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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

April 13, 2023

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference and in the SSMU Boardroom on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 18:00.

Present: Alexandre Ashkir (Chair, non-voting), Jaz Kaur (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Val Masny (Officer), Peter Tai (Council Member), Benson Wan (Council Member), Kerry Yang (Officer), Coco Jie Wang (Council Member)

Absent: Marco Pizarro (Officer, non-voting), Cat Williams (Officer, non-voting), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting), Risann Wright (Officer), Julia Nam (Council Member)

1. Call to Order: **18:12**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:12.

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

Director Wan asks the Chair to fix his audio.

The Chair takes attendance. He notes that Officers Pizarro, Williams, Koulibaly and Director Wright are absent.

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

Director Masny motions to adopt the agenda.



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Director Wan seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, the agenda is approved.

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

Director Yang presents the Executive Committee Public Report. He states that new job descriptions were created and hirings were done. Various expenses were taken care of, and services were supported with hirings and preparing for the summer and next year. They also reviewed a few motions.

Seeing no opposition, the Executive Committee Public Report is ratified.

6. Minutes for Approval:

a. Board of Directors Public Minutes 2023-03-16 – **APPROVED**

The Minutes are distributed.

Seeing no changes or corrections, the Minutes stand approved as distributed.

7. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification:

The Chair states that they will go through all the motions individually.

Director Masny motions to discuss all motions to ratification by block, except Motion 7.e.

The rules are suspended to make this change.

The Chair entertains a vote on discussing and voting on the motions by block.

This motion is unanimously approved. The Chair entertains a debate period on Motions 7.a-d and 7.f-i, with a 1-minute speaking time.

The Parliamentarian asks if they had already been approved.

The Chair answers no, they voted to discuss them by block.

Director Masny presents the Legislative Council motions. They state that they will adopt the masterplan for surveillance and doxxing, implement the Food Security Policy and the Francisation



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Plan, and change the Internal Regulations of Finance so that there is a plan to use the money from the Black Equity Fund. The Indigenous Equity Fund's allocation will be changed, and changes will be made to make education more accessible. The Mental Health Plan will be adopted, and the Clubs Committee Report and the Services Review Committee reports must be approved. The Services Review Committee evaluated the SSMU services' performance this year.

Director Wan motions to approve Motions 7.a-d and 7.f-i by unanimous consent.

Director Masny seconds this motion.

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

Seeing no opposition, Motions 7.a-d and 7.f-i are ratified.

- a. Motion Regarding the Adoption of a Masterplan For Addressing Racist Surveillance and Doxxing Within SSMU and McGill University 2023-03-09 – **APPROVED**
- b. Motion Regarding Food Security Policy 2023-04-06 – **APPROVED**
- c. Motion Regarding Adoption of the SSMU Francisation Plan 2023-04-06 – **APPROVED**
- d. Motion Regarding Changes to the Internal Regulations of Finances (Black Equity Fund Guidelines) 2023-04-06 – **APPROVED**
- e. Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Ethical Partnerships Policy 2023-04-06 – **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

Director Masny states that this motion discusses SSMU's partnerships to ensure that they are in line with SSMU's values. They have been speaking with departments, and because it affects many of them, it would be wise to come up with an implementation plan before the Policy is approved. They propose tabling the ratification until the next meeting to work on an implementation plan with departments.

The Chair entertains a discussion period.

Director Masny motions to table Motion 7.e until the next meeting. They will work with the VP Finance and Student Life on an implementation plan.

The Chair suggests moving this as an Action Item.

Director Masny suggests Action Item 7.e.i.



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Director Wan seconds the motion to table Motion 7.e.

The Chair asks Director Masny to repeat the Action Item.

Director Masny repeats the Action Item.

- i. **Action Item:** For Director Masny, Officer Koulibaly and Officer Pizarro to present an implementation plan at the next Board Meeting (May 4) –
APPROVED

The Chair entertains a vote on Action Item 7.e.i by unanimous consent.

Seeing no opposition, Action Item 7.e.i is unanimously approved.

The Chair entertains a vote on tabling Motion 7.e.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 7.e is tabled.

- f. Motion Regarding Changes to the Accessible Education and Academics Policy 2023-04-06 – **APPROVED**
 - g. Motion Regarding Proposed Changes to the Finance Internal Regulations to Amend the Indigenous Equity Fund Allocation 2023-04-06 – **APPROVED**
 - h. Motion Regarding the Mental Health Policy and Plan (2023-2026) 2023-04-06–
APPROVED
 - i. Clubs Committee 2023-04-06 Report– **APPROVED**
 - j. Service Review Committee Report 2023-04-06– **APPROVED**
8. Confidential Session

The Board enters into a confidential session.

9. Next meeting date:
 - a. Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00PM.
10. Adjournment: **21:33**



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The meeting is adjourned at 21:33.

Risann Wright, SSMU President

APPROVED