains that recipients receive a pin, certificate, and attends a ceremony where they meet the Principal, Suzanne Fortier. Similarly, they are also recognized at convocation. Van Eyken asks Councillors to take part in the selection committee.

Question Period:

Proxy for Education Representative asks if there are any fees associated with the Scarlet Key. Van Eyken states that there are no fees associated to it, highlighting that it is not the same organization as the Golden Key society.

Councillor Kaye inquires about how many people are accepted as recipients. Van Eyken explains that it varies year to year, but it is generally about 20 people.

Andres Perez-Tinakos, MCSS Representative, inquires in regards to how is MacDonald Campus students are involved. Van Eyken states that any student attending McGill can apply, whether they are an undergraduate or a PGSS student.

e. Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) Unionisation Drive

Raf Finn presents on behalf of the Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM).

Finn explains that AGSEM represents graduate Teaching Assistants (TAs) and undergraduate and graduate invigilators. Beyond this, they also hope to represent teaching-support workers at McGill.

As well, Finn is the Chair of a committee to research and goes through a campaign to protect teaching-support workers to have them join the institution.

Finn wishes to express that the main message to communicate is that teaching conditions are working conditions, and vice versa, and that they exist in close relationships with one another. Similarly, if you neglect the teaching conditions of academics, the working conditions decline as a result.

Finn highlights the dire situation of OSD note-takers becoming unpaid, as well as graders not being paid for hours worked. Finn explains that graders and markers facing these conditions face a



deplorable condition, either to do the work in its completion fairly in their own time, being paid 4 or 5 dollars an hour based on the hours paid, or to do the hours allotted, and mark things to a poor extent.

Finn explains that they are in unionization period, and have been public since October. Legally, they require 35% of teaching-support workers at McGill to join AGSEM on their behalf voluntarily. Following that the Ministry of Labour gives certification, and then they would move to negotiations with McGill.

Finn would encourage passing a motion to call for the endorsement by SSMU, and in their greater representative position, share it with their organizations, so teaching-support workers know that this is happening.

Question Period:

Councillor Marcoux inquires if he will be visiting the other faculties.

Finn states that they have gone to AUS and will be having meetings with SUS and EUS in the future.

VP External asks Finn to clarify the 35% number presented.

Finn explains that the 35% presented is the 35% of all teaching-support workers employed by McGill.

VP External inquires about the majority vote. Finn states that between 35% to 50% is deemed a majority vote, but if they have over 50%, a majority vote is not required.

8. Announcements

VP External congratulates everyone who participated in the mobilizations against the changes of the Programme Experiences Quebec.

Councillor Franceschini announces that Arts & Science Council is having Semi-formal tomorrow, called BASICally Famous, and states that anyone can come, with tickets costing \$15.00.

Councillor for Education announces that there will be a Power Hour on November 22, and tells everyone that they are welcome to attend.

Question Period:

Senator Lametti inquires that regarding the review of listservs, what the process is, based on poor translation and the topic of Listserv from November 21.

VP External yields his time to the Communications department.



Zachary Kay, Communications and Marketing Manager of SSMU, states that in terms of the French, they are now using reformed process regarding the translation. Zachary Kay explains that an internal student translator initially translates the necessary items, and then it is sent to an external translator review company to review. Following the review process, SSMU receives it, when it is then sent to the SSMU Francophone Commissioner, they pass it to be published.

Senator Lametti inquires to what the process is in regards to the content selection.

VP External yields to Communications and Marketing Manager.

Zachary states the VP Internal has the final say on the Listserv and the content in it. In terms of content, the Communications department provides feedback and reviews it.

Councillor Roy asks VP Student Life inquires an update on SSMU mini-courses.

VP Student Life states that they are currently in talks with Athletics, have secured two or three time slots that will occur in winter. Similarly, they are looking for more spaces, but notes that space is limited.

Senator Lametti, notes that the question has originated from Senate Caucus, and asks why the SSMU Indigenous Allyship letter was not signed by VP Internal. The Speaker notes that VP Internal is not currently present in the meeting, and asks if any other Executive would like to answer on her behalf. The Executives in the room express that they would feel more comfortable letting VP Internal answer this question at another time or later on.

Councillor Marcoux motions to suspend the rules in order to do a straw poll regarding the use of profane language on SSMU outlets, seconded by Councillor Fakhri - PASSES.

Councillor Marcoux conducts a straw poll on if using profane language on official SSMU outlets, such as Facebook is appropriate.

Appropriate: 4

Not appropriate: 12

The President and VP University Affairs arrives at 19:57.

Senator Lametti moves to extend question period by ten minutes, seconded by Councillor Roy - PASSES.

VP Internal arrives by teleconference at 19:59.



The Recording Secretary reads out the previously-submitted question by Senator Lametti regarding Listserv translation and content review.

VP Internal states that she writes the Listserv, and after, it is then sent to the entire Communications department. VP Internal notes that if they find something problematic, they come to her office on Wednesday afternoon to bring it to light, but notes that it did not occur last week.

Regarding translations, they are currently translating everything, in order of precedence, and trying their best to translate everything they can.

The Recording Secretary reads out the second previously-submitted question by Senator Lametti regarding why the VP Internal did not sign the statement of Indigenous Allyship.

VP Internal notes that it was the personal request of the IAC, instead mandating a request of a personal apology coming out sometime next week.

Senator Lametti in regards to the article published in the McGill Daily concerning the offer of free trips offered to Executives and representatives, and is curious to know what others' view on this situation is, and whether it constitutes a conflict of interest.

Councillor Chan reads out a prepared statement that he read at AUS Council.

Councillor Chan notes that in October, he was approached by a close friend to apply to the program, run by Hillel Montreal, which consisted of a trip to Israel over Winter break. It was advertised as promoting a dialogue and deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestine region, and offered a variety at meeting both Israeli and Palestinian politicians, community leaders, and journalists. While Councillor Chan recognizes that Hillel is not an objective organization, he notes that they had no obligation of him upon return. Councillor Chan notes that he accepted the position entirely as an individual. Citing as a Christian, this trip offered him opportunities to visit the sites most central to his Christian faith, an opportunity that he would not have otherwise. Similarly, he is confident he is compliant in the Conflict of Interest Policy. Lastly, he notes that it is his duty as an Arts Representative to hear concerns and understand different perspectives, and welcomes the opportunity to discuss it further.

Councillor Chase stresses that the reason for Hillel Montreal asking him to apply was due to his past attendance at Hillel events, and as such, knew he would be interested in such an opportunity. Councillor Chase stresses that it is a completely personal trip, and is not related to the position of Arts Representative. More so, Councillor Chase is confident that he is compliant in conflict of interest procedures.



VP University Affairs states that she does not think it is possible to separate representative positions from personal interests in the trip that may arise. Similarly, VP University Affairs states that whether you are compliant with this policy is not relevant.

Councillor Wright restates what Councillors Chan and Chase stated, and applied as a student, not a representative, and does not believe it will affect their performance.

The President speaks on behalf of VP Finance and Internal, and reiterates the sentiments expressed in the letter in light of these initiatives.

The President notes that the Executive Committee opposes the invitations themselves. Secondly, they Asked Hillel Montreal to make public three things. First, that these invitations were extended, secondly, who they were extended to and reasoning behind it, and thirdly, details regarding the trip. The President further notes that VP Finance and Internal have both rejected the trip, and notes that Hillel Montreal has not responded.

VP External asks if any Councillors have heard from their constituents if elected leaders going on these trips makes their constituents uncomfortable.

Councillor Chan notes that some constituents have expressed concern, and has had several meetings to discuss these concerns with them.

Councillor Mackie motions to extend discussion by ten (10) minutes, seconded by Senator Lametti - PASSES.

Senator Lametti notes that according to various representatives, these trips were offered through networks, yet in the SSMU statement, it said that it was being directed towards student leaders, and wondering what basis this relies on.

VP University Affairs states that the letter received by VP Finance directly refers to his involvement as a student leader, and that anecdotally, according to various individuals offered the trip, their roles in student leadership did play a part.

Referring back to a previous question, Councillor Mackie inquires why the decision was made to not allow VP Internal to sign on to the statement, as suggested by the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner. VP University Affairs states that it is not their place to comment on that, and directs all questions and inquiries to the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner.

Senator Lametti asks VP University Affairs to indicate her position on using profanities on official SSMU platforms.



VP University Affairs notes that she does not have an official stance, but notes that personally, uses them quite frequently. Furthermore, she notes that she uses them in regards to topics she feels quite strongly about. Furthermore, she notes that signed off the statement with her name at the end.

Councillor Fakih inquires regarding the next steps regarding the conflict of interests, and who will evaluate if this is a conflict of interest.

The Speaker notes that himself and the General Manager are responsible for doing research on the disclosure in a report to the BoD. In the absence of the General Manager, the Governance Manager and the HR Manager, along with the Speaker, conduct the investigation. This report is then sent to the BoD, the highest authority within the SSMU.

Councillor Fakih notes that numerous individuals on BoD have been offered and accepted the trips, and asks if it is also a conflict of interest. The Speaker notes that as the Chair of BoD, can advise individuals to recuse themselves on these votes.

Councillor Fakih motions to suspend the rules to enter a generative discussion, seconded by VP University Affairs.

The President moves to appeal the decision of the Speaker, seconded by Councillor Fakih. VP External asks what the difference between suspending the rules and appealing the decision of the chair.

The Speaker notes that in practice, nothing, but appealing the decision of the chair would send a message to the Speaker that the Speaker made an unfavourable opinion. Similarly, voting numbers reached differs. As well, suspending the rules does not allow for debate, but appealing does.

Debate:

Senator Lametti believes that we should uphold the rules of the Speaker, as it is objectively correct.

VP University Affairs notes her support for Senator Lametti.

Motion to sustain or uphold the decision of the chair - FAILS.

In favour: 22

Opposed: 2

The President moves to appeal the decision of the chair, seconded by Councillor Fakih - FAILS.

Councillor Fakih motions to suspend the rules to enter a generative discussion, seconded by VP University Affairs - PASSES.



In favour: 25

Opposed: 1

Generative discussion:

Senator Lametti reads from the papers, reading the response from an email he had written to Hillel Montreal.

VP External notes that it would be interesting to receive confirmation from members of Council, to see if this is in fact true.

Councillor Chase states that it is correct.

Councillor Roy notes the current situation in Palestine. Furthermore, Councillor Roy has an issue with the idea that they feel as though they can separate their position due to applying to things on a personal nature, and it is not possible to divide their position and their individual private citizen.

VP External motions to extend speaking time by five minutes, seconded by Councillor Das - PASSES.

Furthermore, Councillor Roy states that this division between position and private citizenship cannot occur, and that they are accepting these gifts by a state that is currently perpetuating apartheid and colonialism. Thus, Councillor Roy calls on Councillors to decline the trip, and if they are not interested in declining, calls on them to resign.

VP External recognizes that it is unfortunate that people can't enjoy their heritage. Similarly, VP External agrees with the sentiment of Councillor Roy. As well, VP External believes it is naive, if not ignorant, to say that there is a separation between their position and their role, as a private sentiment, and that they would be turning a blind eye to the sentiment on campus of the reality of the Arab-Israeli crisis if they can say in confidence that they can take this trip as a private citizens.

Councillor Merali states the decision is an inherently political decision, and cannot 'divorce' their position from their own individuality.

Councillor Wright shares an anecdote from her campaign last year. She notes that she had a constituent who asked what would happen if a similar situation like POLI 339 occurred in SUS, and states that she would continue to look from individual feedback to dictate how she votes and behaves in Legislative Council, and notes her past experience with it.

Councillor Das motions to extend by two minutes, seconded by Councillor Mackie - PASSES.

Councillor Wright agrees with sentiment is what has been going on in regards to the situation abroad, and states that it is something that needs to change. Councillor Wright notes that on a personal level,



she is happy to correspond with anyone, but believes she can remain an objective leader by going on the trip.

VP University Affairs responds to those who may be thinking “just another BDS debate”. VP University Affairs notes that it is not simply a BDS debate that keeps reoccurring, and that there are individuals with lived experiences, and it's worth discussing in any venture.

VP External reminds council of BDS conversation at McGill is different from BDS conversations generally, due to its, at many times, anti-semitic nature.

VP University Affairs motions to extend by five minutes, seconded by Councillor Mackie - PASSES.

Councillor Fakih notes that in the letter that was attached to the McGill Daily article, it starts off with “dear student leader”, initially addressing the individual as a student leader. Councillor Fakih notes that for individuals who have accepted the trip, while they might have different motives as to why they are going, the reason Hillel accepted them are due to their positions and through their connections. Councillor Fakih understands that while individuals may want to go for education, from their point of view, that is not how they see it, and as such, does not believe this is an appropriate way to educate themselves.

Councillor Chase notes that the letter, while he cannot speak on the VP Finance received, the letter Councillor Chase received did not include mentions of “student leader” at all. Similarly, Councillor Chase notes that organization is not government-funded, and that it is an independent organization. Lastly, to his knowledge, they are attempting to include diverse perspectives, and as such, did not see this as a propaganda trip.

VP University Affairs notes that hearing other points of view is not the same as not going on the trip, and that infers that you are still planning on going. Similarly, while she does not know enough details, if it is the same organization that invited SSMU executives, regardless if they are trying to provide a nuanced view, it is impossible, given the stance of the organization.

The President motions to extend generative discussion ad libitum, seconded by Councillor Roy - FAILS.

In favour: 6

Oppose: 19

VP University Affairs motions to extend by ten (10) minutes, seconded by Councillor Merali - PASSES.

Agree: 23

Oppose: 1



Senator Lametti expresses the point of view that every councillor has right to consume information regardless of how bias they may be. However, he points out that there are two conflicting statements, between if individuals were contacted due to the position they hold, or through a personal basis. If it is the former, he does believe it a conflict of interest.

Councillor Wright clarifies that there are many individuals who are not involved with SSMU going on the trip, but are connected on campus overall.

VP University Affairs invites Councillor Marcoux to ask the question asked earlier.

Councillor Marcoux reads the statement that he posted on the SSMU Legislative Council Facebook group, noting that he believed it was inappropriate to use such language on an official SSMU account.

VP University Affairs stands by her comment, and ultimately made the decision with the person who was the target of these comments.

Councillor Roy publicly states support language VP University Affairs used, believes it is warranted, and believes that they are tone policing a woman.

VP University Affairs reads a message submitted to her on the official SSMU University Affairs Facebook page.

“Hey, so I'm not around McGill much anymore given that I've graduated, but I'm pretty concerned with the tone you used in that last post. did you mean to post that on UA or your personal account?” Similarly, VP University Affairs does not believe it is up to the prerogative of this body to engage in this discussion.

Councillor Das agrees with the sentiment of VP University Affairs, but does not believe profanity is necessary, nor appropriate on university accounts.

Senator Lametti believes that official communication should be subject to democratic will of Council, and does not believe it is tone policing.

VP External motions to amend the rules to add a late motion, seconded by Councillor Roy - FAILS.

In favour: 12

Opposed: 10

9. Question Period

10. Recess, Consent Items



Legislative Council resumes at 21:29.

11. Business Arising

- a. Motion Regarding Amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference 2019-10-24

The Speaker announces that it has been approved through unanimous consent.

12. New Business

- a. Notice of Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances (2019-11-14)

VP External explains that there is currently no mention of financial independence of Indigenous students in the IR, and that this motion would allow for financial independence, including the opening of an opportunity to establish for a bursary for Indigenous students in need.

- b. Notice of Motion Regarding Adoption of the Climate Justice Policy (2019-11-14)

VP External explains that the policy is both being renewed and amended, to flesh out some various terms, to capture the context that exists on campus currently.

- c. Motion concernant la Loi resserrant l'encadrement du cannabis (2019-11-14)
--APPROUVÉE À L'UNANIMITÉ

Senator Lametti motivates the motion.

Senator Lametti looks favourably on the Legislative Council opposes the new disposition adopted by l'Assemblée Nationale on cannabis consumption, SSMU continues its treatment of cannabis based on scientific evidence, harm reduction, and protecting marginalized groups, and lastly, that the Executive Committee is mandated to publicize these measures.

VP External asks if Senator Lametti sees the integration of his condemnation affecting smoking cigarettes on campus, and if it would affect the McGill smoking policy. Senator Lametti states that the question is unclear. VP External states that he is referring to the policy put forward by SSMU was done in April 2016 on smoking cigarettes on campus. Senator Lametti believes this condemnation proposal works with McGill's policy, as they are going in the same direction and based on the same values. VP External asks for clarification, and if Senator Lametti thinks the condemnation should be integrated within the policy for longevity purposes. Senator Lametti in the context of this motion, he would rather just condemn it.

Councillor Chan leaves at 21:16.



VP External congratulates Senator Lametti and Dixon for this motion.

Senator Garneau notes that on the language that is submitted, that motions should be made accessible in both languages, so that every Councillor can fulfill their duties to the best of their abilities.

Senator Lametti believes it a practice that members who would like materials translated can request it from the dais.

Councillor Chase understands the sentiment behind the motion, but believes that suppliers have a moral authority for their products to be sold to a population that will not be endangered by it, and that the research conducted by the Government of Quebec on the use of cannabis before the age of 21 does make sense. Councillor Dixon notes that the important to cite that the information is not evidence-based, and it is primarily based on harm reduction.

Councillor Marcoux motions to call the question, seconded by Councillor Mackie.

VP External motion to suspend the rules in order to read the motion in English, seconded by Councillor Merali - UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

Senator Lametti motivates the motion in English.

Senator Lametti recognizes the right of Councillors to submit in French, and that it was submitted two weeks in advance.

Councillor Marcoux motions to call the question, seconded by Councillor Mackie - PASSES.

Motion concernant la Loi resserrant l'encadrement du cannabis - APPROUVÉE.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 2

Abstaining: 2

This motion is unanimously approved.

- d. Motion Regarding Suspension of the Management Representatives (2019-11-14)
--UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Speaker motivates the motion as the Chair of the Steering Committee.

The Speaker explains that the two Management representatives have not yet completed their Gendered and Sexual Violence training, and according to GSVP policy, if they had not completed it



within a month of the first Legislative Council meeting or prior, they would be suspended. The Chair notes that they had applied re-officially to be reinstated, and Steering Committee voted unanimously against to not be reinstated until training is completed.

The President recognizes that the Management representatives have had multiple opportunities to attend GSVP training.

Question Period:

Senator Lametti inquires on in the interim, how will Management be represented. The Chair states that they will not be represented. The Chair notes that both had completed Frosh training, and had the opportunity to submit it, and if it is deemed sufficient, they can be reinstated.

Councillor Roy asks that in the event that they have to complete the training, when will the next training be offered. The Chair replies, indicating sometime in January.

Councillor Rhamey confirms, asking that they were given multiple email confirmations. The President indicates yes and explains that all Councillors were given the opportunity to attend the Clubs and Services summit in September. If they could not make it, they had the opportunity to make it up in subsequent trainings primarily offered to SSMU staff.

Councillor Chase asks if there is a possibility that one will be done between this meeting and the next meeting. The President states that after consultation with SSMU staff who had communicated with the anti-violence coordinator, they are unable to provide training until the new year.

Senator Lametti asks if it would it be possible for MUS to send proxies. The Chair states that the seats have been suspended, not the Councillors, and as such, they cannot send proxies

Debate:

Senator Lametti states that the Management faculty has a right to be represented on campus, and should allow proxies to sit on Council, given that proxies for other seats often do not have training. Instead, Senator Lametti would prefer to censure these two representatives, and inform the students of Management in this situation, and allow them to take action, given that this pertains to them.

Councillor Roy states that it is under SSMU's purview to censure these seats, given that the seats come with authority and connection to the people who hold these seats.

Councillor Marcoux notes that while these two Councillors failed to attend training, you cannot censure an entire faculty for the mistake of two people.



Councillor Rhamey proposes to suspend the Councillors and not the seat, and mandate that the proxies are individuals who have completed GSVP training.

Councillor Kaye asks if it would be possible for Club executives who had completed the training to serve as a proxy. The President notes that only executives of the faculty association are able to attend as proxies, as according to the Standing Rules.

Senator Lametti announces his intention to amend the motion through writing.

Councillor Chase states that to his knowledge, proxies do not require training.

The President after reflection, agrees with that, and if it is to the will of Council, the motion may be amended. The President explains that he may be in favor of having executives from faculties to act as proxies.

Motion to amend the amendment moved by Senator Lametti, seconded by VP External. - PASSES.

Debate on the amendment:

VP External believes the amendment to the amendment is out of place.

Senator Lametti expresses hope that there are indeed individuals of executive members of MUS that have taken part in the training.

Councillor Rhamey believes they are following the appropriate avenue for this.

Senator Lametti motions to call the question to the amendment of the amendment, seconded by Councillor Mackie - PASSES.

In favour: 21

Opposed: 1

Abstaining: 2

Debate on the main motion:

The President asks if this position of the amendment be communicated to the MUS executives, or the membership of the MUS society. The Speaker states the MUS society.

Proxy for Athletics Representatives questions all proxies will be expected to have GSVP training moving forward.

The President explains that at this point, it only pertains to MUS councillors, but there is an opportunity for a future motion regarding this.



VP University Affairs reminds Legislative Council to consider how much it takes for the coordinators to organize GSVP training.

Motion Regarding Suspension of the Management Representatives - UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

In favour: 22

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

This motion is unanimously approved.

Councillor Fakhri and Councillor Chase exit at 22:04.

Councillor Rhomey departs permanently at 22:05.

Senator Garneau exits at 22:05.

The Speaker announces that there has been a motion submitted for Confidential session and encourages Councillors to stay for confidential session.

VP external motions to suspend the rules to add two items of new business, seconded by the President - FAILS.

In favour: 9

Opposed: 10

Abstaining: 3

13. Reports by Committees

a. Executive Committee

The President presents the report of the Executive Committee, which mainly pertain to issues of a human resources manner.

Question Period:

Councillor Kaye asks for an update of the General Manager. The President states that the process is ongoing, and they are currently interviewing candidates, hoping to get it resolved as soon as possible.

b. Environment Committee

VP External presents the report.



Environment Committee has decided to have an open forum participation. They also held a variety of events.

Highlights include: providing support to climate strikers, doing participatory events to get people more excited about sustainability, working with engineering for a mug re-use project, working on composting, education workshops, engagement consultation with Milton-Parc Community Committee, and updating the website.

c. Indigenous Affairs Committee

VP University Affairs presents the report of the Indigenous Affairs Committee.

Highlights including holding a medicine walk in collaboration with the First Peoples House, holding an information session in regards to the referendum question, and holding a protest against the ruling of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal on First Nations Child Welfare. Currently, they are planning an event regarding intergenerational trauma event that will occur in March 2020, and they are currently advocating for internal reforms.

Question Period:

The President asks if they can expand further regarding the new campaign, inquiring in regards to what they are planning on campaigning on or if it will require further consultation. VP University Affairs states that it is in regards to what will happen if the referendum fee will pass, and the striving for the Indigenous affairs autonomy. This includes the hiring of the Indigenous equity researcher and Indigenous campaigns commissioner.

Councillor Kaye states that last year, she had heard about the poor conditions in the First Peoples' House (FPH) and asks the VP University Affairs to speak on it. VP University Affairs states that she is not equipped to answer that question, but will ask the IAC.

Councillor Roy indicates that they have been to the house recently, and that the house seems fine.

Councillor Kay further inquires if any of the funds from the Indigenous Equity Fee would go towards potential modification of the space if needed.

Councillor Roy explains that the FPH service is run by McGill, and the fee would not necessarily be used for the FPH given that it is a McGill entity.

d. Financial Ethics Committee

There is no report, given that the committee has not convened.



e. Club Committee --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

VP Student Life presents the report. VP Student Life notes that Clubs Committee met on November 1 and 8, where they approved that status of various clubs. Similarly, he makes Council aware that Golden Key was approved for status.

The President notes that any SSMU club must be open to all members of the Society.

VP Student Life notes that in accordance of IRs of Student Groups 1.3.a, the recommendations are made in light of it.

VP Student Life moves to put forward the recommendations of Clubs Committee, seconded by VP External.

Question Period:

The President asks to receive the input of the installation of Golden Key.

Councillor Marcoux states that informal restrictions exist elsewhere.

Proxy for Education Representative notes that it might be interesting to look into what other universities do regarding the Golden Key.

Proxy for Councillor Dandamudi asks what the Golden Key would receive in terms of funding. VP Student Life notes that clubs do not receive funding, and that they must apply for it first.

Councillor Kaye notes that when they reviewed it, they saw that it was a chapter of a broader movement, but understands the concerns of the President regarding its exclusivity.

Councillor Fakih asks Golden Key accepts its students.

VP Student Life states that they get the list of the top 15% from the dean of each faculty.

The President explains that he believes every club should be accessible to the membership of the Society, as such, he does not feel comfortable approving this club. However, if it's the will of Council, we may proceed.

The President motions to amend the report to strike to approval of Golden Key as an interim club, seconded by Councillor.

Debate:



Councillor Kaye asks what they would like to happen next.

The President explains the line that is crossed is that the Constitution, as the Golden Key is open exclusively to the 15%.

VP External states that while he commends the sentiments of the President, one own's position is not valid, as it does not have a basis in governance.

Councillor Roy states that it is not only available to the top 15%, but they also charge \$65 to join, citing it as predatory. Councillor Merali states that it is actually \$95.

Proxy for Councillor Dandamudi shares sentiment with the President. While if they do apply for SSMU funding, it will only be given to the group with the top 15%.

VP University Affairs motion to call the question, seconded by Councillor Dixon - PASSES.

Motion on the amendment to exclude the Golden Key society from the recommendations of the Clubs Committee - PASSES.

In favour: 12

Opposed: 3

Abstain: 8

Motion to put forward the recommendations of the Clubs Committee as amended, moved by VP Student Life, seconded by VP External- PASSES.

In favour: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 3

The report of the Clubs Committee is approved as amended.

f. Funding Committee --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

VP Student Life presents the report of the Funding Committee.

VP Student Life Notes that it has been reviewed three times.

Question Period:

There are no questions



VP Student Life motions to accept the report, seconded by Chase - PASSES.

In favour: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 2

14. Reports by Councillors

a. Councillor Dandamudi (Arts)

Proxy for Councillor Dandamudi presents the report.

Highlights include getting new hand dryers for McLennan, a mentorship program that has been pitched to Arts Senators, and managing the AUS Facebook page with other executives.

b. Councillor Courchesne-Mackie (Law)

Councillor Mackie presents the report.

Highlights include hosting the Med-Law Halloween party, looking to raise the money to counteract the loss of a sponsor from skit night, meeting with the Associate Dean of Academic of Law, interfaculty round meeting with other faculty VP Externals, a Bill 21 support event happening next week for law students who feel affected by the new law, and planning the FEDQ weekend in January. Similarly, Councillor Mackie notes the occurrence of the recurring coffee houses.

President asks where the coffee house takes place. Councillor Mackie states that it occurs New Chancellor Day Hall in the Atrium.

Councillor Marcoux asks what Councillor Mackie means by a Bill 21 support event. Councillor Mackie explains that it is support for the students affected, as the LSA has not taken an official stance. Councillor Mackie states that it is an event where they can pick up resource sheets, get coffee and timbits, to support students.

c. Councillor Gurvey (Management) - **TABLED**

d. Councillor Patzer (Nursing) - **TABLED**

e. Councillor Platt (Music) - **TABLED**

Senator Lametti moves to postpone the reports of Councillor Gurvey, Patzer, and Platt, seconded by - PASSES.

f. Councillor Wright (Science)

Councillor Wright presents the report.



Highlights include serving as a past President/upper year mentor for the First Year Undergraduate Science Society, SUS hosting a graduate school fair, and the currently occurring charity week.

Councillor Wright departs at 22:42.

Councillor Chase moves to postpone executive reports until next LC, seconded by Councillor Wu - PASSES

Opposed: 6

15. Confidential Session

Enter Confidential Session at **22:44**.

16. Adjournment: **22:55**.

VP University Affairs motions to adjourn, seconded by Proxy for Education Representative - PASSES.

The meeting is adjourned at 22:55.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buraga". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Bryan Buraga, President