



SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

July 13, 2022

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 19:00.

Present: Alexandre Ashkir (Chair, non-voting), Risann Wright (Officer), Val Masny (Officer), Kerry Yang (Officer), Marco Pizarro (Officer, non-voting), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting), Cat Williams (Officer, non-voting), Benson Wan (Council Member), Asiyah Siddique (Member at Large)

Absent: Jaz Kaur (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Charlotte Gurung (Council Member)

1. Call to Order: **19:06**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 19:06.

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 + Introductions

The Chair takes attendance. He states that he has included introductions since this is the first meeting with the new Board Members and Officers.

The Chair notes the absences of the Parliamentarian and Director Gurung.

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

Seeing no changes to the agenda, Director Wan motions to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Director Siddique.

Seeing no opposition, the Agenda is adopted.



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

Director Wright asks everyone to take a look at the report, and if there are any questions she can answer them.

Question:

Director Wan asks why the Francophone Affairs Commissioner's portfolio was moved to a different Executive portfolio at the June 8 meeting.

Answer:

Director Wright answers that they moved it because they wanted to keep in mind each Executive's capacities, and another Executive was better able to support the Francophone Affairs Commissioner.

Question:

Director Wan asks if this is temporary, or if they plan on keeping it in this portfolio for the near future.

Answer:

Director Wright responds that it is a temporary measure for the upcoming academic year, but they have discussed making it permanent for the stability of the department. She motions for this Report to be approved.

Director Wright motions for this Report to be approved, seconded by Director Wan.

Seeing no opposition, the Report is approved.

6. Minutes for Approval:

- a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2022-05-26 – **APPROVED**

Seeing no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

7. Confidential Session: **19:16**

The Board of Directors enters into a Confidential session at 19:16.



8. Discussion: PSP (Director Wan)

The Board of Directors returns to Public session, time unknown.

Director Wan motions to suspend the rules to add a discussion point on the Palestine Solidarity Policy, seconded by Director Siddique seconds the motion.

Seeing no opposition, the rules are suspended and the discussion point is added.

The Board resumes parliamentary procedure.

Director Wan states that they have completed most consultations, and they will be making some modifications to the policy. They should have an answer to the adoption issue by the next meeting.

9. Adjournment: **22:34**

Director Wan motions to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Yang.

The meeting is adjourned at 22:34.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Risann Wright', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Risann Wright, President