



SSMU SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

MINUTES

April 11, 2022

1. Call to Order: **18:41**

The Speaker calls the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) Special General Assembly (GA) to order at 18:41 on April 11, 2022.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker 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. Review of Parliamentary Procedure basics

The Speaker goes over the rules of parliamentary procedure. He clarifies that to bring a point, all points must be brought up to the Speaker first, and all speakers should address their questions and statements to the Speaker.

4. Adoption of Standing Rules – **APPROVED**

Director Wan motions to adopt the Standing Rules, seconded by Director Gurung. There is no opposition.

The Standing Rules are adopted.

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

Director Coussa motions to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Councillor Saad. There is no opposition.

The Agenda is adopted.



6. Announcements

The President Daryanani inquires to present the motion first, and then to read his statement. The Dias allows the presentation after motion.

There are no further announcements.

7. Question Period:

The Speaker clarifies that Members may refuse to answer a question.

Question:

Member Dakdouki brings a point of information. They ask whether questions on the Motion [presented] will be taken.

Answer:

The Speaker clarifies and responds yes.

Question:

Member Goldberg mentions that president behavior has made several counselors uncomfortable, she asks if motion were to pass would president Darshan return to position?

Answer:

Member Councillor Saad states that it is further discussed in the Motion.

Question:

Member Spilfogel asks when the term of the President ends.

Answer:

VP Sader responds that terms end on May 31, 2022.

Question:

Member Mawlawi asks if the impeachment Motion is only for a month.

Answer:

Councillor Pérez Tiniacos agrees and mentions that it will be further clarified in motion.



8. New Business

a. Motion Regarding the Removal of Officer Daryanani 2022-04-11 – **APPROVED**

Councillor Pérez Tiniacos presents the motion.

He mentions removal of office is important due to inappropriate behavior. He states that signatures have been recorded. The consequences of motion are for suspension indefinitely. He clarifies that it is important to not have President Darshan as a leader, and is seen as an obstacle within the SSMU. Daryanani has lied, confronted in minutes of allegations, made an uncomfortable environment, produced panic attacks to members, and involved sexist behavior. He exhibits extreme hostile behavior. It will invalidate his leadership and reduce salary. He further states the specifics of the motion.

President Daryanani asks why the Board [of Directors] did not bother to talk to him. He asks about the results of the investigation. He inquires with the movers of the motion and Councillor Saad for the basis of impeachment.

Director Coussa inquires to direct the conversation and point of order to the Chair.

President Daryanani continues that there has been no grounds for removal. He mentions that there has been unjustified suspension. He mentions that he was suspended, reinstated, and then to be removed without reason. He inquires about real intentions of impeachment.

Member Councillor Saad motions to one minute reply to the statement. The Speaker responds that a response could be added to the agenda.

Question Period:

Question:

Member Dimitri asks about President Daryanani during suspension time.

The Speaker responds that only questions may be addressed to the speaker and primary speaker.

Answer:

Councillor Saad responds that the amount paid is around \$32,000. The suspension was paid.



Question:

VP Paulin asks questions regarding the Motion.

Answer:

Councillor Saad mentions that the President appears to have not read the motion and language has been discredited, not presenting a counter argument but basing his speech on fallacies.

Question:

Member Jaime asks what was the warrant of removal, after the results of investigation.

Answer:

Councillor Pérez Tiniacos responds that the President was formally reinstated on March 10th, 2022. He was perpetuating behavior as evidenced in the recordings with strong aggressive behavior.

Question:

Member Asmar asks about specific allegations.

Answer:

Councillor Saad responds that there has been a lot of confidentiality, which constraints information. He clarifies that there is an inability to work with the Legislative Council and Senate Caucus, where the President was removed from the Senate Caucus. He states that the President has contributed to a hostile work environment.

Member Bertrand motions to call the question, seconded by Member Ali. The motion is sustained. The Assembly proceeds into the voting procedure.

The Speaker states that no motion to extend can be called.

Member Bouhdana appeals the decision to call the question. The Dias allows it. The Speaker mentions that there were a lot of questions in entailment, and a lot of questions are still in question.

Further clarification is inquires for a clear explanation on the voting procedures.



A request is made to remove the Speaker for unfulfilling the role and expectations of members. The Speaker mentions that the Speaker may be replaced, and then a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ can be entertained to replace the Speaker.

Member Gurung motions to act the motion into question, seconded by Member Councillor Saad.

Member Winton asks members to vote as quorum may be in jeopardy.

Justice Naidoo reminds that Chief Justice of the Judicial Board has the ability to overrule all motions.

Member Mawlawi mentions that there has been not enough information on what grounds to remove Officer Daryanani.

Member Alip claims that no one will be compelled to vote, so what would be done to deal with this matter.

The Speaker mentions that if motion passes in this Assembly, then the question will be presented for ratification to the student body.

Councillor Saad encourages the process to expedite the process as people against the motion may be delaying the process.

Member Bouhdana brings points of order. He inquires about five questions.

Member Andrew Z. states that it is absurd that President Daryanani is on call and that he did not make a speech.

The Speaker responds that the President spoke during the call and made a speech.

The voting takes place. The motion does not reach quorum.

Question period:

Question:

Member asks about the motion.

Answer:

Councillor Saad responds that there are a lot of people who are concerned with the Officer.



Question:

Member Hill asks if the system is blocking what the majority of the Assembly actually wants.

Question:

Member Plater asks where money would be allocated from the President's salary if the vote was successful.

Answer:

Councillor Perez responds that the finance committee would allocate payment into another section of the SSMU body.

Question:

Member Alip asks about the legal liability of removal.

Answer:

Councillor Saad responds all procedures and systems have been followed.

Question:

Member Mikael asks about that if the president is the only one who has received complaints.

Answer:

Councillor Pérez Tiniacos responds that all executives were asked if there were 280 votes for resigning if they would do so.

Member Frizzle moves to proceed to the debate period, seconded by Director Gurung.

Member Mikael asks about the resignation of Officer Delouvrier. The Speaker calls into order.

Director Coussa motivates the motion because President Darayanani has caused a lot of harm, particularly for female-identifying people.

Question:

Member Mikael asks about evidence on allegations and further evidence.



Answer:

Councillor Saad responds that all articles are within the motion, all articles have been cited. There has been an inability to perform the role because all information is confidential, and can cause barriers to transparency.

Councillor Pérez Tiniacos echoes comments of Councillor Saad, and notes all cases have been experienced. The Councillor reminds everyone that there is a culture of believing survivors in any type of sexual violence situation. SSMU ran smoothly for five months and the President's return has caused issues. The President has caused issues to members, including panic attacks during meetings.

Member Bouhdana inquires about transcripts. He thanks members of SSMU who have to go through difficulties behind the scenes compiling evidence and information. He urges members to believe survivors and he mentions to consider McGill as a safe place.

Councillor Zhang empathizes with concern about campaign transparency and constituents. She urges students to vote as soon as possible.

Director Gurung openly shares experience with the President. However, personal situations might not be comfortable to discuss. She felt threatened by his tone.

VP Delouvrier echoes the comments. He expresses his suffrage of mental state due to the President's presence.

Member Goldberger inquires about access to Psychological Harassment Policy, which was not interesting to the SSMU Body, but interesting to other members.

Member Dehghani inquires about evidence in the Document.

Member Delphine echoes about confidentiality.

Councillor Dakdouki points out confidentiality protects accused and accusers. The motion brought forward is built due to issues at counsel and making a hostile work environment.

Member Mawlawi asks about sexism conflicted with instances of sexual violence.

Members echoe frustration about functioning of SSMU, confidentiality concerns and transparency.

Director Coussa restates that people's identity must prevail in confidentiality with claims.



Member Mikael mentions that allegations are inconclusive.

President Daryanani expresses disappointment with the process. He mentions that claims are being thrown around sexual violence and survivor centrim, and he claims that he is also a victim of claims being thrown around.

Member Ahsan agrees with the motion.

Member Frizzle expresses regret to have trained the current President.

Member Tahri responds that it is an uncomfortable environment. She claims that it is unacceptable to still have him as a leader.

Councillor Saad motions to call into voting procedure. Seconded by Sader. There is no opposition.

Member Mikael motions for an extension of five minute in debate period. The judicial board overrules this motion.

Member Naidoo mentions that the motion is invalid to some extent.

Further clarifications about procedures on voting.

The motion is sent to Members for a vote, with a quorum reached, the motion stands approved by the SSMU General Assembly.

9. Adjournment: **21:00**

Councillor Perez motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Weber. The meeting adjourns at 21:00.