



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

February 24, 2022

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 19:30.

Present: Alexandre Ashkir (Chair, non-voting), Eric Sader (Officer), Claire Downie (Officer), Karla Heisele Cubilla (Officer), Sarah Paulin (Officer), Sacha Delouvrier (Officer, non-voting), Ghania Javed (Council Member), Benson Wan (Council Member), Melissa Dunn (Member at Large), Asiyah Siddique (Member at Large), Jaz Kaur (Parliamentarian, non-voting)

Absent: Charlotte Gurung (Council Member), Yara Coussa (Council Member), Kevin Franceschini (Member at Large) Jas Sidhu (Member at Large), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Darshan Daryanani (Officer, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **20:19**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 20:19 on February 24, 2022.

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 notes the absences of Officer Daryanani, Director Franceschini, Director Gurung, Director Coussa, Director Sidhu and the General Manager.

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

The Chair presents the Agenda.

Director Paulin motions to adopt the Agenda by unanimous consent, seconded by Heisele Cubilla.



The Agenda is adopted.

5. Executive Committee Public Report – **ADOPTED**

Director Paulin presents the report. The SSMU has hired a Student Life Operations Director with job modifications in the department. The Executives approved hirings for the Union of Gender Empowerment (UGE). The Executive Committee has also approved additional supplies for Gert's, as well as the opening of the bar on March 7th. The Executive Committee also approved a donation to Defund SPVM. The Executive Committee hired human resources personnel, and a public support letter.

Question:

Director Wan asks whether the newly hired Human Resources (HR) Manager and Coordinator are in the training period.

Answer:

Director Paulin responds that the new HR Manager and Coordinator are at the training phase.

There are no further questions on the report.

Director Wan motions to approve the Report, seconded by Director Heisele Cubilla. The Report is adopted.

6. Email Approvals:

- a. Motion Regarding the Implementation of the Dialogue Referendum Question
2022-02-17 2022-02-21 – **RATIFIED BY EMAIL 2022-02-21**

The motion was ratified by email approval on February 21, 2022.

- b. Motion Regarding MUSTBUS Fee-Levy 2022-02-17 2022-02-21 – **RATIFIED BY EMAIL 2022-02-21**

The motion was ratified by email approval on February 21, 2022.

- c. Motion Regarding Student Support Fee Referendum Question 2022-02-17 2022-02-21 – **RATIFIED BY EMAIL 2022-02-21**

The motion was ratified by email approval on February 21, 2022.



- d. Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Creation of a Black Affairs Fee Levy
2022-02-17 2022-02-21 – **RATIFIED BY EMAIL 2022-02-21**

The motion was ratified by email approval on February 21, 2022.

- e. Motion Regarding the French Accessibility Fee Referendum Question 2022-02-17
2022-02-21 – **RATIFIED BY EMAIL 2022-02-21**

The motion was ratified by email approval on February 21, 2022.

- f. Motion Regarding Referendum Question on the Increase of the 2022 SSMU
Membership Fee 2022-02-17 2022-02-21 – **RATIFIED BY EMAIL 2022-02-21**

The motion was ratified by email approval on February 21, 2022.

7. Question Period:

- a. Questions from Constituents

The Chair presents questions submitted in advance by Constituents.

Question submitted by a Constituent:

“I was wondering if, given that the President was reinstated and the reasons for suspension we're deemed insufficient, would the board call suspending the President a mistake on their part?”

Answer:

Director Wan asks about the nature of information. The Chair responds that the question is valid as submitted by the constituent.

Director Paulin indicates an answer cannot be provided at this time.

Question submitted by a Constituent:

“How to get involved with the activities of the club? Where to start?”

The Chair clarifies that the club may refer to a SSMU organization or clubs in general.

Answer:



Director Heisele Cubilla assumes 'clubs' includes all clubs under SSMU. The SSMU website has a list under clubs website, with a list of how to join via social media and email. In addition to activities night occurs twice a year.

b. Questions from the floor

Question:

Member of the gallery, Abigail, asks about the situation of President Daryanani, who shared an email. In addition to, inquiry about how this action is considered a breach of confidentiality, and consequence of suspension to the President due this action.

Answer:

Director Sader cannot confirm breach of confidentiality. The situation is being monitored internally with HR in confidential sessions.

The Chair considers pausing the meeting. Director Sader mentions that the Board is not permitted to address the situation regarding the President at the moment.

There are no further questions.

8. Minutes for Approval:

- a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-01-31 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The minutes are unanimously approved.

9. Motions for Approval:

- a. Motion to ratify the Club Committee Report 2022-02-07 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The Parliamentarian states that the Service Review Committee report and Club Committee report were not approved by the Legislative Council.

Director Heisele Cubilla asks about a prior instance where a procedure followed without the approval of the Legislative Council back in February 2021.

The Chair notes this prior procedure is feasible.



There is an opposition to review the Club Committee Report prior to the Service Review Committee report.

Director Heisele Cubilla presents the motion. She indicates the constitutional changes and implementation of amendments to Clubs. There were a few full Status approvals, interim approvals, and rejections of Clubs. She further explains the status of the club and name can be found in the report.

There are no questions and no debate on this motion.

Director Heisele Cubilla motion to approve by unanimous consent, seconded by Director Wan.

The motion is unanimously approved and the report is ratified.

- b. Motion to ratify the Services Review Committee Report 2022-02-21 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Heisele Cubilla presents motion. She claims that Services review processes are ongoing, including social media presence, given the undergoing circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to doing more evaluations via forms.

Question period:

Question:

Director Wan asks the current uptake on services and what these entail.

Answer:

Director Heisele Cubilla responds that members of the committee fill forms for review. These are being completed at a low rate.

Debate Period:

There is no debate.

The motion is unanimously approved and the report is ratified.

- c. Motion to assign Directors to these committees: **TABLED FOR EMAIL APPROVAL**
 - i. Nominating Committee:



1. Director Dunn
- ii. Governance Reform Committee:
 1. Director Siddique
- iii. Accountability Committee:
 1. Director Gurung
- iv. SSAMMOSA (1 Director who is not an Officer):
 1. No one was assigned to this committee.

Debate period:

The Chair clarifies a follow up will be sent on the committees.

There is no debate.

Director Wan suggests that someone nominates for the committee.

Director Javed clarifies that not all voting Directors are present.

Director Wan motions to table and email vote interim email, seconded by Director Heisele Cubilla.
There is no opposition to motion.

Director Heisele Cubilla motions to vote by unanimous consent, seconded by Director Javed. There is no opposition.

The motion to table this is unanimously approved.

10. Confidential Session: **20:46**

The Board of Directors enters into a confidential session at 20:46.

11. Adjournment: **23:18**

The Board of Directors meeting is adjourned at 23:18.



Darshan Daryanani, President