



# SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

January 9, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held in the SSMU Boardroom on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Husayn Jamal (Chair, non-voting), Sam Haward (Officer, non-voting), Rohan Bhutkar (Legislative Councillor), Jack Kline (Member-at-Large), Paige Collins (Member-at-Large), Ana Paula Sanchez (Member-at-Large), Adin Chan (Legislative Councillor), Michal Chernov (Governance Manager, non-voting), Jonah Levitt (Member-at-Large), Mustafa Fakhri (Legislative Councillor)

Absent: Jordyn Wright (Legislative Councillor), Sanchi Bhalla (Officer), Billy Kawasaki (Officer), Adam Gwiazda-Amsel (Officer), Madeline Wilson (Officer, non-voting), Bryan Buraga (Officer)

1. Call to Order: **18:03**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:03.

2. Land Acknowledgement

*The SSMU acknowledges that McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples. The SSMU recognizes and respects these nations as the traditional custodians of the land and water on which it is located.*

3. Adoption of the Agenda --**ADOPTED**

4. Report of the Executive Committee

VP Finance presents the report to the Board.

5. Email Approvals

- a. Motion Regarding the Creation of an Affordable Student Housing Committee  
2019-10-10 --**APPROVED (2019-12-17)**



- i. **In Favour:** Director Buraga, Director Gwiazda-Amsel, Director Levitt, Director Kawasaki, Director Kline, Director Bhalla, Director Bhutkar, Director Chan, Director Fakih, Director Collins
- ii. **Did Not Vote:** Director Sanchez

This motion was circulated by email approval on December 17, 2019.

6. Motions for Approval

There are no motions for approval.

7. For Discussion

There are no discussion items.

8. Public Question Period

- a. Asa Kohn: meetings of the Board of Directors for non-Members

Director Bhutkar motions to suspend the rules to allow the gallery member to ask a question, seconded by Director Fakih. This PASSES.

Member of the Gallery, Asa Kohn, Faculty of Science, inquires about meetings of the Board of Directors, which he wanted to attend. Kohn explains that as per the Constitution, members should be notified of public sessions of the Board of Directors, and it was quite difficult for him to find out when this meeting would occur. Kohn asks if Directors have any plans to change this situation.

VP Finance explains that Board meetings are not very highly attended as the Board agendas are not lengthy. Typically, Board meetings alternate on Thursdays from Legislative Council. VP Finance explains that we can indicate the dates on the website.

9. Confidential Session: **18:07**

The Board of Directors enters into Confidential session at 18:07, and all gallery members are asked to leave the room.

10. Adjournment: **19:58**

Bryan Buraga, President