



REPORT: STEERING COMMITTEE 2019-11-28

Submitted for: November 28, 2019

The Steering Committee of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) convened at 11:30 AM, 22nd of October 2019 at the SSMU Offices, Montréal, QC.

Attendance

Present: Speaker Jamal, Parliamentarian Wong, President Buraga (teleconference), Councillor Franceschini, Councillor Kaye (teleconference)

Regrets: Speaker On-Call Lee

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 Changes to the Internal Regulations of Committee Terms of Reference 2019-11-28
 - Motion Regarding Free Trip Offers to Student Leaders 2019-11-28
 - This motion had amendments made by the Steering Committee that were communicated to the mover and seconder of the motion. In the absence of opposition or a satisfactory explanation from the submitters of the motion, the Steering Committee deemed the changes accepted.
 - Motion Regarding Acceptable Communications Practices 2019-11-28



Business Arising

- The following motions were presented as Notices of Motion at the previous meeting of the Legislative Council and are returning as motions to be duly scrutinised, questioned, debated, and voted upon.
 - Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of the Society's Finances 2019-11-14
 - Motion Regarding Adoption of the Climate Justice Policy 2019-11-14

Steering Committee Innovations

- The Steering Committee has unanimously adopted a new practice to bring meetings of the Legislative Council in compliance with the *Loi sur les normes du travail* (Act respecting labour standards) whereby after every two (2) hours of the meeting, a ten (10) minute recess will be called at the Speaker's discretion.
 - These recesses will be called in such a way that they present the least disruption to the Legislative Council meetings.
 - The purpose of these recesses is to allow members of the Legislative Council, including the Dais, to stretch, refill water bottles, make use of building facilities, consume food, and regain composure if necessary.
 - This recess is necessary given that employees of the SSMU are entitled to certain legal rights, specifically a 30 minute unpaid meal break for every five (5) hours of continuous work to comply with employment contracts as well as labour law in Québec.
 - Councillors are expected to return from recess on time. Consistent tardiness may result in a referral to the Accountability Committee per the Speaker's discretion. The meeting will resume at the end of the recess once quorum is met.
- This evening's meeting is expected to run quite late and discuss subject matter that may be sensitive and personal for certain individuals. The following resources are available during and after the meeting to assist members of the Legislative Council and the gallery:
 - WalkSafe: 514-398-2498 9:00PM to 12:00AM
 - DriveSafe: 514-398-8040 (or [message on Facebook](#)) 11:00PM to 3:00AM
 - Nightline: 514-398-6246 6:00PM to 3:00AM
 - Peer Support Centre may be available outside the Legislative Council room
- Members of the Legislative Council and gallery should be aware that McGill Security Services will be present for the duration of this evening's meeting and will assist the Dais in maintaining the order of the meeting at the direction of the Speaker.



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Confidential Session

Councillors should be aware that there will be a confidential session this evening.

Faithfully submitted in service,

Husayn Jamal
Speaker of the Legislative Council