



## Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

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# SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

October 16, 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 Monday, October 16, 2023 at 18:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Alexandre Ashkir (Director), Nadia Dakdouki (Director), Lalia Katchelewa (Director), Julia Nam (Council Member), Liam Gaither (Director), Jon Barlas (Officer, non-voting), Maya Marcus-Sells (General Manager, non-voting)

Absent: Jacob Shannon (Council Member), Lisa Pannel (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Coco Jie Wang (Council Member), Peter Tai (Council Member), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting)

### 1. Call to Order: **18:08**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:08.

### 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. He thanks everyone for coming to the special Monday meeting.

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

The agenda is distributed.

Director Gaither states that IR-02 and IR-05 were suspended, on the Motion for ratification.



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The Chair states that section IR-04 was divided (the controversial section about referenda), so the other sections were approved.

Director Gaither believes it was the other way around.

Director Dakdouki thinks it is as the Dais said, but she checks the Motion.

General Manager Marcus-Sells states that IR-04 was postponed, and IR-02 and IR-05 are now for ratification.

Director Gaither asks if there could be a mistake in the minutes.

Director Dakdouki clarifies that Sections IR-02 and IR-04 were proposed by Elections SSMU, but the Council took issue with IR-04 so only Sections IR-02 and IR-05 were approved.

Director Gaither states that he was mistaken.

Seeing no opposition, the Agenda is approved.

5. Executive Committee Public Report 2023-10-16 – **POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING**

The report is postponed.

6. Minutes for Approval:

- a. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2023-10-05 – **POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING**

The approval of the Minutes is postponed.

7. Announcements:

There were no announcements in this meeting.

8. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification:

- a. [Motion Regarding an Interim Provision to the Internal Regulations of Elections & Referenda \(IR-02 and IR-05\)](#) – **RATIFIED**

Director Gaither states that this Motion provides interim provisions for a year to the Internal Regulations of Elections, in the context of the upcoming referendum. These would facilitate the



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functioning of elections. IR-02 and IR-05 regulate nomination periods, which would be 7 days for no-campaigns, and allow Executives to use their roles to promote a fee increase or renewal. Section IR-04 pertained to limiting the number of referendum questions, and it will be brought back to the Council at the next meeting.

Director Dakdouki thinks it is important to state that this Motion affects Executives' role in passing a base free increase, and it passed without much discussion at the Council. This Motion does not allow Executives to abuse their power, as they are only allowed to campaign for the increase of the base fee. She states that someone mentioned that there is a lot that will be left up to the CEO during elections. It makes sense to discuss this motion here because the base fee is the foundation of the Society. Director Dakdouki motions to call the question.

Director Katchelewa seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, the Chair entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 8.a is ratified.

### 9. Motions for Approval

There were no motions for approval.

### 10. For Discussion

There were no discussion items.

### 11. Confidential Session: **18:19**

The Board entered into a Confidential Session at 18:19.

### 12. Adjournment: **18:46**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 18:46.

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Alexandre Ashkir, SSMU President 2023-2024