



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

July 9, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 18:30.

Present: Lauren Hill (Chair, non-voting), Jemark Earle (Officer), Brooklyn Frizzle (Officer), Maheen Akter (Officer), Gifford Marpole (Officer), Ayo Ogunremi (Officer, non-voting), André Lametti (Legislative Councillor), Mustafa Fasih (Legislative Councillor), Rohan Bhutkar (Legislative Councillor), Jonah Levitt (Member-at-Large), Jack Kline (Member-at-Large), Adin Chan (Legislative Councillor), Ana Paula Sanchez (Member-at-Large), Michal Chernov (Governance Manager, non-voting), Iris He (International Student Representative, non-voting), Sam Haward (Recording Secretary, non-voting)

Absent: Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Paige Collins (Member-at-Large)

1. Call to Order: **18:33**

The chair calls the meeting to order at 18:33.

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**

The Agenda is adopted unanimously.

4. Executive Committee Report - **ADOPTED**

Director Earle delivers the report of the Executive Committee

Director Lametti asks if the Executive could provide more details about the communique against proposed changes to the PEQ (Programme de l'expérience québécoise) approved at the July 2nd, 2020 meeting. VP External states that this is not a SSMU communique, it is a motion to sign on to a communique shared with the SSMU by community organizations. It is an open letter brought by



labour unions, worker organizations and community organizations opposing the proposed reforms to the PEQ. VP External offers to find a copy of the letter to review the wording if Director Lametti wishes. Director Lametti states that they would like to be able to review the document but have no need to do so during a board meeting.

Director Bhutkar asks if the hiring of the OER (Open Educational Resources) Coordinator is part of the SSMU Academic Support Services fee. Director Frizzle replies that this position is part of a project initiated by the former VP University Affairs. Director Frizzle says that they are not completely sure about the overlap between each program. The goal of the OER project is to replace textbooks and course packs with free online resources. So far, they have completed one economics and one physics course and are moving onto other entry level science courses. They are not directly related, but fulfill a similar mandate.

5. Email Approvals

- a. [Motion Regarding an Interim Provision For Amendments to the McGill Debating Union Constitution](#) 2020-07-08 --**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL 2020-07-09**

There is no discussion on this item.

6. Motions for Approval

There are no motions for approval.

7. For Discussion

There are no items for discussion.

8. Confidential Session: **18:44**

The Board enters confidential session at 18:44.

9. Adjournment: **23:08**

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

Jemark Earle, President