



# SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

September 17, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 18:30.

Present: Lauren Hill (Chair, non-voting), Jemark Earle (Officer), Brooklyn Frizzle (Officer), Gifford Marpole (Officer), André Lametti (Legislative Councillor), Rohan Bhutkar (Legislative Councillor), Ana Paula Sanchez (Member-at-Large), Paige Collins (Member-at-Large), Adin Chan (Legislative Councillor), Mustafa Fakhri (Legislative Councillor), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Michal Chernov (Governance Manager, non-voting), Sam Haward (Recording Secretary, non-voting), Iris He (International Student Representative, non-voting), Iris He (International Student Representative, non-voting, arrived at 18:36)

Absent: Ayo Ogunremi (Officer, non-voting), Jack Kline (Member-at-Large), Maheen Akter (Officer), Jonah Levitt (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 -- **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Director Lametti moves to add items 9a and 9b, *Constitution* and *Nominating Committee*. The agenda is approved unanimously.

4. Executive Committee Report

Director Earle presents the report of the Executive Committee. There are no questions.

5. Email Approvals



- a. Motion to ratify the Judicial Board's "Final Decision" between Miller vs. SSMU 2020-09-05 --**APPROVE: REST. Abstain: Sanchez, Fakh** 2020-09-09

There is no debate on this item.

#### 6. Minutes for Approval

- a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-05-20 — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
- b. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-06-25 — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
- c. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-07-23 — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
- d. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-08-30 — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
- e. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-09-03 — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Board resolves to approve all minutes unanimously.

#### 7. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification

- a. [Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2020-2021 Legislative Council 2020-09-08](#) — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Lametti asks if the Legislative Council is now following *Code Verronneau*. The Chair responds in the affirmative. Director Lametti states that *Code Verronneau* typically requires a period before each meeting where members can oppose the recording of a meeting. Director Lametti asks if the standing rules or Internal Regulations have taken this into account, and if the Legislative Council will be recorded this year. The Governance Manager responds that they are aware of this rule, however the Internal Regulations state that every reasonable attempt must be made to make General Assemblies accessible to members and this regulation is also being applied to the Legislative Council. Members of the Legislative Council will be informed prior to the next session. Director Lametti states that a requirement in the standing rules may be more effective as there were issues with the AUS (Arts Undergraduate Society) last year regarding the recording of meetings. The Governance Manager responds that they agree with the suggestion and will look into it.

The motion is ratified unanimously.

- b. [Motion Regarding the Elections and Referenda Timeline 2020-2021 2020-09-08](#) — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
- c. [Motion Regarding Legislative Council Committee Allocations 2020-09-08](#) — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**



Director Fakih asks why individuals were assigned to the clubs committee when positions are usually reserved for the clubs representatives. The Chair responds that seats have been reserved for the clubs representatives and that these are additional representatives.

The Board resolves to approve items 7b and 7c unanimously.

8. Motions for Approval

There are no motions for approval.

9. For Discussion

a. Constitution

Director Lametti asks what the timeline will be for a new special referendum on the 2020 Constitution. Director Earle replies that a motion to call a special referendum period has been submitted to the Steering Committee this evening. If it is approved by the Legislative Council next Thursday, the process can begin. Director Earle has worked with the Elections SSMU team to figure out how much time will be needed for a campaign period.

b. Nominating Committee

Director Lametti asks how the process of recruiting new Board members under the new constitution is going. Director Collins replies that the committee is currently working on reviewing applicants and revising the interview questions. The committee is looking to begin interviews in the next week. Director Lametti asks if applications have already been sent out for members at large as well as alumni and professional directors. Director Collins responds in the affirmative and confirms that there are candidates for each position. The Governance manager clarifies that applications for professional and alumni director positions will be posted this coming Monday.

10. Confidential Session: **18:51**

The Board enters confidential session at 18:51.

11. Adjournment: **19:14**

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

Jemark Earle, President