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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

September 21, 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, September 21, 2023 at 18:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Chair, non-voting), Lisa Pennel (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Alexandre Ashkir (Director), Nadia Dakdouki (Director), Lalia Katchelewa (Director), Julia Nam (Council Member), Coco Jie Wang (Council Member), Peter Tai (Council Member), Liam Gaither (Director), Jon Barlas (Officer, non-voting), Maya Marcus-Sells (General Manager)

Absent: Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **18:09**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:09. He welcomes the General Manager, Maya Marcus-Sells, to the meeting.

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 takes attendance.

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

The agenda is distributed.



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Director Ashkir adds discussion point 9a.

Director Katchelewa seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, discussion point 9a is added.

Seeing no further additions, the agenda is adopted as amended.

5. Email Approvals:

- a. Motion to ratify the Legislative Council motion to call for a by-election for the position of VP Finance – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 2023-09-12**

The Chair states that Email Motion 5.a was approved, the Motion for the VP Finance By-election.

6. Executive Committee Public Report 2023-09-21 – **APPROVED**

Director Ashkir presents the Executive Committee Public Report. The Executive Committee meets every Wednesday morning. The notable decision includes keeping the meetings on Wednesday mornings. Questions can be directed to Director Ashkir.

The Chair entertains a question period.

Director Dakdouki adds that work was done, but nothing of note was passed. The Executive meetings always go overtime.

Director Ashkir clarifies that all meetings go overtime, and a lot of work was done. All the meetings recorded on the report did not end until quorum was lost. The report covers motions that were approved, but much of the work done was in confidential sessions concerning the daily runnings of the Society.

Seeing no further questions nor opposition, the Executive Committee Public Report is ratified.

7. Minutes for Approval:

- a. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2023-09-07 – **APPROVED**

The Minutes are distributed.

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



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8. Motions for Approval:

There are no motions for approval.

9. For Discussion

a. Board Membership on Committees

Director Ashkir states that the Board received a request for Board members on committees from an employee, which is why he is bringing up this discussion point. The Board of Director is understaffed, and the Nominating Committee is working hard to find members, which is going well. Soon, they will be able to fulfill their constitutional membership requirements. For the time being, he proposes on adding any new Board members to committees, unless it is very urgent. This would prevent current Board members from being overwhelmed with committee duties and allow new members to join committees. Director Ashkir is open to debate this, and other perspectives are relevant.

Seeing no further discussion, the discussion item is exhausted.

10. Confidential Session: **18:21**

The Board enters into a confidential session 18:21.

The Chair asks all guests to please leave the meeting or move into the waiting room until the confidential session is over.

11. Adjournment: **19:23**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 19:23.

Alexandre Ashkir, SSMU President 2023-2024