



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

February 20, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held in the SSMU Boardroom on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Lauren Hill (Chair, non-voting), Sam Haward (Officer, non-voting), Sanchi Bhalla (Officer), Adam Gwiazda-Amsel (Officer), Paige Collins (Member-at-Large), Ana Paula Sanchez (Member-at-Large), Adin Chan (Legislative Councillor), Jonah Levitt (Member-at-Large), Mustafa Fakh (Legislative Councillor), Billy Kawasaki (Officer), Jack Kline (Member-at-Large, arrived 18:14) Michal Chernov (Governance Manager, non-voting)

Absent: Rohan Bhutkar (Legislative Councillor), Bryan Buraga (Officer)

1. Call to Order: **18:04**
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 --**ADOPTED**
5. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification
 - A. [Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2020-01-30](#) --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
 - B. [Motion Regarding Adoption of the SSMU Francisation Plan 2020-01-30](#) --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
 - C. [Motion Regarding Amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference 2020-01-30](#) --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**



D. [Motion Regarding the Creation of an Affordable Student Housing Fee 2020-02-13](#)

--UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

E. [Report - Comprehensive Governance Review Committee 2020-02-13](#) **--UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED

Director Fakh asks if the Nominating Committee would have to select seven (7) new Directors upon the approval of this report, including a professional Alumni Director, and he wishes to discuss the members of the Nominating Committee. Director Fakh whether the Governing Director has communicated with the members of the Nominating Committee what this process would look like- as he realizes this would be additional work for members of the Nominating Committee. Director Levitt asks what the timeline would be for hiring the Alumni Directors. Director Gwiazda-Amsel responds that this would have to happen by the end of this academic year.

Director Levitt says that this would be feasible, as the current composition continues until then, then they would be doing rehires. Director Fakh says that some of them will be at the end of the Academic year, but some of them would also be sometime in November.

F. [Report - Clubs Committee 2020-02-13](#) **--UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

G. [Report - Funding Committee 2020-02-13](#) **--UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

6. Email Approvals

There are no email approvals.

7. Minutes for Approval

a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-02-06 -- **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

8. Motions for Approval

a. Motion to approve the Agenda of the General Assembly 2020-02-24 **--UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Gwiazda-Amsel remarks that he will not be there so whether this will be going into the agenda as presented by proxy or in the standing rules that there report can be presented by proxy via another Director should be changed. Director Gwiazda-Amsel says that any executive who wishes to be his proxy can choose to do so.

b. Motion to adopt the Standing Rules of the General Assembly 2020-02-24

--UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



- c. Motion to reconstitute the Events Management Ad Hoc Committee and the selection of members --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
 - d. Motion to nominate Director Gwiazda-Amsel to work on synchronizing the two policies --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
 - e. Motion to nominate Director Collins and Director Bhalla to the Events Management Ad Hoc Committee --**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
9. For Discussion:
- a. Events Management Policy

Director Gwiazda-Amsel says that this was not clearly indicated but that Legislative Council committed this item back to the Board of Directors on the topic of synchronization between the management policy and the VIP culture events policy because of the heavy overlap between the two, but no one was charged explicitly with synchronizing the two policies. Director Gwiazda-Amsel is aware that there were one or two Directors that took an interest in developing these policies, but believes that they should designate some Directors to tackle this work as soon as possible. Director Bhalla replies that it was herself, Director Rubenok and Director Xiang that were looking at the policies, but the issue was that they needed to link it to the VIP culture policy and the previous Speaker of the SSMU explained that he would work on it.

Director Gwiazda-Amsel motions to Motion to reconstitute the Events Management Ad Hoc Committee and the selection of members.

[Return to public session: 20:07]

Director Gwiazda-Amsel says that after reviewing the Terms of Reference in this instance, they predate the 2019-2020 academic year but he does not have the drive folder for the year before. Director Gwiazda-Amsel assumes that the ToR's were to create an event management policy and then appoint certain members. Director Gwiazda-Amsel believes they don't need the ToR's in this instance, they can just appoint three people whose mandate is to synchronize the two policies without having to drop an entire terms of reference.

10. Confidential Session: **18:21**

11. Adjournment: **20:11**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Buraga'.

Bryan Buraga, President