



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

November 22, 2021

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Monday, November 22, 2021 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), Yara Coussa (Council Member), Benson Wan (Legislative Councillor), Charlotte Gurung (Council Member), Ghania Javed (Council Member)

Absent: Darshan Daryanani (Officer, non-voting), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **19:36**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 19:36 on November 22, 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 notes the absence of Officer Daryanani, Director Javed, and General Manager.

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

Director Coussa motions to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Director Heisele Cubilla.

There is no opposition.

The Agenda is adopted.



5. Email Approvals

- a. Motion to approve the transfer of the OADF (The Awards of Distinction Fund) from short-term investment instruments to long-term investments with Lester Management for the purpose of increasing our returns on the principal and increasing the yearly Awards of Distinction 2021-11-22 – **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 2021-11-22**

The motion was unanimously approved by email on November 22, 2021.

- b. Motion to approve \$24,000 CAD for the purchase of 2,000 monthly seats in a 12 month contract for the Lobby Platform 2021-11-18 – **DID NOT MEET QUORUM**

The motion did not meet quorum via email approval and thus was not approved.

6. Motions for Approval

- a. Motion to approve subscription of 3 months (trial period), with an amount up to \$6,000.00 CAD + tax [GL 6505-2000] for the purchase of contract for the Lobby Platform – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Heisele Cubilla presents motion. This is a monthly subscription that may be canceled anytime. For more information, all presentations are readily available.

Director Javed arrives at 19:41.

Question period:

Question:

Director Wan asks if student groups have voiced their feedback about this platform.

Answer:

Director Heisele Cubilla mentions that there is a large capacity to hold events. However, for large scale events the platform may present issues.

Question:

Director Coussa asks for a trial run first, and notes then, Director Cubilla to present whether the platform works or not.



Answer:

Director Heisele Cubilla responds that there would be a 3 month per usage. She offers to table motion indefinitely.

Question:

Director Wan asks if student groups' events with 100 students are held often?

Answer:

Director Heisele Cubilla responds that for hybrid events, there are five (5) a month. Much more student group events are held in-person, but the event was moved online for last minute events.

Director Sader mentions that a 3 month subscription has been budgeted. If following the budget, there is a deficit for the year covered from the last year surplus. He encourages Directors to be assured that there is the money to cover initiative, and he inquires whether this is the best use for the money.

Director Downie responds that how many uses this period may be actually used for.

Officer Delouvrier builds on points of speakers, he mentions that it depends on the context. This is the option spent on other issues but to benefit students. He supports the initiative of Director Heisele Cubilla.

Director Coussa amends to do a three (3) month trial and then present a report on whether. Director Heisele Cubilla agrees with the friendly amendment.

Director Coussa motions to vote by unanimous consent, seconded by a Director. There is no opposition.

The motion is approved.

7. Confidential Session: **19:51**

The Board of Directors enters into a Confidential Session at 19:51.

8. Adjournment: **20:45**

The Board of Directors meeting is adjourned at 20:45.



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Sader".

Éric Sader, Vice-President (Finance)

APPROVED