



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

May 27, 2021

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 18:00.

Present: Lauren Hill (Chair, non-voting), Jemark Earle (Officer), Gifford Marpole (Officer), Ayo Ogunremi (Officer, non-voting), Chip Smith (Legislative Councillor), Paige Collins (Legislative Councillor), Alex Karasick (Legislative Councillor), Benson Wan (Legislative Councillor), Rohan Bhutkar (Member-at-Large), Ana Paula Sanchez (Member-at-Large), Adin Chan (Member-at-Large), Addy Parsons (International Student Representative, non-voting), Governance Manager (non-voting), SSMU Recording Secretary (non-voting)

Absent: Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Brooklyn Frizzle (Officer), Maheen Akter (Officer, left at 20:35), Beatrice Mackie (Member-at-Large, left at 20:44)

1. Call to Order: **20:45**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 20:45.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The SSMU acknowledges that McGill University is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee nations. The SSMU recognizes and respects these nations as the true and constant custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today. Further, the SSMU commits to and respects the traditional laws and customs of these territories.

3. Attendance

The Chair notes the absences of the General Manager and Director Frizzle in this public session.

4. Adoption of the Agenda — **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

5. Executive Committee Public Report

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



6. Motions for Approval:

- a. [Motion Regarding an Interim Provision Re: Association with Undergraduates Of Canadian Research-intensive Universities \(UCRU\) 2021-05-27](#) — **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

VP External states that this motion is to expand SSMU's capacity to conduct advocacy at the Federal level by associating with UCRU. UCRU is currently in the process of incorporating as a federal not for profit and the SSMU has been a member since 2017. This change in legal status requires the SSMU to update its relationship with UCRU, and this motion proposes that the SSMU affiliate as a *Class A* voting member. This does not require a financial commitment or referendum question at this time, as UCRU is currently not a Federation as written in SSMU's Internal Regulations. These discussions will not happen until 2022-2023 at the earliest so that UCRU can continue to expand and work with member associations. Were an affiliation question to pass in the future, SSMU would remain a *Class A* member. If not, the SSMU would become a *Class B* non-voting member, or disaffiliate completely.

Question:

Director Wan asks why this motion was introduced at the Board of Directors and not the Legislative Council.

Answer:

Officer Ogunremi responds that this was to provide time to review the SSMU and UCRU's bylaws, and should be approved over the summer to give the incoming Executives the opportunity to work with UCRU. He clarifies that this is only updating an existing relationship that the SSMU has with UCRU. Officer Ogunremi suggests clarifying this as an interim provision.

Director Wan states that they would like to see this as an interim provision until the Legislative Council can be consulted and moves this as an amendment.

Question:

Director Wan asks if there would be any issues with SSMU becoming a *Class B* member.

Answer:

VP External-elect, Sacha Delouvrier, states that the SSMU is one of only two (2) *Class B* members. Having a vote on UCRU's Board will be key for the SSMU as UCRU establishes its key committees. SSMU would also like to push for bilingualism in the organization.



Officer Ogunremi adds that the SSMU has no affiliation to UCRU as an incorporated entity, and that this decision will come to the Legislative Council and referendum.

Director Wan moves to mandate this item to be brought to the Legislative Council in the Fall 2021 Semester, and that the VP External monitor the organizations francisation process.

The Board debates appropriate metrics for determining this progress.

The motion is unanimously approved.

7. For Discussion

There are no items for discussion.

8. Confidential Session: **21:17**

The Board of Directors returns to a confidential session at 21:17.

9. Adjournment: **23:01**

The meeting is adjourned at 23:01.

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

Darshan Daryanani, President