



SSMU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC MINUTES

January 30, 2020

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, January 30, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: **18:13**

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 18:13.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker presents the land acknowledgement.

3. Attendance

Proxies:

Stefan Suvajac is proxy for Councillor Chan.

Jamal Tarrabain is proxy for Councillor Daryanani.

Sebastien Duckett is proxy for Councillor Platt.

Adrienne Tessier is proxy for Senator Lametti.

Absent: Councillors Eisner, Gurvey, Sbayte, VP University Affairs, SSMU President.

The Speaker announces that the Social Work seat is still vacant.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Legislative Council Public Minutes 2019-11-28 --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The minutes are approved unanimously.



b. Legislative Council Public Minutes 2020-01-16 --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The minutes are approved unanimously.

c. Legislative Council Confidential Minutes 2020-01-16 --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The minutes are approved unanimously.

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

Councillor Fried motions to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councillor Patzer - **PASSES**.

6. Report of the Steering Committee

The Speaker reads out the report of the Steering Committee.

7. Report of the Board of Directors

VP Finance presents the Report of the Board of Directors. He states that the report was distributed in advance. VP Finance notes that the report explains the reasoning of the Board of Directors to not suspend the VP University Affairs. VP Finance states that if anyone has questions, he advises them to wait until the arrival of the President.

Question Period:

Proxy for Senator Lametti asks how proxies can get access to the material being referred to.

The Speaker states that if proxies have an @ssmu.ca email account, they can access the Legislative Council folder. If they cannot, the Speaker states that he will share the material with the Law Senator personally, and if other individuals do not have a ssmu.ca email account, advises them to look off the computer of someone nearby, as they do not have permission to share the documents with anyone outside of those with ssmu.ca accounts.

8. Accountability Survey Administration

The Speaker notes that Legislative Council is mandated to conduct a yearly accountability survey, as through the Internal Regulations of Committee Terms of Reference. He notes that this is the opportunity to conduct an evaluation to review the performance of the Officers and other Councillors. The Speaker states that there is a link to an electronic copy in the voting documents list. Furthermore, the Speaker states that all evaluations are completely confidential. As well, he notes that no one will see individual responses. Instead, they will simply be taken as an aggregate and reported back to



Legislative Council in public session. As well, he notes that individuals have the right to decline to complete it if they choose to do so. As well, the Speaker states that if an individual does not feel like they have enough knowledge or information on a specific Officer/Councillor, they are encouraged to leave that row blank, as they are under no obligation to complete the entirety of the form. The Speaker states that there are several questions for the Councillors to fill out, and asks everyone to rank each executive and Councillor on a scale from 0-10 on various given dimensions, as well as not evaluate themselves.

The Speaker states that Legislative Council will enter a fifteen minute recess in order to conduct the survey.

VP External inquires on the reasoning why the Accountability Survey is done during Council and not in spare time.

The Speaker states that it is to ensure that the surveys are all completed.

[Recess begins, time unknown.]

[Recess ends, time unknown.]

9. Guest Speakers

There are no guest speakers.

10. Announcements

VP External announces that the Involvement Restriction Policy was signed today, and it is now an officially binding document. He notes that Arts, Science, and Engineering have signed it. VP External explains that it allows for information to be shared across faculties, such that if anyone is banned from “all events”, it becomes enforceable. Furthermore, VP External states that if any faculty is interested in signing onto the form, to reach out to him. VP External states that he is currently working with Medicine and Education to develop an altered version of the policy.

VP Internal thanks everyone for showing up to Hype Night. Furthermore, VP Internal apologizes for the people showing up to Legislative Council to complete a ‘scunt item’, and states that if the individuals are being disruptive, they will be losing every single point they would have gained.

VP External states that infrastructures are being set up for faculty mobilizations such as General Assemblies, and states that he is open to having conversations about this as he states that there is more that needs to be discussed. VP External states that faculties reach every single undergraduate through communications, and that General Assemblies serve as consultative forums to discuss items such as Bill 21 and Climate Strike. Similarly, he states that Councillors should be aware in the coming weeks, as climate activists plan for another strike.



Councillor Fakih announces that three years and a day ago, a shooting occurred at a Quebec City mosque. Councillor Fakih states that six people died in this event. Furthermore, he notes that as the consequences of this event, six women were widowed, seventeen children were orphaned, many more were injured, and an entire community was scarred forever. Furthermore, he states that actions such as these have motivated other individuals to conduct the same acts in other countries. Councillor Fakih states that under a year ago, the same thing happened in New Zealand, and the shooter in the New Zealand event had the name of the Quebec City shooter on his gun. Councillor Fakih requests a minute of silence, and asks everyone present to think of the ways that individuals could stop allowing this to happen. He states that having events for remembrance is not enough. Instead, Councillor Fakih states that it is up to everyone to stop the hate and ignorance from spreading, encouraging Councillors to reach out to others for guidance. Lastly, Councillor Fakih states that it is everyone's duty as student leaders, students at McGill, and human beings to stop this from happening.

A minute of silence is observed.

VP External announces that the Quebec Student Union has announced that \$197million per year will be invested in post-secondary education in Quebec. He further explains that the current mobilization strategy is to ask the minister of education to have it invested into financial aid for students. The VP External explains that SSMU's own policy on accessible education requires him to advocate instead for investment into lowering the rate of tuition to move away from a neoliberal system towards free tuition for all. He states that he is content to have a conversation with anyone about this if necessary.

VP Finance announces that this Legislative Council is the last Legislative Council Speaker Jamal. VP Finance remarks that they met in September of 2018. He thanks the Speaker for teaching him. VP Finance speaks on behalf of everyone at Legislative Council to thank him for everything he's done for the SSMU, including keeping Legislative Council as short as it can be, keeping Legislative Council and Councillors in check, and making Legislative Council a better place to be. He states that these thanks come from the SSMU staff in the office as well.

The Speaker states that it has been an incredible pleasure and joy to work with everyone at Legislative Council for this year and the year prior. The Speaker states that he will continue to be around as Governing Documents Researcher, and encourages everyone to get involved with CGRC, as it affects everyone on Legislative Council.

Councillor Chase instructs everyone to put on their buttons, to honour the Speaker.

11. Question Period

Councillor Das inquires on who will replace the current Speaker.



The Speaker notes that there is currently a job application online. Furthermore, the Speaker states that interviews will occur with Human Resources staff, the Governance Manager, and potentially the President. He further notes that the application closes on February 3rd. He states that he is unsure if they have started interviewing, or how many people have applied. He also reminds Council that there continues to be a Speaker-on-Call who will fill in the gap between hiring if need be.

12. Recess, Consent Items

[Recess begins at 18:50.]

[Recess ends at 18:55.]

The Speaker announces that no motion passed by unanimous consent.

13. Business Arising

- a. Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Student Groups
2020-01-16 --**APPROVED**

The Speaker states that this was brought forward as a notice of motion at the previous Legislative Council, and has already been motivated.

Question Period:

Councillor Chases asks if the VP Student Life will retain a list of non-SSMU members of who will be affected or participating in the process.

VP Student Life states that they require all groups to submit the names of the “decision-makers” using the Student Group Information form at the beginning of the year.

Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Student Groups - APPROVED.

In favour: 26

Abstaining: 2

Opposed: 0



b. Motion Regarding Amendments to the Effective Committees Policy 2020-01-16

--APPROVED

The Speaker notes that it was brought forward to Council as a notice at the previous Council, and as such, will not need to be motivated again.

Question Period:

Councillor Chase asks if there is a list of committees that will be affected by this policy available.

VP External states that it is in the section “Impact of Decision and Next Steps”.

Senator Garneau states that since the groups will be organizing those meetings, he asks if they will receive more funding to organize the meetings. As well, he asks if they will be more lenient towards funding.

VP External explains that there is already secured funding for them in the Internal Regulations of Finances, and in fact, most of the groups have dedicated funds for them. He provides examples, stating that the Equity Fund has the Equity Fund, and the Charity Fund is for the Community Engagement Committee. He further remarks that these committees receive more funding than any of the Executive expense accounts. Furthermore, he states that there is a duty for them to not behave like a glorified club and instead to bring in other actors on campus. For example, VP External states that the Committee Engagement Committee should be dialoguing with the Arts Community Engagement committee and CHASM, as well as others. As well, he states that nothing significantly changes in the operation and leniency, explaining that the organizations are still enshrined under policies and committees, and in the Terms of References. VP External states that the motion serves to recognize that these groups should be dialoguing with external groups as well.

Debate:

Councillor Kaye references the section pertaining to the Equity Caucus. She asks what equity means to the Legislative Council. Councillor Kaye states that equity means being fair and impartial, as well as giving voice to all the people who experienced some sort of disadvantage. Councillor Kaye states that the motion that currently stands makes reference to groups that only represent a limited segment of the McGill student body, as well as minorities and minority groups. Councillor Kaye states that there is no guarantee that other groups will be invited, represented, or consulted.

Furthermore, Councillor Kaye states that only one of the official member groups of the Solidarity Alliance McGill who was consulted represents an ethnicity. Councillor Kaye notes that all others represent political opinions. Councillor Kaye concludes by stating that there historically has not been a commitment to representing the full diversity of the student body at this university within equity circles. Councillor Kaye asks for clarity into which groups will be included in these committees and



furthermore, asks for assurance that this motion will not be used to represent certain groups of the student body and systematically exclude other minority groups.

VP External states that to some degree, this remark came up on the discussion of Equity Caucus. Furthermore, he states that this is an issue that needs to continue to be discussed. Furthermore, VP External assumes that her remarks with the motion are mainly in reference to the Equity Committee, as opposed to other committees such as the Community Engagement Committee. Furthermore, VP External remarks that there are voices at McGill which discuss equity, which are privileged, referencing the Associate Provost for Equity, a white woman. He states that equality for women is obviously an equity consideration, but notes that it is not the only one. Furthermore, VP External remarks that there are certain groups which are generally not included in legal conversations about equity. He states that some of the McGill Joint Board-Senate Committee on equity Subcommittees recognize that fact. As well, he notes that the motion does not introduce new problems. Instead, VP External states that the motion would force committees, such as the Equity Committee, to get into dialogue with committees, such as the sub-committee mentioned, and work towards improvements by sharing best practices.

Councillor Kaye asks, in regards to assembling the motion, and the section of consultation completed, if the VP External consulted other groups that were not involved in the Solidarity Alliance.

VP External states that they did, stating the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner and the Sustainability Commissioners, as cited in the section of consultation completed. Furthermore, VP External states that Solidarity Alliance McGill is not considered in the motion. He does note that certain members who sit on Solidarity Alliance McGill overlap with equity considerations and equity groups on campus.

Similarly, the VP External states that the idea would be to make sure that the ones that not all of them, but the ones to whom that applies are included in the conversations around equity committee, et cetera. Solidarity lights McGill is not recognized as its own body as part of the consultation process. That's why it says different groups on campus that compose the solid to do lines.

Councillor Chase asks which groups within Solidarity Alliance McGill the motion is intended for.

VP External motions to read through the papers to read through the Constitution of Solidarity Alliance McGill, which he notes is publicly available, in order to indicate the groups involved. This motion is seconded by Councillor Wu - UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

VP External reads from the papers.

The following campus groups are recognized as formal members of the Solidarity Alliance of McGill:

- Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG)
- Socialist Fightback at McGill and Concordia



- Divest McGill
- S.T.A.N.D for Prison Justice McGill
- McGill Students for the New Democratic Party (NDP McGill)
- Independent Jewish Voices of McGill (IJV)

The following group(s) are observer status members of the Solidarity Alliance of McGill and are thus to be kept abreast of all activity of the Solidarity Alliance and formally invited to all meetings:

- The Daily Publication society (DPS) and its imprints
- The Black Students Network (BSN)
- Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy McGill (CDSSP)
- McGill Students in Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR)
- The Union for Gender Empowerment (UGE)

VP External states that not all of the groups mentioned are equity seeking groups. VP External reiterates that in the motion, it does not say that Solidarity Alliance McGill groups are themselves synonymous with equity groups. He states that although he is not an expert on equity and would perhaps defer to individuals who have more expertise and training in this regard, he states that specifically Independent Jewish voices, the Black Student Network, and possibly SPHR are equity seeking groups on campus.

Councillor Kaye asks if there is a way to increase the amount of equity seeking groups, or reevaluate the list of equity seeking groups.

VP External reiterates that Solidarity Alliance McGill is not the same thing as the Equity Committee. He states that they are some of the many groups that are seeking equity on campus. He states that another obvious example would be the Muslim Students' Association.

VP External states that the motion does not exclude those outside of Solidarity Alliance McGill or that it is only Solidarity Alliance McGill. Furthermore, he states that Solidarity Alliance McGill isn't specifically considered in the motion. Instead, Solidarity Alliance McGill is considered a forum where consultation in some sense could have been done. VP External states that it is up to the Equity Commissioners to make the determination at the beginning of the year of who is doing equity work. VP External also states that there is a sort of degree of collective understanding as to what that means. He states that if they were to nail down all of the equity seeking groups on campus right now, it would be odd, and thinks it better to give such a task to the Equity Committee to do before the end of the year.

Voting period:

Motion Regarding Amendments to the Effective Committees Policy - APPROVED.



In favour: 21

Abstaining: 6

Opposed: 2

c. Motion Regarding Adoption of the SSMU Mental Health Policy and Plan 2019-01-09
--APPROVED

The Speaker states that the motion was submitted as a notice of motion of the previous meeting and has already been motivated.

Councillor Fried motions for a two-minute recess, seconded by VP Internal - PASSES.

VP Student Life motions for an amendment.

The Speaker explains the amendments.

On page 14 of the Plan, under the formation of 'each committee', the Health and Dental Review Committee is added. On page 15, under allyship, the sentence is amended to read 'when appropriate to collaborate on mental and physical health-related initiatives of other student groups. Such projects shall include but are not limited to: involvements in the inclusivity and accessibility of health insurance for all McGill students, increased specialization of care for marginalized student populations and the strengthening of health accommodations for students through the Office of Students with Disabilities and the Office of the Dean of Students. Also on page 15 under the heading Committee Objectives - Education, a new point is added to create educational campaigns surrounding student health insurance plans and coverage available. Lastly, on page 20, the addition of the health and dental review committee to the list of bodies.

Debate on the amendment:

There is no debate.

Voting on the amendment:

Amendment - PASSES.

Debate on the main motion:

VP Student Life yields his time to the Mental Health Commissioner.

Mental Health Commissioner Olivia Frank presents the policy.



Mental Health Commissioner, Olivia Frank, explains that it was put together after months of work on the standards of practice across Canada, the Mental Health Commission's Postsecondary Standards and the recent data that came from the National College Health Assessment survey that was completed in 2017 and 2018.

Olivia Frank states that the Mental Health Committee did a lot of work with various stakeholder groups across campus to try to make a policy that was well rounded and appropriate, as well as being representative of what mental health right now is like on campus and what they hope it will be in the future. As well, Frank states that the committee amended what the structure of the Mental Health Commissioner Committees would look like, as well as decreasing the plan to last three years, noting that mental health changes rapidly on campus and across Canada. As such, the policy will be amended much quicker, which the committee thinks is more appropriate.

VP External questions why certain advocacy specific actionables were not included. VP External notes for example, some of the more severe critiques of the Rossy Wellness Hub, as well as advocacy being done at the Quebec wide levels. He notes that the Quebec government has indicated that they may be holding parliamentary committee meetings to discuss binding post-secondary standards, and is wondering why items such as these were not included in the policy.

Olivia Frank states that there is a point that does include that students should be advocates beyond the school level, under allyship, as well as encouraging and supporting universities and organizations when lobbying for improvements for larger health institutional practices. Mental Health Commissioner Olivia Frank states that they wished to keep the specifics of what that looks like dependent person-to-person. She notes that there is a lot of empowerment that goes into having a different Mental Health Commissioner each year. As such, having that language be direct, but vague in a way, allows Mental Health Commissioners to still maintain autonomy and their decision making practices. In terms of addressing the concerns of the Wellness Hub during its first few months of operation, Frank states that for a SSMU Mental Health Policy, and not a McGill mental health policy, that the Commissioner and their committees do not work for the Wellness Hub. As such, their role is not necessarily to constantly be working in direct allyship with the Hub, but rather to maintain the different relationships that are going to develop as the Houb develops as well. Frank furthermore states that it is the first year out of what is initially going to be a seven year plan. Thus, Frank explains that by maintaining a neutral policy, they can hope that the relationships between the Hub and students is not determined by solely what the first year looked like.

VP Finance states that in regards to the motion, and more generally, many fees are coming to referendum, with at least eight or nine at the minimum. VP Finance states that if individuals are planning a motion with a fee or introducing a future referendum, to let the VP Finance know before it is brought to Council. This is done in order to see if the VP Finance can manage and find available funds if possible, to avoid charging students extra where possible, noting that it has happened numerous times where a fee is passed, but the funds fail to be used properly until four or five years down the line.



Voting Period:

Motion Regarding Adoption of the SSMU Mental Health Policy and Plan - APPROVED.

In favour: 26

Abstaining: 1

Opposed: 0

- d. Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Gendered and Sexual Violence Committee Terms of Reference 2020-01-16 --**APPROVED**

Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

In favour: 23

Abstaining: 1

Opposed: 0

- e. Motion to appoint Councillors Dandamudi, Fakih, and Mackie as members on the Finance Committee --**APPROVED**

VP Finance motions to suspend the rules to add members to the Finance Committee, seconded by Proxy for Councillor Platt.

VP Finance explains that at last Council, he states that members would be added to the Committee at the following Council meeting. Furthermore, he states that if a Councillor is on the Financial Ethics Committee, they have first preference in serving on the committee, nothing that that is Councillor Dandamudi, Fakih, and Eisner.

Councillor Dandamudi, Fakih, and Mackie are nominated for the Finance Committee.

Councillor Wu motions to appoint Councillors Dandamudi, Fakih, and Mackie on the Finance Committee, seconded by Councillor Wright.



Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

Motion to appoint Councillors Dandamudi, Fakh, and Mackie on the Finance Committee - PASSES.

In favour: 28

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 2

14. New Business

- a. Notice of Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2020-01-30

VP External motions to suspend the rules to find a seconder for the late motion submitted by the President, as well as introduce it, seconded by Councillor Rhamey.

Voting Period:

Motion to suspend the rules – PASSES.

The Speaker states that it will be regarded as a notice of motion, and notes that in order for it to be motivated, it requires a second.

Councillor Wu seconds the motion.

VP External motivates the notice of motion.

VP External explains that the changes were brought forward by Elections SSMU, the Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer.

VP External explains that part of the motion moves Elections SSMU away from the portfolio of the President to the Governance Manager, which he notes is useful for an independent body such as Elections SSMU. As well, he notes that there are provisions about disqualification in the event that



someone standing in an election as an officer does not meet their incumbent. As well, additional provisions of campaigns are noted.

Otherwise, the provisions of the disqualification of someone standing for President does not meet with their incumbent, they will be disqualified.

b. Notice of Motion Regarding Adoption of the SSMU Francisation Plan 2020-01-30

Proxy for Senator Lametti explains that SSMU is a corporation under the provisions of the province of Quebec and notes that the SSMU has certain legal obligations, under the French charter and other legal documents. As such, she notes that SSMU has an obligation of representation of the Francophone community, in order for the Francophone community to comprehend the processes of SSMU, as well as participate in SSMU. She notes an example in the appendix.

c. Notice of Motion Regarding Amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference 20120-01-30

VP Student Life motivates. VP Student life explains that the Mental Health Commissioner should have a seat on the Health and Dental Review Committee, and the motion makes amendments in favour of this view.

d. Motion to Appoint a Councillor to the Affordable Student Housing Committee

VP External motions to suspend the rules in order to appoint a new member on the Housing Committee, seconded by Councillor Franceschini - PASSES.

Both Councillors Rhamey and Fried, as well as VP Finance, indicate that they'd desire to sit on the Affordable Student Housing Committee.

VP Finance withdraws from consideration.

The Speaker grants each person one minute to speak on why they are best suited for the position, before calling for a vote by a show of placards. The Speaker notes that Councillors can vote for both.

Councillor Fried states that it would be appropriate to sit on the committee, as he is the Residences Representative and it affects his constituency, as well as the fact that he is a first-year looking for housing. As such, he thinks that sitting on the committee would benefit himself and others that he knows with the first-year residence community.

Councillor Rhamey notes that as a recently-joined member of the Legislative Council, joining in October, he does not currently sit on a committee. Councillor Rhamey notes that he has the time to sit



on a committee, and more so, would enjoy sitting on one. He states that the committee is a particular interest to the School of Environment as they have houses on both campuses. As such, his constituency covers a lot of ground in the McGill community, and believes that sitting on this committee would be a proper outlet for the expression of the constituents.

Voting Period:

Those in favour of Councillor Fried joining the Affordable Student Housing Committee: 21.

Those in favour of Councillor Rhamey joining the Affordable Student Housing Committee: 12.
The Speaker notes that Councillor Fried has the majority.

The Speaker notes that Councillor Fried has the majority.

VP External motions to appoint Councillor Fried to the Affordable Student Housing Committee, seconded by Councillor Merali.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

Councillor Fakh asks if the question period for a notice of motion is during the notice of motion or the following meeting.

The Speaker states that it is the following meeting.

Voting Period:

Motion to appoint Councillor Fried to the Affordable Student Housing Committee - APPROVED.

Abstaining: 2

Opposed: 1

15. Reports by Committees

a. Executive Committee

VP Student Life presents the report.

VP Student Life states that the report contains the motions approved at the Executive Committee.



Question Period:

There are no questions.

16. Reports by Councillors

a. Councillor Flaherty (Clubs Representative)

Councillor Flaherty presents the report.

Councillor Flaherty states that Clubs has had a number of Clubs Committee meetings already this semester, focusing on approving applications and Constitutions.

In terms of Constituent Affairs, she states that there hasn't been much new activity, but notes that Clubs Committee is working on the relationship between SSMU and clubs, to see where communication can better facilitated and made more collegial.

b. Councillor Patzer (Nursing Representative)

Councillor Patzer presents the report.

Councillor Patzer states that most of the report concerns Constituent Affairs.

Councillor Patzer states that they approved a nursing undergraduate research fund budget, which she notes provides funding to students for them to attend conferences. She notes that the budget was reduced by 10%, and notes further that it was a huge cut, resulting in less students being able to attend conferences.

For the Forum for a Student Health Policy Quebec, they have decided that theme for this year's conference is Healing Environments. She notes that if anyone has any suggestions regarding policies that impact physical and behavioural health, to send suggestions her way.

[The President arrives at 19:45.]

Question Period:

There are no questions.

c. Councillor Garneau (Senate Caucus)

Senator Garneau remarks that not much has occurred since the last report.



Senator Garneau states that four senate caucuses have occurred. Within those, both Martine Gauthier and Fabrice Labeau came to speak.

Within those conversations, Senator Garneau stated that the Senate Caucus had discussions on the Wellness Hub and McGill admissions.

Senator Garneau states that Senate Caucus has reports for all committees, so if anyone is interested in any committees that we Senators sit on, he states that every semester there is a large report that is submitted and posted on the University Affairs website which describes all activities that took place during the semester.

Senator Garneau also states that Senators will be submitting individual semester reports that will be sent to Accountability Committee. As well, Senator Garneau states that there have been two Senate meetings since his last report. He states that Senate Caucus tried to get answers on McGill's decision to not divest, but did not get good answers.

For personal projects, Senator Garneau states that Arts Senator Chloe Kemeni is working on a Black Students' Bill of Rights. As well, Law Senator Adrienne Tessier has been working on a website for the Know Your Rights campaign. Speaking personally, Senator Garneau states that he is working on open educational resources with VP University Affairs and Education Senator Mu Rong Yang, and states that they have a webpage if anyone wants to check it out.

d. Councillor Wright (Science Representative)

Councillor Wright presents the report.

Councillor Wright announces that SUS has appointed Marjan Ghazi as SUS President. Councillor Wright also remarks the conclusion of Science Games, which she states was successful. She states that Charity Week happened last semester, and that it will be occurring this week at a date to-be-determined.

Councillor Wright states that a General Assembly will be occurring on February 5, 2020.

Furthermore, Councillor Wright states that After Hours is back. Councillor Wright also states that Academia Week is February 11th to 14th. She notes that the SUS Gala is occurring on February 15. She notes that tickets are selling very fast, and encourages everyone to attend.

Question Period:

VP External asks if the GA is a regular GA or a special GA.

Councillor Wright states that it is just a regular general assembly.



Member of the Gallery, Asa Kohn, asks what work the SUS has done to publicize the GA coming up to ensure quorum is met, such as tabling, posters, or classroom announcements. Councillor Wright states that they do not know if they've done any classroom announcements yet, but notes that the suggestions are very appreciatively taken.

Councillor Bhutkar asks if Councillor Wright was aware that tickets for the SUS Gala are sold out. Councillor Wright indicates that she was not aware.

17. Executive Reports
a. President

The President presents the report.

Question Period:

Councillor Marcoux asks for an update on the renovations in Schulich Library.

The President states that Vice President University Affairs has the most updated knowledge on this, but notes to the best of his own knowledge, that the project is delayed by six months. Furthermore, SSMU President states that since the project has only been occurring for six months, he remarks that it is a significant delay. He states that they are currently working with the university to find alternative spaces that fill the gap in study spaces for students. Similarly, he states that he hopes that once the University Centre reopens, they would be able to accommodate more study spaces.

Councillor Chase inquires on the status for the hiring of the General Manager.

The President states that there are two very qualified candidates in the process of being interviewed.

The President provides a background, stating that last semester, they had attempted to find a General Manager using our own internal processes. The President states that when that failed, they then moved on towards advertising using LinkedIn, Indeed, and Charity Village, and found a shortlist of candidates from there. However, the President notes that none of them were qualified enough to be General Managers. At that point, they then contracted out SSMU's head hunting firm, Kenniff Leadership, who has helped assist SSMU in this process since the beginning of December.

From then, the President states that Kenniff Leadership conducted interviews with many candidates. SSMU President states that Kenniff Leadership whittled it down to a short list of 12 for the interviews on their end, and then re-recommended a list of four candidates for SSMU to interview by SSMU themselves. From there, SSMU whittled it down to the two that they have now, and details that next week, they will be having interviews with those two candidates, and states ideally they'd have a General Manager in place sometime in the next two to three weeks.



Proxy for Councillor Daryanani asks if there is any update as the the situation regarding the leaking of confidential information to the McGill Daily.

The President states that there was a Report of the Board of Directors.

The Speaker states that VP Finance gave a summary of the situation, but didn't read the report as it was presented.

The President states that it was a statement that was authorized by the Board of Directors with regards to what occurred.

Proxy for Councillor Daryanani asks if, in the case that the investigation leads to a conclusive answer, if there would be action taken.

The President states that he cannot comment on what the investigation would entail.

Proxy for Councillor Platt asks what the costs associated with using a headhunter firm were. The President states that he does not have the authorization to disclose that in public session.

Councillor Chase asks in regards to investigation, if the President can confirm if there is an ongoing investigation. The President states that he cannot comment at this time.

Proxy for Senator Lametti asks if the The President can confirm that Kenneth Leadership was informed regarding the SSMU obligations around equal-equity employment and ensuring that a wide number of candidates from equity-seeking groups were considered for the position.

The President confirms that that was the case. The President states that they were informed of SSMU's own internal hiring processes, and notes that they followed through with that commitment.

Councillor Franceschini asks if there was any reason that the Board of Directors did not follow the recommendations of the Accountability Committee regarding the suspension of the VP University Affairs.

The President states that the Board of Directors took into account a variety of different factors with regards to their decisions that they made, including the Accountability Report itself, and the concerns from the VP University Affairs, as well as other factors that were discussed. He notes that these factors were taken holistically.

Councillor Marcoux asks for further information.

SSMU President states that he cannot discuss it any further in public session.

[Recess begins at 19:58.]



[Recess ends at 20:08.]

b. Vice-President (University Affairs)

VP Student Life presents the report in the VP University Affairs' absence.

VP Student Life notes that the Shag Shop has physically reopened.

VP Student Life notes that the previous Specialist in regards to the Investigation on Sexual Violence has left the university. VP Student Life states that it has been replaced with two short-contract law firms, which was brought up in the meeting with the new interim Dean of Student Life. VP Student Life states that the Policy against Sexual Violence working group has been combined with the implementation committee.

He notes that there hasn't been any community consultation thus far, but encourages everyone to message VP University Affairs if they have feedback on Dean Colleen Cook.

In discussion with the Wellness Hub leadership team, they discussed the resignations of the Graduate Studies Local Wellness Advisor, the Hub Case Management Manager, and then the issue of being hung up on while on hold. VP Student Life notes that this should now be fixed.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

c. Vice-President (Internal)

VP Internal presents the report.

VP Internal states that her report is pretty short, as she spent most of the two-weeks finding venues for Fac-O. VP Internal announces that last night was Fac-Os first ever hype night. She states that scamming was an issue for ticket sales this year, and that they are working to come up with a platform within SSPN that can avoid scammers. Furthermore, VP Internal states that Maxine Wu, Science Councillor, is the Creative Director for Fac-O, and put together the theme release video with the contribution of former Board member Kyle Rubenok. She notes that the theme is 'Fac-Tendo'.

VP Internal states that there was a lot of Albertan representation on SSPN, and as such, they created a fake theme of a 'Wexit Fac-O'.

VP Internal notes that more venues have confirmed, and notes that the current issue is just liability insurance. Similarly, she notes that they are also hiring videographers. She notes as well that the final



rosters for teams will be announced soon, and that they are looking out how it can be played out in terms of the IRP being approved by every single faculty.

Councillor Fried motions for a one minute extension, seconded by Councillor Bhutkar - PASSES.

VP Internal states that they have rolled out a process where clubs or services can submit a request to be on the SSMU Instagram and have it processed, which VP Internal notes is an easier process than before.

Regarding Sustainability, she notes that Sustainability will have their website up soon.

For alumni relations, she notes that they are structuring MASA to be more functional. She notes that traditionally, MASA is made up of student leaders on campus, and then they end up having spots on different committees and lending their voices. However, VP Internal notes that it is very rare that it results in anything more than just rounds of conversations. She notes that a few years ago, MASA actually had subcommittees that ended up working on small projects, which she notes were productive. As such, they are bringing back the subcommittees, to bring back some projects that people really enjoyed back in like 2014 and 2015. VP Internal states that MASA is always looking for more members, so if anyone wishes to be on it, to email her.

Question Period:

[Departure of Councillor Dixon at 20:17.]

VP External asks how the reselling of tickets will interact with the IRP and permissions given under the IRP.

VP Internal explains that in order to receive your ticket, you have to pick up a bracelet with your name or with an invoice number or receipt number. She states that what they would need to change is that when individuals came to the office to pick up a bracelet, it would be on their wrist, as opposed to bringing it home and putting it on later. She states that they will have to look into how re-sales would work with the IRP further, but notes that they are trying their best to keep the events as safe and secure as possible.

d. Vice-President (Finance)

VP Finance presents the report. He notes that the budget is in progress.

For 3501 Peel, he notes that they are currently working on what to do with the kitchen, as it is too close to the next building next door to have ventilation running out the side, according to the side. Instead, they will have to make the decision between having an external ventilation hood through the roof, or a self-contained ventilator.



VP Finance notes that the investment portfolio is status quo. As well, he notes that the Finance Committee will begin reviewing it soon.

For Clubs, it is much status quo, and making sure everyone has access to their bank accounts. He states that there was over \$11,000 in left-over funds in accounts, and he was waiting for a club(s) to come forward to claim them. However, he notes that no clubs came forward, and as such, the money has been put back into the club fund.

For Services, he states that it is status quo. He states that many services are going for fee increases, which will be brought to the Finance Committee.

He announces that Indigenous Affairs now has credit cards.

Lastly, VP Finance states that there are still under-utilized funds, such as the Green Fund, the Community Engagement Fund, First-Year Find, or Mental Health Fund, to let him know.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

e. Vice-President (Student Life)

VP Student Life presents the report.

VP Student Life states that he has been meeting with a bunch of clubs about general events troubleshooting, insurance and contracts.

VP Student Life also notes that he has met with MSA, who has interest in potentially becoming a service.

For Mental Health, he announces that they have a new Outreach Coordinator. As well, they met with the Account Manager for Keeping Me Safe. VP Student Life states that the Mental Health Round Table occurred last Tuesday, and states it went well. Out of that, they have generated action points, and have decided that a Mental Health Action Week will occur at the end of February.

For the eating disorder resources and support centre, VP Student Life notes that Eating Disorder Awareness Week is next week, and they are hosting four events. He states that they have a new video out on their Facebook page, and they just opened up for weekly drop-in appointments.

In terms of outreach, VP Student Life tabled for Know Your Rights twice.



VP Student Life states that he met with Joan Butterworths from Campus Life & Engagement to do facilitator training for the services.

VP Student Life states that there is a new Daycare Director, Wendy Gamboa, who is the previous Communications Coordinator.

For HR, VP Student Life notes that they have a new Clubs and Services Coordinator starting.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

f. Vice-President (External)

VP External presents the report.

VP External states that there has been an ongoing debate on whether to reinvest funding for universities into student aid or into lowering tuition, and would appreciate someone's guidance on this issue.

VP External states that General Assemblies are very important, deliberative bodies for people to have conversations. He states that the GSVP mandates the creation of an inter-faculty round table to discuss sexual violence support and advocacy. He notes that the first meeting of the round table was promising, and more will be ongoing. As well, he states that there is an Affordable Student Housing Committee meeting next week to approve it.

VP External thanks Ariana, Victory, and Adelin, the Service Administrative Coordinator on their work to consolidate a list of student groups doing community work.

VP External states that there is an AMUSE General Assembly going on currently, and advises everyone a part of it to educate themselves.

Member of the Gallery Asa Kohn, asks if the VP External is knowledgeable about the situation with the SUS Bill 21 General Assembly, as he understands that, according to Science Councillor Wright, the General Assembly coming up on February 5th is a regular one. However, he notes that SUS posted something on Facebook saying that the one occurring on the 5th as a delayed GA on the Bill 21 strike.

VP External yields his speaking time to Councillor Bhutkar.

Councillor Bhutkar explains that due to the time that the form was submitted, and due to the SUS Constitution, they have some room to play around in terms of when SUS desired the GA. Councillor Bhutkar explains that because there were some issues with the form, and because they still wanted to



hold a GA this semester, SUS highlighted that they were going to hold a GA on February 5th. Councillor Bhutkar explains that because of this, they are combining the special general assembly with the regular general assembly.

Councillor Marcoux motions to suspend the rules to enter confidential session, seconded by Mackie - PASSES.

In favour: 22

Opposed: 3

Abstaining:

18. Confidential Session: **20:35**

19. Adjournment: **20:58**

Councillor Merali motions to adjourn, seconded by VP Finance.

Councillor Chase requests a roll call vote.

Voting Procedure on the motion to adjourn:

In favour: Proxy for Councillor Chan, Councillor Dandamudi, Councillor Franceschini, Councillor Kersch, VP Student Life, VP External

Abstain: Councillor Fakih, Councillor Marcoux, Councillor Fried, Councillor Wu, Proxy for Senator Lametti, Senator Garneau, Councillor Merali

Oppose: Councillor Chase, Proxy for Councillor Daryanani, Councillor Kaye, Councillor Flaherty, Councillor Bulhoes, Councillor Rhamey, Councillor Das, Councillor Mackie, Proxy for Councillor Platt, Councillor Bhutkar, Councillor Wright, VP Internal, VP Finance

In favour: 6

Opposed: 20

Motion to adjourn fails.

The Speaker announces his departure at 20:58, declaring the meeting of Legislative Council of January 30, 2020 adjourned.

Bryan Buraga, President