



# SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

April 23, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Lauren Hill (Chair, non-voting), Bryan Buraga (Officer), Sanchi Bhalla (Officer), Adam Gwiazda-Amsel (Officer), Billy Kawasaki (Officer), Sam Haward (Officer, non-voting), Madeline Wilson (Officer, non-voting), Rohan Bhutkar (Legislative Councillor), André Lametti (Legislative Councillor), Jonah Levitt (Member-at-Large), Ana Paula Sanchez (Member-at-Large), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Michal Chernov (Governance Manager, non-voting), Iris He (International Student Representative, non-voting), Adin Chan (Legislative Councillor), Paige Collins (Member-at-Large)

Absent: Mustafa Fakh (Legislative Councillor), Jack Kline (Member-at-Large)

1. Call to Order: **18:12**

The Chair calls the Board of Directors meeting to order at 18:12.

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

Director Kawasaki presents the public report.

5. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification

a. [Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Governance 2020-04-02](#)

-- **APPROVED**



- i. Policies of the SSMU Board of Directors
- ii. Policies of the SSMU Legislative Council
- iii. SSMU Positions Book
- iv. SSMU Plans Manual

Director Gwiazda-Amsel presents this motion. This motion was postponed because these documents were linked to an account outside of the SSMU. This has been corrected thanks to the Governance Manager.

Director Gwiazda-Amsel inquires about the Plans Manual and if it is included in the approval for this motion. The Chair indicates that this is not indicated on the agenda.

[Director Collins arrives by teleconference at 18:17.]

Director Lametti would like to suspend the rules to add the Plans Manual as a fourth document to this motion for approval.

Director Gwiazda-Amsel explains that there are certain plans which have expired or need to be updated and these were included because there is ongoing work on these plans to be superseded before the end of 2019-2020 academic year.

Director Lametti asks if there is a specific way to format plans which have expired or will these not be made public until they have expired. The Governance Manager thanks Director Lametti for his question and explains that she will be working alongside the Communications department and other individuals during the summer term to ensure that SSMU has a proper archiving section on the website in case people would like to consult different policies or plans which have expired.

Director Lametti motions to group these to be approved together, seconded by Director Gwiazda-Amsel.

This motion is unanimously approved.

## 6. Email Approvals

- a. Motion to approve the creation of a joint committee composed of the membership of the GSVP Committee and the Sexual Violence Mobilization and Advocacy Commissioner, whose mandate shall be to consult the Membership and draft a report related to improvements needed in sexual violence response, including but not limited to policy revision, implementation and staffing needs 2020-04-17 -- **Did Not Vote: Collins, Fakh, Kline; APPROVE: REST 2020-04-20**



Director Gwiazda-Amsel asks Directors to be specific when drafting motions by email approval and corrects the wording on the email approval.

There is no further discussion.

7. Minutes for Approval

a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-04-04 -- **APPROVED**

b. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-04-09 -- **APPROVED**

Director Levitt motions to approve these in block, seconded by Director Kawasaki.

The minutes are unanimously approved.

8. Motions for Approval

There are no motions for approval.

9. For Discussion

There are no discussion items for approval.

10. Confidential Session: **18:24**

The Board of Directors enters the Confidential Session at 18:24.

11. Adjournment: **20:07**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jemark Earle', is written over a horizontal line.

Jemark Earle, President