



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

December 16, 2021

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 18:00.

Present: Alexandre Ashkir (Chair, non-voting), Eric Sader (Officer), Claire Downie (Officer), Karla Heisele Cubilla (Officer), Sarah Paulin (Officer), Ghania Javed (Council Member), Benson Wan (Council Member), Charlotte Gurung (Council Member)

Absent: Darshan Daryanani (Officer, non-voting), Sacha Delouvrier (Officer, non-voting), Yara Coussa (Council Member), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **18:09**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:09 on December 16, 2021.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair presents the 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 takes attendance.

Absent from the meeting are Officers Daryanani and Delouvrier, Director Coussa and the General Manager.

4. Adoption of the Agenda – **ADOPTED**

The Chair presents the Agenda.

Director Paulin moves to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Downie.



The Agenda is unanimously approved.

5. Executive Committee Public Report – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Paulin presents the motions that were recently approved by the Executive Committee. As usual, there were lots of hiring and a few new job descriptions. The SSMU will be hiring a new full-time Governance role in January. On December 13, their last meeting, they hired an additional External Affairs Coordinator.

Director Sader motions to vote by unanimous consent, seconded by Director Javed.

The report is unanimously approved.

6. Motions for Approval

- a. Motion to approve the budget for Activities Night Winter 2022 Edition for a total of \$11,970 + tax – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Heisele Cubilla explains that Activities Night is happening from January 17 to 19, 2022 in-person at the University Centre, and January 20, 2022 online. She presents the budget, the cost being approximately \$11,970, compared to last semester's price of \$11,000, so the costs are in accordance with past costs.

Question Period:

Question:

Director Paulin inquires whether they have heard anything back from their sponsors, and if there are monetary sponsorships as opposed to material sponsorships.

Answer:

Director Heisele Cubilla states that they have reached out to several companies, and they have not received financial sponsors yet, but they have received food sponsors. They are still working with sponsors, and should have everything done by January 1, 2022.

Director Sader thanks Director Heisele Cubilla for her work on the budget, as it was originally \$15,000. He motions for a vote by unanimous consent, seconded by Director Javed.



The motion is unanimously approved.

7. For Discussion

- a. Possible meeting on the 13th of January 2022 (two weeks before the meeting on the 27th of January 2022)

The Chair states that he added this discussion point as January 27 is quite far away. He and the Governance Manager would like to know if the Board would like to meet on January 13, 2022.

Director Downie notes that this is a good idea, given the upcoming press conference with the provincial government concerning higher education. She thinks meeting sooner rather than later is a good idea.

Director Sader is also in favour and states that he may not be able to attend the meeting on this date.

With no further discussion points, the Chair exhausts the discussion point.

8. Confidential Session: **18:20**

The Board of Directors enters into a Confidential Session at 18:20.

9. Adjournment: **19:09**

Director Wan motions to adjourn the public session, seconded by Director Sader.

The meeting is adjourned at 19:09.

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

Éric Sader, Vice-President (Finance)