



# SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

October 29, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 18:30.

Present: Lauren Hill (Chair, non-voting), Jemark Earle (Officer), Maheen Akter (Officer), Gifford Marpole (Officer), André Lametti (Legislative Councillor), Rohan Bhutkar (Legislative Councillor), Jonah Levitt (Member-at-Large), Paige Collins (Member-at-Large), Adin Chan (Legislative Councillor), Jack Kline (Member-at-Large), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Iris He (International Student Representative, non-voting), Sam Haward (Recording Secretary, non-voting)

Absent: Ayo Ogunremi (Officer, non-voting), Brooklyn Frizzle (Officer), Mustafa Fakh (Legislative Councillor), Ana Paula Sanchez (Member-at-Large)

1. Call to Order: **18:43.**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:43.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair presents the 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 UNANIMOUSLY**

There are no changes to the agenda. The agenda is approved unanimously.

4. Executive Committee Report

Director Earle presents the report of the Executive Committee. They highlight contract extensions and amended wages for SACOMSS staff. There were also email approvals to sign onto public statements. Director Earle continues that the Executive Committee approved amendments to the permanent and casual staff manuals.



## 5. Email Approvals

There were no email approvals.

## 6. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification

- a. [Motion Regarding Nominations to the Society's Board of Directors 2020-10-22](#) — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

There is no debate on this item. The motion is approved unanimously.

## 7. Minutes for Approval

- a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2020-10-15 — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

There is no debate on this item. The minutes are approved unanimously.

## 8. Motions for Approval

- a. Motion to approve the Pay Equity Proposal from Solertia — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Earle states that the HR Director asked for this to be sent to the Board of Directors. The pay equity scale is approved every five years. Director Lametti asks if this is the same service that provided this proposal five years ago. Director Earle responds that it was. There is no further debate on this item.

The motion is approved unanimously.

- b. Motion to send Claudia Desjardins (Miller Thomson LLP) a Congratulations Card/Gift Basket — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Earle states that two weeks ago, Claudia delivered a new baby. They would like to send a gift. There is no further debate on this item. The motion is approved unanimously.

- c. Motion Regarding Increase in Scope of the Mental Health Fee - **POSTPONED INDEFINITELY**

Director Atker states that they moved a motion at the Legislative Council to increase the Mental Health Fee and increase its scope. They initially planned to implement a new digital service, but as the Mental Health Commissioners have been in touch with the University and the Post Graduate Students'



Society there will be a collaborative effort that makes this fee increase untimely. Director Atker is asking the Board to remove this fee question from the upcoming referendum. Director Lametti suggests that this motion be sent back to the Legislative Council with this reasoning and avoid the impression that the Board of Directors is arbitrarily choosing not to ratify motions of Council. Director Earle states that campaigning will begin on November 2nd.

The Chair states that this motion could be rejected by the Board or sent back to Council. Director Lametti states that sending the motion back to Council would be a better solution, as the motion went through multiple rounds of debate and amendment at Council. Director Lametti states that sending it back would be the best decision, as it would allow the Legislative Council to have another debate on potential changes to the Mental Health Fee.

Director Earle moves to postpone this motion indefinitely.

Voting procedure:

In favour: Director Earle, Director Atker, Director Marpole, Director Bhutkar, Director Levitt, Director Collins, Director Chan, Director Kline

Opposed: Director Lametti

Abstain: None

The motion is postponed indefinitely.

9. For Discussion

There are no items for discussion.

10. Confidential Session: **18:59**

The Board enters into a confidential session at 18:59.

11. Adjournment: **20:10**

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

Jemark Earle, President