



SSMU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC MINUTES

2020-09-08

The regular bi-weekly Legislative Council Meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held via teleconference, on September 8, 2020 at 18:00 EST.

1. Call to Order: **18:08**

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 18:08.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker presents the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Attendance

VP External is absent.

4. Approval of Minutes

There are no minutes to be approved.

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

Councillor Smith motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Councillor Collins.

6. Report of the Steering Committee

The Speaker presents the Report of the Steering Committee.

For Steering Committee Innovations, the Speaker highlights the changes made for virtual meetings. She states for Councillors wishing to speak, a Speaking List will be used. Members of the Gallery can speak by raising their hand. For voting on incidental and subsidiary motions, the Speaker notes that they will be using the Zoom polling option. For voting on privileged motions, the Speaker states that they will first move by unanimous consent, and notes that if it fails, a Zoom poll will be conducted. Lastly, the Speaker states that Councillors will vote on main motions through Google forms.



Questions on the Report of the Steering Committee:

There are no questions.

7. Announcements

VP Student Life notes that Activities Night will be occurring tomorrow and Thursday, from 4-8 PM EST.

Parliamentarian Wong announces that the Nominating Committee is currently looking for Judicial Board applicants, and to tell anyone they think might be a good fit to apply.

VP University Affairs states that they share the Board of Directors Ad-hoc Committee on Naming. They state that they have opened up nominations for Members at Large, as well as name suggestions. They state that the committee is to name the University Centre and 3501 Peel.

The Speaker announces that Legislative Council is live-streamed and recorded. The Speaker reminds Council to share reports through PDF, and to grant Parliamentarian Wong access.

8. Question Period

Councillor Wan asks for clarification regarding the move to cancel the Special General Assembly. The Speaker states that there was no motion constitutionally-viable and validly submitted.

9. Committee Selection

The Speaker states that there are numerous committees facing significant competition. The Speaker states that for those Committees, each individual 'applying' will be able to speak for two minutes why they are the best choice, followed by a Zoom vote. The Speaker also notes that individuals can remove or add their name for consideration from a committee at any time.

For Equity, Councillors Williamson, Kurkcu, Roy, and Zhang are up for consideration. Councillor Roy removes themselves from this committee.

Councillor Kurkcu begins.

Councillor Kurkcu states that they are the Equity Commissioner for the Engineering Undergraduate Society, and cites her experience as a reason she wishes to sit on the committee. She also notes that she is passionate about equity and inclusivity issues at McGill. Councillor Kurkcu also states that their



has experience with the Involvement Restriction Policy, and conducted interviews for the IRP Committee, as well as dealt with various IRP cases. They also state that they have taken numerous trainings, including Active Listening, Responding to Disclosures, Equity and Intersectionality, Active Listening, Sexual Violence, Harassment, and Consent.

Councillor Williamson states that they have worked as a Floor Fellow, which gave them significant Equity Training experience, as well as working with various groups on campus that worked to promote and advocate for equality. They also state that they have been an O-Staff for Arts Frosh, so has experience with the IRP. Councillor Williamson notes that they are extensively working with the Access Ally program to improve equity, as well as the overall Frosh experience. They also state that they have helped create and provide training on Equity for first years in residence.

Councillor Zhang presents. They state that they do not have much equity experience, but notes that they want to be a part of Equity because of what they have seen at McGill. Councillor Zhang states that they did frosh lead this year, so that includes Equity training, as well as training from Access Ally. They state that they are passionate about Equity.

Question Period:

VP University Affairs inquires about each individual's knowledge of the Equity Policy, and perhaps noting something they would change.

Councillor Kurkcu states that they are not familiar with the SSMU Equity Policy, but are familiar with EUS'. They state that they would need to read the policy before making any changes.

Councillor Williamson indicates the same. They note that there is a lack of consensus among the faculties between their Equity Policies, and creating consensus is something they believe is important.

Councillor Zhang also indicates the same. Councillor Zhang states that they would recommend standardizing equity training for faculty executives.

Councillor Kirkcu states that the context of the Equity complaint should be revamped.

The Speaker states that voting will begin.

The Speaker announces that Councillor Kurkcu received the most votes, and thus, has been awarded the seat.

For Clubs, Councillors Daryanani, Mulvaney, and Gundermann are up for consideration.



Councillor Mulvaney presents. Councillor Mulvaney states that he has been a part of one club or another during his past three years at McGill. They state that he would focus on ensuring that all clubs are treated fairly, and ensures that they are aware of the policies relevant to them.

Councillor Daryanani states that there is an issue with some Clubs being 'forgotten' about when reviewed, and believes joining the committee will allow them to help with Full Status applications, and allow clubs with interim-status to properly develop. Councillor Daryanani also states that it is important to review Constitutions. They state that they worked with the VP Student Life and Clubs Representatives last year, to inquire about the Terms of Reference.

Councillor Gundermann presents. Councillor Gundermann states that they are fairly knowledgeable concerning the interim-status club process, as they recently founded their own club, which they state is now an interim-club. They also state that they would focus on updating the criteria for full-status clubs.

VP Student Life asks what they believe are important criteria that interim or full-status clubs should meet to be a SSMU club.

Councillor Mulvaney states that it would be primarily the longevity of the clubs on campus, as well as the number of individuals involved.

Councillor Daryanani believes that as long as they uphold SSMU's values and missions, including honouring inclusivity and open membership, they do not think the longevity nor number of students is relevant.

Councillor Gundermann states that sustainability is a large issue, ensuring there is no loss to the McGill community, and ensuring clubs still partake in virtual events during COVID-19.

The Speaker announces that Councillor Gundermann and Councillor Daryanani have been assigned the seats.

For the Library Improvement Fund Committee, the Speaker notes that there is one individual eligible to sit on LIF. The Speaker notes that Councillors Litvina, Fernandez, and Sood have put their name forward for consideration. Councillor Fernandez rescinds her nomination.

Councillor Litvina states that during their first year, they spent much of their time in the library, both for studying and as a social meeting place. Councillor Litvina state that they would like to focus on the return to libraries, such as the return of library groups.



Councillor Sood states that they considers the library an 'escape from home', and understands how important libraries may be. They state that she would recommend dryers in the bathroom, and better ventilation in the study spaces.

Question Period:

Councillor Smith asks for each individual's opinion on McGill's Library Workspace plan, and asks if there are any improvements. Councillor Litvina states that they have not seen it. Councillor Sood states that they have not seen it, however, if it increases workspaces, they believe it positive.

VP University Affairs asks what the most important consideration is to make when considering applications for library funding.

Councillor Litvina states that the most important thing to note would be to determine how many people would benefit, ultimately moving towards recommendations that would benefit the largest number of people.

Councillor Sood echoes Councillor Litvina's sentiments, and suggests using a survey to get an understanding of the wishes of McGill students.

The Speaker announces that Councillor Sood shall sit on the Library Improvement Fund Committee.

For the Environment, Councillors Kunze--Roelens and Bulhoes are up for consideration. Councillor Bulhoes rescinds their nomination.

Councillor Kunze--Roelens has been assigned the seat on the Environment Committee.

The Speaker announces that they have finished up with the committees facing competition.

Councillor Smith shall sit on BOMCOM.

Councillor Bonan shall sit on Finance.

Councillor Wan shall sit on Francophone Affairs.

Councillor Karasick shall sit on BOMCOM.

Councillor Gundermann asks about the time requirement to sit on two committees.



VP Finance states that the Funding Committee meets weekly, but believes that Councillor Gundermann would be able to manage both committees.

VP Student Life states that the Clubs Committee meets bi-weekly, between one to two hours a week.

Councillor Gundermann shall also sit on the Funding Committee.

Councillor Fernandez shall sit on the Affordable Student Housing Committee.

Councillor Bulhoes shall sit on the Community Engagement Committee.

Councillor Collins shall sit on the Mental Health Committee.

Councillor Reed shall sit on the Comprehensive Governance Review Committee.

Councillor Lee shall sit on the Funding Committee.

Councillor Roy shall sit on the Finance Committee.

Councillors Smith and Reed shall sit on the Steering Committee.

Councillor Mulvaney shall sit on the Community Engagement Committee.

For the Mental Health Committee, Councillors Williamson and Ge are up for consideration.

Councillor Williamson asks if it would be possible to add a seat onto Equity. The Speaker states that that is not possible.

Councillor Ge presents. Councillor Ge states that mental health is important for her and other university students. She states that especially now, it is important to advocate for students' mental health. She states that she does not have experience in mental health.

Councillor Williamson states that she has extensive training with Mental Health at McGill, especially for Arts. They also state that the AUS Mental Health committee is under their portfolio. Councillor Williamson states that as a Floor Fellow, they have interacted with McGill's mental health resources prior.



VP University Affairs asks if they believe that McGill's current support systems are adequate, and if not, what they need to do to do so. Councillor Ge believes that they do not. Councillor Williamson does not believe McGill provides adequate resources.

Councillor Collins states that a responsibility of the Mental Health Committee is organizing programming on campus for mental health, and asks if they have any ideas or experience doing such. Councillor Ge states that they do not have specific experience for Mental Health, but notes they have experience planning events. Councillor Williamson states that they would like the Committee to advocate for mental health therapy for BIPOC students. Councillor Reed cites the Untold McGill confessions, regarding racism, homophobia, and transphobia in mental health services, and asks them what they believe needs to change.

Councillor Ge states that it is relevant at McGill, and believes that the professionals need to engage in significant mental health training.

Councillor Williamson agrees with Councillor Ge, but believes it a larger issue of diversity hiring. They state that they would move towards more inclusivity in the hiring of mental health professionals.

The Speaker announces that Councillor Williamson has been assigned the seat on the Mental Health Committee.

Councillor Karasick shall sit on the Comprehensive Governance Review Committee.

Councillor Roy shall sit on Indigenous Affairs Committee.

Councillor Ge shall sit on the Funding Committee.

Councillor Lee shall sit on the Funding Committee.

Councillor Gundermann shall sit on the Funding Committee.

Councillors Zhang shall sit on the Affordable Student Housing Committee.

Councillor Litvina shall sit on the Finance Committee.

Councillor Williamson and Councillor Sood shall sit on SSPN.

Councillor Kunze--Roelens rescinds her name from both Finance and Funding Committees.



Councillor Collins shall sit on the Finance Committee.

Councillor Daryanani motions for a five minute recess, seconded by Councillor Smith. This motion is approved.

10. Recess, Consent Items

The Speaker explains the process of Consent Voting. The Speaker states that a consent vote is an opportunity to vote on all motions up for approval this evening ahead of time. It allows individuals to automatically approve motions they don't believe contentious, thus not undergoing the question period and debate process. The Speaker states that if an individual does not believe debate is needed, to vote approve.

The Speaker announces that no motion passed through consent vote, and as such, all items on the agenda will be subject to question period and debate.

11. New Business

- a. Notice of Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Human Resources Policy 2020-09-08

VP University Affairs motivates.

VP University Affairs states that in 2018, there was a research report published by the Employment Equity Assistant, stating how SSMU can improve on its HR practices. They state that much of the research was not yet implemented, and note that the motion is a reflection of that, as well as improving equity and accessibility.

- b. Notice of Motion Regarding Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda 2020-09-08

The President motivates.

The President states that the motion serves to modify the Elections SSMU timeline, in light of COVID-19.

- c. Motion Regarding an Interim Provision for Amendments to the Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference 2020-06-25-- **APPROVED**



The Speaker explains that the Interim Provisions were made by the Board of Directors, when the Legislative Council was not operating during the summer semester.

VP Student Life motivates.

VP Student Life states that it was moved by a Director who sits on the Human Resources Committee. They state that they changed the position of Human Resources Manager to Director, added a Human Resources Manager, and added the non-voting specification on the General Manager.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting:

In favour: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

The motion is approved.

- d. Motion Regarding an Interim Provision for Amendments to the McGill Debating Union Constitution 2020-07-08 -- **APPROVED**

VP Student Life presents.

VP Student Life states that the McGill Debating Union had amendments for constitutions that they have been wishing to make since 2018 and 2019, respectively. VP Student Life state that the amendments were sent to a defunct email address, and thus, were never approved. They state that it was moved as a way to properly ensure that the Debating Union could properly operate this fall.

Question Period:

There are no questions.



Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

In favour: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 1

The motion is approved.

- e. Motion Regarding an Interim Provision for Elections and Referenda Timeline
2020-2021 2020-08-21 -- **APPROVED**

The President motivates.

The President states that the motion would adjust campaigns for the First Year Committee and Clubs and Services, so that they could begin campaigning on September 2, 2020.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

In favour: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

The motion is approved.

- f. Motion Regarding Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2020-2021 Legislative Council
2020-09-08 -- **APPROVED**



The President defers to the Speaker to motivate.

The Speaker motivates. The Speaker outlines the Standing Rules for the 2020-2021 Legislative Council year. The Speaker states that Standing Rules supersede parliamentary procedure to better reflect the needs of Legislative Council. The Speaker notes that decorum is necessary, speaking on how they treat Executives, Dais, Members of the Gallery, casual staff, and other Councillors.

The Speaker notes that if a Councillor has two unexplained absences, the Councillor is automatically suspended; she also notes this can occur if the Councillor is late four times, or various combinations of the two.

For reporting, all Councillors report once a semester, and Executives each report once every Councillors. The Speaker notes that all committees present in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

For submitting, the Speaker notes that all reports must be submitted by Sunday prior to the Legislative Council, at 11:59 PM EST. She notes that late reports are equivalent to half an absence, and a failure to submit a report is worth one absence.

Councillor Smith motions to extend the speaking time of the Speaker of five minutes, seconded by Councillor Karasick -- APPROVED.

For speaking time, the Speaker is allowed to speak at any time. For Speaking, Councillors may write their name on the Speaking List, and members of the gallery may raise their hand and/or send the Speaker a personal message via Zoom. The Speaker notes that when an individual is speaking, no other individual may interrupt.

The Speaker states that all question period and debate interjections have a set default speaking time of one (1) minute.

The Speaker notes that all reports are granted three (3) minutes to present out of default. The Speaker notes that Question Period and Debate both last at minimum, five (5) minutes each.

The Speaker notes that all motions require a mover and seconder, and they must not both be Executives. As well, the mover and seconder must both be recognized Representatives to the Legislative Council.

The Speaker notes that late motions will largely no longer be considered. The Speaker notes that up to one (1) motion submitted after the deadline will be considered a late motion, at the discretion of



the Dais, but notes that it must be time-sensitive. The Speaker notes that there may also be one (1) notice of motion allowed for a late-submitted motion, but otherwise, late motions will be pushed to the next Legislative Council session.

For amendments, the Speaker states that they must be submitted to the Parliamentarian in writing. Furthermore, an individual must send the amendment before announcing that they have an amendment.

The Speaker explains the voting process once again.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

In favour: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

[Recess begins at 20:17.]

[Recess ends at 20:27.]

g. Motion Regarding the Elections and Referenda Timeline 2020-2021 2020-09-08--

APPROVED

The President motivates.

The President notes that the motion simply determines the finalized dates for Elections and Referenda for the fall semester.

Question Period:

There are no questions.



Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

In favour: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

The motion is approved.

h. Motion Regarding Legislative Council Committee Allocations 2020-09-08 -- **APPROVED**

The President defers to the Speaker.

The Speaker states that the motion details all of the Committee Allocations.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

Debate:

There is no debate.

Voting Period:

In favour: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

The motion is approved.

12. Executive Reports

a. President

The President presents.



The President states that there was a J-Board hearing over the summer concerning the validity of the new 2020 Constitution, as the Constitution was not submitted in French. The President states that the 2020 Constitution was declared invalid as it was not submitted in French, however, the judgement will come into effect on November 1, providing them time to hold a special referendum.

The President states that he attended standing meetings at Senate Caucus with the VP University Affairs.

The President states that they hired a Governing Documents Researcher.

For advocacy, the President states that there are no updates yet.

For sustainability, the President states that he met with the McGill Office for Sustainability, as well as the Sustainability Commissioners.

In regards to projects, the President states that he created a first-draft of the Five-Year Plan. The President states that they did a first round of consultations with SSMU Managers/Directors and Executives, as well as a second round of consultations with SSMU Services and advocacy groups. The President indicates that they hope to approve it by the end of the Fall semester. Construction on both the University Centre and 3501 Peel St. have concluded, but due to COVID-19, they have not opened yet for full-capacity.

For Committees, the President states that the President's Roundtable has been revamped. The Presidents meet bi-monthly.

Councillor Smith motions to extend speaking time by three minutes, seconded by Councillor Williamson -- APPROVED.

For the Bicentennial Steering Committee, the President states that there has only been one meeting so far, so there is nothing occurring in the Construction & Safety Working Group. As well, they sit on the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee.

For meetings, The President states that they met with Principal Fortier, Provost Manfredi, & Associate Provost Campbell to discuss their plan to combat racism at McGill. They met with Associate Provost Campell to discuss a potential education module on systemic racism. For TLS, they note there were a few forums on remote delivery. For the Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning, he states that there have been some standing meetings with the Vice-President University Affairs, as well as with the General Manager and Building Director. The President states that there have been standing meetings



for UCRU. For Student Care, the President notes that he meets with the Student Care team alongside the Vice-President Finance & General Manager occasionally to discuss plans and strategies for the year & the implementation of a new service for students, Dialogue. They also state that they have set up meetings between the new General Manager and McGill administration, including the Deputy Provost, Director of Student Services, and Building Coordinators.

The President notes that they attended the Parents' Tent and the Tastes of the World Chef Culinary Conference, speaking on a panel with other students on what they would like to see regarding food locations on campuses.

Question Period:

Councillor Daryanani asked the President to elaborate on the technology drive. The President explains that SSMU is looking to collect old devices that individuals are not using and then hire someone who would be able to repair them if needed. Once repaired, we will be distributing them to students or community members who need these devices to study.

b. VP University Affairs

VP University Affairs presents.

VP University Affairs states that Senate was not active during the summer, but there was still some Senate activity. VP University Affairs states that committee assignments for Student Senators and Members-at-Large were finalized on June 2, 2020, and as of September 8, 2020, all but two seats have been allocated. VP University Affairs states that they attended a few Scholarship Review Subcommittee meetings during the summer, and there is one more meeting upcoming. VP University Affairs states that the Senate Nominating Committee met, and all undergraduate nominations were approved. As well, VP University Affairs notes that the Senate Steering Committee met, with the Standing Rules being amended. As well, there have been two questions approved, and one deferred. VP University Affairs states that they are working with other Student Senators to draft a motion to re-implement the Winter 2020 extended S/U option to be presented to the Academic Policy Committee.

For university advocacy, they note that TLS hosted a few forums on remote course delivery. They also note that there was a student experience mini-survey released before the forum. They state that they are sitting on the Working Group on Policy on Harassment and Discrimination, stating that they are in a review process, and there will be a finalized draft submitted for Senate approval. They also state that they did advocacy on academic racism in the departments of Anthropology and Philosophy. The Indigenous Affairs Committee published a report with calls to action, which the VP University Affairs



drafted the University Committee implementation guide for. They also state that they have been working on the creation of a student bursary to support Lebanese students.

For Senate Caucus, VP University Affairs states that they met a few times over the summer, and that there will be regular weekly meetings occurring in the future. They state that the official Senate orientation is next week. They state that they re-allocated the vacant Nursing seat to PT/OT.

For Equity, VP University Affairs states that there have been mobilizations against anti-Black racism and PEQ reforms. For employment equity, VP University Affairs is working on the HR policy.

For Equity Infrastructure, they are working with VP Student Life and External to implement triage systems for internal procedures. They state that they are working on setting up commissionerships for Black Affairs and Queer Affairs.

For Research and Advocacy, VP University Affairs states that there are three: Special Researcher on Preferred Names Use & Advocacy, Special Researcher on Academic Accessibility & Accommodations, and a Special Researcher on Student Health and Wellness.

Councillor Roy motions to extend speaking time by four minutes, seconded by Councillor Karasick -- APPROVED.

For Know Your Rights, VP University Affairs states that the content was updated and digitized. They state that SRRAC tabled at Virtual Services Fair. They also state that they will be tabling at Activities Night.

In regards to research infrastructure, VP University Affairs notes that the development for a SSMU Research Advisory Board has begun. They also note that they are reviewing professional survey and data platforms. As well, they note that the first-ever SSMU Researcher's Guide has been completed by SRRAC.

For Open Education Resources, VP University Affairs states that an Open Educational Resources Coordinator has been hired. They state that the PHYS 102 OER Assistant was hired and their contract has finished. As well, they note that the OER Master Plan was finalized. They state that digital course packs will be offered by the Library free of charge, in winter.

For McGill Study Hubs, VP University Affairs notes that hubs in Redpath and Law libraries opened today. They note that there are 3-hour time slots in Redpath, and 4-hour time slots in law. However, VP University Affairs notes that no group study will be allowed. As well, they note that study slots must



be booked at least one hour before the start time for that slot. Lastly, they state that plans for Redpath Hall, Music, Birks, and Mac Campus are in development.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

c. VP Finance

VP Finance notes that the opt-out period for the semester begins September 15, 2020, and ends September 29, 2020. Noting that SSMU did not change their fees for the coming year because they are confident in our ability to provide equivalent services for the coming year, just in a more remote perspective.

For buildings, VP Finance notes that construction on 3501 Peel St. is essentially complete, and that they are now looking for ways to utilize/rent the space safely.

VP Finance states that the Finance Committee is set to begin meeting this month. Furthermore, they note that applications have closed and will be reviewed by me and the Finance Commissioners this week.

For accounting, VP Finance states that the audit is occurring later than usual, as SSMU provided student groups a bit more time to submit their finances in order to accommodate the difficulties of COVID. VP Finance also notes that McGill provided a month extension to submit their reports to them. VP Finance also notes that all accounting procedures have been streamlined and moved online.

VP Finance states that the deadline for Clubs to return their banking tokens was September 4th. He notes that it has been a bit trickier to navigate than other years because many students are not able to hand them in in-person. Due to that, they provided them a few options: mailing them in, transferring directly to the new signing officers, or handing them in directly last Wednesday outside the Brown Building.

For Services, VP Finance states that the initial review of a few service budgets have been completed, and that he will revisit them in October to ensure everything works for the Fall semester. As well, he notes that credit cards are being issued to all of the services for Fall semester. He notes that they will receive training on how to use them during the Service Summit on September 19, 20, and 26. As well, he notes that the cards will be reconciled monthly.



For funding, VP Finance notes that Committee Members at Large applications have closed. They state that he will review the applicants with the Funding Commissioner this week to ensure that the committee begins meeting this month. VP Finance also states that members are now able to submit funding applications. Funding applications are brought to Council for ratification, something that the Funding Commissioner and VP Finance want to address at a future Council.

For investment, despite COVID-19, VP Finance notes that SSMU's investment portfolio saw a 1.31% increase from last year. As well, VP Finance notes that he met with Stephen Takacsy, CEO and President of Lester Asset Management to discuss SSMU's portfolio and what it will look like for the coming year. VP Finance states that Takacsy is confident that the SSMU portfolio will remain stable throughout the year while still being SSMU appropriate.

Lastly, on Health and Dental, VP Finance notes that SSMU's Health Plan now includes Dialogue, a telemedicine service, at no additional cost for the 2020-2021 year; this is being paid for using the \$400,000 rebate they received from the pandemic. VP Finance explains that they decided to offer this to Members on the Health Plan (Canadian residents) because international students already have a similar service called Telehealth through McGill. Dialogue's inclusion on the Health Plan will be reviewed at the end of this academic year. As well, VP Finance states that the Health and Dental plan is continuing as normal for this year, with the price per student remaining the same.

Question Period:

Councillor Daryanani asks about the reopening of Gert's. VP Finance explains that Gert's was meant to open this Fall semester, but unfortunately, financially, this wouldn't make sense. For liability purposes, we want to ensure that we keep everything and everyone safe. VP Finance states that as of Winter 2021, the reopening of Gert's remains a possibility.

d. VP Student Life

VP Student Life states that the first ever virtual Activities Night is being held tomorrow and Thursday. She states that there will be webinars on topics of student journalism, environmental justice, obtaining part-time employment, and many more. VP Student Life states that they worked with Eventus over the summer to develop the platform. As well, over 320 groups have registered for booths and 6-8 sponsors also have booths.

For Clubs, VP Student Life notes that Club Workshops will take place on September 19th, 20th and 26th via Zoom with make-up sessions available upon request. For the Club Portal, they are working with a cross-functional committee to determine the best platform for implementation, and that they



are in the platform-selection phase of the project. VP Student Life notes that they will be hiring a Clubs Researcher soon. There will be a bi-weekly listserv for Clubs, occurring every other Friday.

For Services, VP Student Life states that they met with all the SSMU Services in June and helped them adapt to remote programming throughout summer. They onboarded the Services Administrative Assistant. VP Student Life states she is developing 'Space Agreements' with groups that have space in the University Centre to formalize and institutionalize office allocation processes. Currently, they are working with the Flat Bike Collective to adapt the service to COVID-19. As well, VP Student Life is working with Nightline to resolve space issues. VP Student Life is working with various groups to help them navigate the application to become a Service. VP Student Life states that the Services Summit will take place on September 19th, 20th and 26th alongside Club Workshops. There will be a bi-weekly listserv for Services, occurring every other Wednesday.

For independent study groups, VP Student Life has been hosting ongoing meetings to discuss incorporation of the McGill Outdoors Clubs, and has had discussions between various ISGs and the General Manager on the subject of space in the University Centre.

For events, there are weekly 'SSMU Events Committee' meetings to review/revisit operational plans for COVID-19 and approve event declarations. VP Student Life notes that the current processes are detailed on the SSMU website and always subject to change.

For Mental Health, VP Student Life notes that the Mental Health Commissioner is working towards implementing a wellness portal solution for students. The first two meetings have occurred, and that they are setting up the Advocacy and Outreach committees. VP Student Life notes that they are hiring the Eating Disorder Campaign Coordinator under the Student Life portfolio in conjunction with EDRSC. As well, they helped the VP University Affairs hire the Special Researcher on the Wellness Hub.

For Communications, they worked with the Communications team to create a summer Communications Plan, with a year-long plan currently in development. VP Student Life notes that they continued the Instagram takeover with Executives. She notes that she hired a Communications Coordinator and a Communications Manager in collaboration with the Communications department and the General Manager. They have revamped the general listserv format, and notes that for the remainder of the month, listservs will feature other executives.

For Family Care, VP Student Life notes that they held a General Assembly to pass new by-laws and integrate PGSS members into the Board. She also notes that the SSMU Daycare is open at reduced capacity. As well, VP Student Life notes that the first meeting of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Family Care is to be scheduled.



For Student Services, VP Student Life notes that they took part in webinars with Campus Life and Engagement on topics of “Social Connections for Undergraduates” and “Getting Involved at McGill”. She notes that she is sitting on the Committee on Student Services and the Scholarships and Student Aid office Advisory Board. As well, VP Student Life notes that she worked with Campus Life and Engagement throughout the summer to offer brainstorming workshops for Clubs and Services.

Lastly, they will be sitting on the Fall Reading Break Committee as the SSMU representative.

Question Period:

There are no questions.

- e. VP External -- **POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

The Report of VP External is postponed until next meeting; moved by VP Student Life, seconded by Councillor Smith.

13. Confidential Session

There is no confidential business this evening.

14. Adjournment: **21:05**

Councillor Roy motions to adjourn, seconded by Councillor Daryanani. This is approved.

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

Jemark Earle, President