



SSMU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC MINUTES

September 15, 2022

The regular monthly Legislative Council Meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference, on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 18:00.

1. Speaker and Parliamentarian Introductions

The SSMU Speaker and Parliamentarian introduce themselves to the Legislative Council.

2. Call to Order: **18:07**

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 18:07.

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker presents the Land Acknowledgement.

4. Attendance

- a. Introductions (pronouns optional, position, check-in question)

The Speaker takes attendance.

The Parliamentarian asks if they should let the Councillors make their introductions while taking attendance.

The Speaker asks the Parliamentarian to share the agenda. He states that he will be taking attendance, and when one's name is called they can present themselves. He states that they will be asking a check-in question: *How was your summer?* If councillors have already answered this question, they can share a fun fact. The Speaker asks everyone to correct him if he mispronounces a name.

The Parliamentarian suggests that the Speaker introduce himself.

The Chair states that if anyone has issues getting into the Zoom meeting, they should message the Parliamentarian or the Governance Manager.



Present are: Councillors Mickelson (he/him), O'Boyle (he/him), Voutsinas (she/her), Sakajiri, Djossou (he/him), Tai, Pollard, Reed, Thom (she/her), Seth, Griffith (he/him), Wan (he/him), Dadulla (he/him), D'Amore (she/her), Adler (he/him), Whitcomb (she/her), Parish (she/her), Wang (she/her), President Wright (she/her), VP Williams (she/they, VP Internal), VP Koulibaly (she/her, VP Student Life), VP Pizarro (he/him, VP Finance), VP Masny (they/them, VP External), VP Yang (he/him, VP University Affairs).

Absent are: Councillors Cham, Djossou, Syed, and Thomas.

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

The Speaker states that now would be the time to add discussion points.

Seeing no additions or corrections, Councillor Wan motions to approve the agenda.

VP External Affairs Masny seconds the motion to approve.

Seeing no opposition, the agenda is adopted.

6. Report of the Steering Committee

The Speaker states that he writes the report after the Steering Committee meets. The Steering Committee meets to decide if the motions presented are ready to be presented at the Legislative Council. The Committee also deals with procedural matters.

The Steering Committee convened at 21:45 yesterday. Present were the Speaker, Parliamentarian and the Governance Manager. They discussed the motions. He states that every Monday afternoon, SSMU will post meeting highlights and debriefs on social media. He reminds everyone to read all documents before each meeting, which will be made available Friday morning. He asks everyone to carefully consider motions they put forward. He states that there is an estimated duration of each point in brackets on the agenda. There is no confidential session this evening.

7. Executive Committee Report Summer 2022

President Wright states that over the summer, she worked on the Presidential portfolio. On the Governance side, she chaired the Executive Committee's weekly meetings, and the bi-weekly management committee. She worked with the Governance team to set the dates for SSMU Legislative Council, Board of Directors, General Assembly, and SSMU Staff meetings. She also planned the SSMU Council orientation and training. They worked on the Interim Structure for SSMU in the absence of a General Manager, reallocating the General Manager's responsibilities among Executives and Management. She also served as the VP for the SSMU Daycare. As it pertains to leadership and support, she worked to maintain relationships with the SSMU and McGill Administration, she met with



the Dean of Students and Deputy Provost, by having meetings to discuss various policies that are being developed. She also met with various student executives across Canada to discuss ideas and best practices for the year ahead. For advocacy and representation, President Wright participated in the McGill Administration and Governance by attending Senate and the Board of Governors meetings during the summer. She worked on buildings for lease-related matters with the SSMU real estate team, notably about the University Centre and 3501 Peel. She also worked with the real estate team on pursuing a management agreement with McGill, to ensure the longevity of SSMU being in the University Centre. She worked with VP Student Life to ensure operations of building developments. Over the summer, President Wright worked with the HR team and joined a negotiating team. She worked with the VP University Affairs and corresponded with headhunters to get information for recruitment services for a General Manager. On the legal side, she handled various legal correspondences with the Governance Manager. She worked with the Governance Manager to develop the SSMU Equity, Diversity and Inclusion plan and to research the SSMU EDI plan's structure. She worked with Governance to develop the SSMU Sustainable Development Goals (UN) strategy, and conducted research and developed a timeline for the SSMU Groceries Program, which she hopes to pilot this year, to address food insecurity across campus. Finally, she worked with the Governance Team to structure an inter-faculty framework, which she hopes will be developed in tandem with the various faculty associations. She did a bit of background work for committees, by reviewing the background documents. She worked on the Presidents' round table, and planned networking and social events. Finally, the President also did background research to prepare for committees that fall under her portfolio, and did research for the Students' Society at McGill for Maintaining Operations and Strategic Advancement Committee (SSAMMOSA) and the 5-year plan.

VP Internal Affairs Williams states that she worked on hiring, including many full-time positions in the Communications Department. She rebranded all of the Internal social media and the listserv, as well as the External and University Affairs'. She helped plan and run the SSMU Dry Frosh, which was successful. She also attended committees and coordinated with the VP External. VP Internal also worked on SSPN and has been recruiting, and wrote up a plan for their events throughout the year. She created promotional materials for the First-Year Council. VP Internal has been sitting on the Alumni Engagement Council, and she promoted events with SSMU by tabling during Frosh and Orientation. She also helped plan the Presidents' Round Table, and completed many training sessions. She also sat on many committees, and will continue to sit on them throughout her term.

VP Finance Pizarro states that he studies Economics and Political Science, with a minor in Anthropology and he is very excited for this year, and hopes to have an in-person meeting eventually. He has worked closely with all the Executives over the summer, and he thinks this year will be fantastic. Over the summer, he worked with the Accounting team to make Finance more accessible and catch up from last year. He did a lot of audits and reimbursements, and the audits will be presented in October. The audits went surprisingly well. He worked with Clubs and Services to make finances more accessible to student groups, since it has always been complicated due to confusion between the parties. He worked on budgets, and cash flow is looking good. They have spent \$100,000, less than



what was budgeted for this year. He thinks that there will be a lot of revision to do on the budget, because there is a lot happening. He will start to work on funding applications next week. He is trying out a one-year trial period for the Legal Protection Plan, which PGSS and CGS have. This will be presented at the winter referendum. He also worked on the plan for Trans Issues. He also started looking at changing banks, and they are still doing research. And, they are working with SSMU on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He stands for questions.

VP Student Life Koulibaly introduces herself as a U3 Cognitive Science student. She states that there is a new position, a Student Life Assistant, which helps keep track of student groups. She has also worked alongside the Building Director to complete Space Agreements with student groups. She has been discussing amendments to the Student Group Constitution with the Governance Manager. She has also organised and hosted the Clubs Workshops. VP Koulibaly continues to work on the Club Portal. Sanctions were sent out to Clubs who did not submit their winter audits, along with VP Finance, Accounting and the Student Life Assistant. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) is in place with MSERT to offer free courses to students, and she has met with club executives to answer questions. She has also been working with the Systems Administrator and the Finance team on the Club Portal, and prepared a club handbook which has many resources. On the Services, she is meeting with a Student Network representative to distribute journals, and will discuss credit card limits with VP Finance. There is a new Mental Health Commissioner who is taking good care of the department, and there is a new mental health portal that is being launched. She is also planning for Mental Health Awareness Week in October. She has a few ongoing projects, such as cultural nights at Gerts. She is planning Activities Night, and it has been a long process and will now be in the University Centre. The Accessibility Commissioner role has expanded, and they now require an accessibility workshop as a part of the club workshops. She notes her training. She has been working with the administration to provide volunteers with a co-curricular record. She discussed with the Deputy Provost on increasing accommodations. She hired all the staff in her department, and notes the committees she is a part of. Finally, she notes that supervises buildings and IT, for which there are weekly check-ins.

VP External Affairs Masny states that they are associated with UCRU, and they sit on their [UCRU] Board of Directors. They are observing an informal council of student associations, and they are observers of the QSU (Quebec Student Union). Throughout the summer, they met with student unions throughout the country to discuss priorities and collaborations, and to discuss the reform proposed for collective insurance. They also discussed with the Concordia Student Union about the housing crisis, and will organise a bootcamp with student unions to share knowledge on activism with students. They have been establishing relationships with municipally-elected officials, and are working on their mandate to make sidewalks near McGill more accessible during the winter months. In terms of Union affairs, SSMU is part of the McGill Community Council, so they have been meeting with and supporting unions in their mobilisation, and developing a framework with PGSS to support their signs. In community affairs, they have been working on affordable housing, and members can join this committee. They are working on building 200 affordable housing units by 2026, which they are on track to meet. They are working on a housing rights information night. They have also been supporting students who have



experienced exploitative landlords in their advocacy against them. For Milton Parc, there have been street sweeps during frosh to ensure the safety of participants and to mitigate effects of frosh on the community. VP Masny has worked on flyers to distribute to community members about Environment Day, and a rally in July. They have helped the St-Urbain Community organise an assembly about the future of the Hotel-Dieu hospital. They are sharing opportunities to help students get involved in the Montreal community. The VP has helped with a political campaign on climate justice, and there is a climate strike coming up with Divest McGill. Other campaigns include a campaign against Bill 96, one for Urghyur rights, Ministerial Justice, for the withdrawal of police and decriminalisation. They have worked with Indigenous, Francophone and Black Affairs, and have a lot of mandates for Indigenous solidarity. They also support the Francophone Affairs Committee in their work, and they have been working together to increase the presence of francophone groups in orientation settings, and worked on Projet de Loi 96, to ensure that SSMU is in accordance with the law. They support the Black Affairs Commissioner, who is working on a Black Marketplace. They are doing some revamped social media, and they have been pretty active. They hope to have a website launch near the end of the month. Finally, they are hiring Political Campaigns Coordinators. Finally, VP Masny also created a mandate letter to communicate their mandate to the student body.

VP University Affairs Yang introduces himself as a fifth (5th)-year Neuroscience student. Throughout the summer, he discussed implementing wellness policies, and now he is looking to implement them, with the help of the administration. He also wants McGill University to have a policy on service animals, considering the Quebec government's outdated ones. He will create a service animal policy for McGill. He is working on a 360 solution for Menstrual Health, and providing menstrual products and places for their disposal in the University Centre. He hired the rest of the Menstrual Health team, and the team is working towards having more sustainable and biodegradable menstrual products. They had a giveaway the previous day, and he is now working on updating the free menstrual product policy, since it has expired. He is looking to see if Gender and Sexual Violence resources can be expanded to help with this, and he is in contact with a few groups. He reformed the IRP appeal process. In terms of equity, he has worked on equity complaints and has started to reform the SSMU Equity Policy. He tabled for the Know your Rights campaign, and made new pamphlets for the Legal Protection Plan. He also reached out to several faculties to see if a note-sharing system could be set up, and organised a training session. He wants to get rid of informational silos on note-sharing. He has had meetings with the Dean of Students weekly, and met with the Deputy Provost. He trained all the Student StSenators and gave them access to everything, and had a goal-setting meeting with each of them. He did a lot of hiring for HR, which was quite extensive, as well as hired the AVCs. He has been managing the SSMU daycare and reviewing its budget. He is also dealing with all the documents for the daycare. VP Yang notes that there is now University Affairs branding, and they now have active social media. Lastly, the VP is also working on some legal cases and working on the McGill Academics Round Table.

The Speaker thanks the Executives for their reports. He states that future reports will be shorter.



8. Announcements

The Parliamentarian states that one of the Councillors joined late, and she suggests giving them the chance to introduce themselves.

Councillor Djossou introduces himself.

VP Student Life Koulibaly announces that Activities Night is on Monday and Tuesday from 16:00 - 20:00 on all four floors of the University Centre. There are a lot of free goodies, and bucket hats. She suggests that everyone come check it out.

VP Internal Affairs Williams states that she and the VP Student Life Koulibaly are having a back to school event, and tickets are available through the SSMU Instagram and at Activities Night.

VP External Affairs Masny reminds everyone that the fall General Assembly will be held on September 26 at 18:00. There will be reminders on campus. If anyone has questions, the Executives or Steering Committee can help.

The Speaker states that all Councillors should have received a google reminder.

Councillor Wan states that the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science is currently looking for a new Dean. There are consultation sessions next week, on Monday or Tuesday. Everything is available on google through a simple search.

9. Question Period

The Speaker states that Councillors can ask their constituents to send them questions, and then Councillors can send them to the Speaker or Parliamentarian, who will then assemble a document with all the questions. After this, they will take questions from the floor, which can come from anyone. The Speaker entertains a question period.

Question:

Councillor Wan asks the Executive Committee or the Governance Manager a question. He states that two years ago, SSMU tried to pass reforms to change the composition of the Legislative Council, but at the referendum quorum was not met. Since then, the question has not been brought back to Council. He asks if these reforms will be brought back to the Council this year.

Answer:



The Governance Manager answers that there were proposed amendments, but today they have a different constitution. She hopes that with the new Governance Reform Committee, they will be able to work on the constitution to make it more interactive. They might change the composition of various governing bodies. She suggests that anyone who has suggestions join the Governance Reform Committee.

There are no further questions.

10. Recess, Consent Items

The Speaker explains that consent items are a form sent through the chat to vote on every motion that is on the agenda. It allows the Council to skip discussions.

Seeing no questions, the Speaker sends the form in the chat. He entertains a five-minute recess for Councillors to fill out the form.

The meeting resumes at 19:21. The Speaker notes that Councillor Wang left the meeting at 19:19.

The Speaker closes the voting form. He notes that voting on the motions is strict, and they report the results of the vote. He reminds everyone to vote, as it is their obligation as Councillors.

11. New Business:

- a. Motion to Approve the Standing Rules of the SSMU Legislative Council 2022-2023 – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- b. Motion to Approve the Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Governance Review Committee – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- c. Motion Regarding Nominations by the Legislative Council to the Society's Board Of Directors – **APPROVED**

VP External Affairs Masny states that this motion is to nominate Councillors to the Board of Directors, as it is important for a few Councillors to be there to follow the Board's standing rules, and to make sure that the Board is representative of the student body. They invite people to nominate themselves, as there is only one Councillor interested right now. Since the motion is up for debate, it is possible to amend the motion to nominate more Councillors. The commitment would be the bi-weekly Board meetings and to vote on and ratify motions, and discuss legal and HR cases. They stand for questions.



The Speaker states that this motion needs to be seconded.

Councillor Wan seconds the motion.

The Speaker entertains a question period.

Question:

Councillor Adler asks what is the time commitment for the Board of Directors. He asks if the meetings are the same length as the Legislative Council meetings.

Answer:

Councillor Wan answers that the time commitment is a bit heavier than the Legislative Council, as they meet twice as often, and there is more content to review prior to meetings. He estimates that at his time as a Director, he spent 3-5 hours a week preparing for meetings, with some weeks being lighter and some being heavier.

VP External Affairs Masny clarifies that they do not think all Board members spend that much time on Board meetings. They reiterate that there are documents to review before the meetings. The meetings tend to last from 2-4 hours.

Seeing no further questions, the Speaker entertains a debate period, including motions to amend the motion to add in Councillors' names. He notes that there are 4 vacant spots.

Councillor Wan highly recommends that Councillors put their names down, as he has learned a lot during his time on Board. Having experience is not needed, and it is great for personal growth as well as support for SSMU. The goal of having Councillors on the Board is to have a balance on the Board and for it function well moving forward.

The Speaker notes that it is a great responsibility to be on the Board. He adds that each motion passed at the Legislative Council must be ratified by the Board. Having the Council's voice on the Board ensures accountability. He highly encourages Councillors to apply.

Question:

Councillor Mickelson asks if there could be a situation where the Arts Representatives could take turns sitting on the Board, since it is a big time commitment.

Answer:



VP External Affairs Masny answers that unfortunately, the Board's regulations forbid this. To become a member, the seats are assigned to a specific person.

Question:

Councillor Mickelson asks what the legal basis for the assignment of seats is, and if there could be proxies for each seat to allow for the Councillors to take turns attending meetings.

Answer:

VP External Affairs Masny answers that as a Board member, one is liable for their decisions and could not have a proxy. If one is absent from too many meetings, they could be voted off the Board. They invite Councillor Mickelson to apply for a seat that would last until November, because they have an interim period because they are currently short of Councillors.

Question:

Councillor Reed asks what the requirements are for being a council-appointed Board member, as they believe that it is required to be a Canadian permanent resident.

Answer:

VP External answers that Board members need to be Canadian, but it could be decided to suspend or change this requirement. The reason it is this way is because alcohol permits need to be signed for Gerts for all voting Directors.

Question:

Councillor Reed asks if they could suspend those rules in this meeting to appoint a non-citizen to the Board.

Answer:

The Governance Manager answers that they cannot suspend the rules right now, due to a constitutional requirement at SSMU. She encourages those who are interested to apply for the international representative position, but it is a non-voting position. The Board is really looking for voting members at this time.

VP University Affairs Yang states that sitting on the Board is an educational experience, because many of the top decisions are made at the Board level. Being able to sit on the Board allows individuals to understand how SSMU as a corporation works.



Question:

Councillor Reed asks if the Governance team could detail the process of what VP External Affairs Masny mentioned as far as suspension of the rules pertaining to citizenry requirements for Board members.

Answer:

VP External Affairs Masny answers that this could be considered, but requires legal input because of the alcohol permit. They are happy to look into it and converse with Councillor Reed about it, because they believe that facilitating access to Board positions is very important.

Question:

Councillor Mickelson asks if bi-weekly refers to twice a week or twice a month.

Answer:

The Speaker answers that it is twice a month. He notes that all the dates for Board meetings can be found on the SSMU website, which are on Thursday nights.

The Speaker entertains a vote on this motion. If anyone wishes to add themselves in the future, they can email the Speaker. He sends the link to vote on the motion.

The Speaker entertains a vote.

With 20 votes in favour and 1 abstention, the motion passes.

- d. Motion Regarding Legislative Council Committees Allocation 2022-2023 – **APPROVED**

Councillor Voutsinas seconds the motion.

VP External Affairs Masny states that SSMU has a lot of committees, and it is a good place to make oneself heard on issues before they are brought to the Legislative Council. There are also member seats available. The committees are listed in the Appendix of the motion. Highlighted in green are the seats that are about to be appointed, and there are a lot of vacant seats on various committees. They invite anyone who has questions to learn more about the committees.

The Speaker entertains a question period.



Question:

Councillor Adler states that in the training, they learned that it is expected that they serve on a number of committees with different time commitments. He asks someone to explain what they need to commit to.

Answer:

VP External Affairs Masny answers that Councillors sit on at least one committee, but they are welcome to sit on more than one.

The Speaker notes that it is an obligation to sit on at least one committee.

Question:

Councillor Whitcomb states that there is an expectation that if one picks a lower-commitment committee, they may have to serve on two committees. She asks if this is still a policy.

Answer:

The Speaker answers that it was never a policy, but it is encouraged.

Seeing no further questions, the Speaker entertains a debate period. Seeing the unique nature of this motion, the Speaker will be going through the list of committees and Councillors can raise their hands to volunteer to sit on them. If there are too many names, each person will have one minute to explain why they want to sit on the committee, and then they will entertain a vote.

Question:

Councillor Wan asks, since he currently sits on the Health and Dental Review Committee as part of his mandate, if this counts as his committee or if he must sit on another.

Answer:

The Speaker answers that he needs to sit on an additional committee. He reiterates that by the end of the meeting, each Councillor needs to be sitting on one committee.

Accessibility Committee: Councillors Dadulla, D'Amore



Question:

Councillor D'Amore asks how often the Accessibility Committee meets.

Answer:

The Speaker answers that the Accessibility Committee meets bi-weekly.

Affordable Student Housing Committee: Councillor Djossou

Black Affairs Committee: VP Student Life

Clubs Committee:

Question:

Councillor Djossou asks if the two seats are reserved for the Clubs Representatives.

Answer:

The Speaker answers that they are not reserved. He presents the link to the committees page on the SSMU website.

Community Engagement Committee: Councillor Sakajiri

Councillor Sakajiri states that they would like to sit on this committee, but they are currently sitting on SSPN, from which they would like to withdraw.

The Speaker asks if this was sent in by form. Councillor Sakajiri answers yes. The Speaker states that he will make the change.

Governance Reform Committee: VP Finance Pizarro

Question:

Councillor Djossou asks if the third spot on this committee is open.

Answer:



The Speaker answers that if three (3) people apply, they will ask everyone interested to give a one-minute speech on why they should sit on the committee, and then they will entertain a vote.

The Speaker states that this Committee will have some good work to do to reform Governance documents.

Environment Committee:

Equity Committee: Councillors O'Boyle and Tai. The Speaker states that there is only one seat on this committee, so if there are no retractions he will entertain a one-minute speech for each candidate.

Councillor O'Boyle states that he served as the Equity Commissioner for EUS last year, and that role had three components: taking care of equity complaints; sitting on the EUS Equity Committee; and doing equity training and revising some training materials. He also helped add to student government procedures. He thinks that having institutional knowledge will be helpful.

Councillor Tai states that he would like to retract. He is interested in this topic, but feels that Councillor O'Boyle is more qualified.

Question:

The Speaker asks Councillor Tai if they would like to be placed on another Committee.

Answer:

Councillor Tai answers yes, they would like to be placed on the Comité des Affaires Francophones.

Finance Committee: Councillors Seth and Griffith

Comité des Affaires Francophones: Councillor Tai

Funding Committee: Councillor Wan

Question:



Councillor O'Boyle asks when members will be allocated to the Gender and Sexual Violence Committee and the Review Committee.

Answer:

The Speaker answers that this was a mistake, and they should not have been on the form. Only the Committees listed have seats for Councillors. If Councillor O'Boyle wants to sit on these committees, he could find a committee with a similar topic, or contact the committees he wants to join.

VP External Affairs Masny answers that the Gender and Sexual Violence Committee isn't listed, even though there is a seat available. They ask if it could be added.

The Speaker asks for the corrections to be sent.

Gender and Sexual Advocacy Committee: Councillor Reed

Indigenous Affairs Committee:

VP External Affairs Masny states that they sit on this committee, and invite Councillors to sit on it as it is a great opportunity to learn about Indigenous students and help provide services to them.

VP University Affairs Yang adds that there is a lot of great work that gets done in this committee, and to be good allies non-Indigenous people should support Indigenous people, since anti-racism efforts take a lot of effort.

Library Improvement Fund Committee: Councillors Whitcomb, Mickelson

Councillor Wan retracts his nomination and requests that they increase accessibility hours as part of the committee's mandate. He asks to put his name down for the Funding Committee.

The Speaker gives each nominee a one-minute speaking time.

Councillor Whitcomb states that she wants to sit on this committee, since she goes to the library every day and it is one of the most important places for students. It gives students an accessible environment to study in, who may not have this at home. Her goal would be to repair many things at the library, such as outlet blocks on tables. Pre-covid, the library was open 24 hours all year, and she would like to bring this back, to increase accessibility.

Councillor Mickelson agrees with what Councillor Whitcomb said. Through the Curriculum Committee, he has a growing relationship with the Communications Manager at the Library and the Building



Manager. He wants to increase accessibility for neuro-divergent students, since many students with ADHD have no place where they can fidget without being a distraction to others. He wants to create a safe space for them. In the winter, the McLennan library often gets loud. Councillor Mickelson wants to create a speaking space on the 2nd floor. The Library Improvement Fund can be used to install spaces where students can have collaborative spaces.

The Speaker creates a poll and entertains a vote.

The Speaker closes the poll despite missing one vote. There is a tie between the two Councillors. The Speaker entertains a second round of speeches and votes.

Question:

Councillor Mickelson asks what the issue would be if two people sat on the Committee. It sounds like both Councillors have good ideas, and he thinks it would be beneficial to have 2 people sit on the Committee.

Answer:

VP External Affairs Masny answers that it is not a problem, but per the terms of reference they can only have one voting councillor. If one of them is okay with being non-voting, that is alright, but for the non-voting councillor, it would not count as their committee requirement.

The Speaker asks if Councillors Whitcomb and Mickelson are in the same room. Councillor Mickelson answers yes.

The Speaker suggests the two councillors take some time to talk about this proposition, and then they can come back to the Library Improvement Committee at the end.

Mental Health Committee: Councillor Dadulla

VP Student Life states that the Mental Health Commissioner is amazing, and she does a lot of work. She states that it would be interesting to learn how SSMU collaborates with McGill to provide these mental health services. They also have a Mental Health Portal, and it would be beneficial to having councillors' inputs on this.

Councillor Dadulla wishes to retract their seat on the Accessibility Committee and sit on this one instead.

Steering Committee: Councillors O'Boyle, Voutsinas, Parish, Adler



The Speaker states that the terms of reference state that no more than 2 councillors can be selected to the committee from the same constituency. Councillors Parish, Adler and O'Boyle are in the same faculty.

Councillor O'Boyle clarifies that himself and Councillor Voutsinas are from AUS and Councillors Parish and Adler are from SUS.

SSPN: Councillors Pollard, Reed

Councillor Pollard asks if the other councillor who was signed up for this committee removed themselves. The Speaker indicates yes.

Question:

Councillor Reed asks what the time commitment is.

Answer:

The Speaker answers that SSPN has weekly meetings.

VP Internal Affairs Williams states that the commitment is 1-hour weekly meetings, and leading up to events the meetings can last up to 3 hours.

SSAMOSA:

VP University Affairs Yang states that this committee plays a big role in the future of SSMU, and decides where it heads. He suggests joining this committee.

The Speaker asks if Councillors Whitcomb and Mickelson have made a decision on the Library Improvement Committee.

Councillor Whitcomb states that Councillor Mickelson will serve on the Library Improvement Committee and she will serve on the Mental Health Committee.

The Speaker asks everyone to make sure that they are signed up for a committee, and scrolls through the motion.

Councillor Djossou asks if they need to reach out to the Commissioner of the committee they are joining, or if they will reach out to Councillors.



The Speaker states that the Governance Manage should reach out to them with all the information.

VP External nominates themselves to the Funding Committee.

VP University Affairs nominates himself for SSAMOSA.

Seeing no further nominations, the Speaker entertains a vote on the motion.

VP External motions to vote by unanimous consent.

VP Finance seconds the motion to vote.

The Speaker explains that one they reach the end of the motion, they can vote the normal way by form. At any time, councillors may motion to call the question with a specific voting format, or they can change the voting format. A vote by unanimous consent will ask for opposition. Seeing none, it will be approved.

Seeing no opposition, the Speaker entertains a vote by unanimous consent.

Seeing no opposition, the motion is approved.

- e. Motion to Approve the Elections and Referenda Timeline 2022-2023– **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The motion has been unanimously approved.

- f. Motion Regarding The Adoption Of An Open Letter In Support Of The National Day For Truth And Reconciliation / Lettre Ouverte Pour La Journée Nationale De La Vérité Et De La Réconciliation – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The motion has been unanimously approved.

- g. Notice of Motion Regarding the Adoption of Master Plan for Addressing Racist Surveillance and Doxxing within SSMU and McGill University

The Speaker states that a Notice of a Motion is simply to present a motion in advance of a future vote on a motion. So, there will be no debate on the motion tonight. Most of the time, Notices are done when there are policy changes, because the rules require that a policy change be presented by a notice.



VP External Affairs Masny states that the External Affairs team had a mandate to present this motion. They stand for questions, and they state that this Notice is for Councillors to read through and present to their constituents so that Councillors can vote accordingly at the next council meeting. There has been a history of doxxing on various websites, specifically targeting students with particular political views and putting their information online. To counteract this doxxing, they have come up with this plan to address the issue. They entertain questions now or by email. There is no vote on this today.

Question:

Councillor Reed asks the VP External to clarify the purpose of the organisations mentioned in the motion.

Answer:

VP External Affairs Masny answers that there is a statement passed by SSMU in 2021 that stated that sites like Canary Mission punish people with pro-Palestinian views, but the doxxing is not limited to those views. For example, students involved with Urghyur and Tibetan advocacy have also faced backlash. Further, many students who have been involved with anti-Bill 21 advocacy have suffered. This plan is also anti-racism, so with this there are various proposed modes of action.

The Speaker notes that when he calls upon people to answer questions, he is referring to the mover or seconder of the motion.

Question:

Councillor Reed asks for a more granular explanation of the groups.

Answer:

VP External Affairs Masny answers that it is detailed in the motion, and states that the groups are blacklist organisations that serve as an opportunity for people to harm student activists by identifying them and their views. Their official mission statements will be presented at the next meeting.

The Speaker notes that this motion will be presented at the next Council meeting.

- h. Notice of Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Consultation Policy



VP External Affairs Masny states that this motion will orient consultation that is done prior to adopting policies and motions, and to inform the ways in which councillors should think about voting on certain motions, since they are all representatives of the students. It also helps students think about motions, and talks about accessibility in consultation. They will take questions by email or at the next meeting. They stress the importance of this motion, because consultation is important, and necessary to be representative of their constituents. The motion also needs a seconder.

The Speaker states that any questions can be emailed to the mover, or prepared for the next meeting.

12. Adjournment: **20:48**

The Speaker adjourns the meeting at 20:48. He thanks everyone for their presence. Any questions can be emailed to the Speaker.

Risann Wright, SSMU President

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