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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

December 4, 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, December 4, 2023 at 20:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Lisa Pennel (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Alexandre Ashkir (Director), Nadia Dakdouki (Director), Lalia Katchelewa (Director), Liam Gaither (Director), Jacob Shannon (Council Member), Maya Marcus-Sells (General Manager, non-voting), Amina Kudrati-Plummer (Officer, non-voting), Fawaz Halloum (Director), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting)

Absent: Jon Barlas (Officer, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **20:11**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 20:11.

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.

Seeing no additions or opposition, the Agenda is adopted.



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5. Executive Committee Public Report 2023-11-30 – **RATIFIED**

Director Ashkir presents the Executive Committee Public Report. He stands for questions.

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

6. Legislative Council Motion for Ratification:

- a. Motion Regarding Amendments to the Legislative Council Committee Allocations 2023-2024 (Director Ashkir) – **RATIFIED**

Director Ashkir presents Motion 6a. It concerns amendments to Legislative Councillors' committee allocations. It was approved earlier, but it was amended to reflect changes and additions to committees.

Director Gaither motions to call the question.

Director Dakdouki seconds.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 6a is ratified.

7. Approved Referendum Questions for Ratification:

- a. Creation of the Student Nutrition Accessibility Club Fee (Director Dakdouki) – **CANCELLED**

Director Dakdouki presents Question 7a. SNAC is creating a fee, and they were approved as a service last semester. Their fee was approved at the referendum.

Director Dakdouki motions to call the question.

Director Gaither seconds.

Seeing no opposition, Question 7a is ratified.

- b. Safety Services Fee Increase (Director Dakdouki) – **CANCELLED**



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Director Dakdouki presents Question 7b. The fee increase was meant for MSERT specifically, to expand their services and purchase new equipment. The Safety Services Fee is a fee for all services, but this increase was specifically for MSERT. This fee question passed at the referendum.

Director Ashkir asks if fee questions need to be ratified, as he was under the impression that the membership could approve them without ratification.

The Chair answers that he thinks that all referendum questions need to be ratified.

Director Ashkir states that they can check after this meeting.

Director Gaither motions for a quick recess, to check if fee questions need to be ratified.

Director Katchelewa seconds this motion.

The Chair entertains a recess.

The meeting resumes at 20:22. There is no need to ratify fee questions.

- c. Creation of the Community Solidarity Fund, Fee, and Solidarity Funding Committee (Director Gaither) – **RATIFIED**

Director Gaither presents Question 7c. This motion ratifies a committee created by the referendum. The structure of the committee was approved by the Legislative Council. He stands for questions.

Director Halloum asks if adding a committee will result in difficulties for the Board, and asks if there have been issues filling Legislative Council committees.

Director Gaither answers that there have been difficulties filling committee requirements, and this was taken into consideration, but he thinks that since this Committee directly provides funding to community groups, it will be easier to fill seats. He can also look at other committees that are making less headway in their projects to see what changes can be made.

Director Dakdouki asks for the link to the Legislative Council motion pertaining to this question.

Question:



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Director Halloum asks if it is possible to allocate the duties of this committee to an existing committee with a similar mandate.

Answer:

Director Gaither answers that this is not possible at the Board level, as their duty is to make responsible legal and financial decisions. This should have been addressed at the Legislative Council, but they voted to approve this question, as did the membership. This concern is also addressed in the Internal Regulations of Governance. Changes could be made at the Legislative Council level.

General Manager Marcus-Sells states that there is a problem with filling committees, and she and the Governance Manager plan to consolidate some committees. This might help solve the problem in the future.

Director Dakdouki adds that they considered that there might be difficulty filling this committee, and the VP External is the only Executive on this committee, even though the VP University Affairs already receives a lot of funding requests from the Solidarity Fund. Students are very interested in solidarity initiatives, so it might be easier to fill this committee.

Director Katchelewa motions to call the question.

Director Dakdouki seconds.

Seeing no opposition, Question 7c is ratified.

8. Confidential Session

There is a confidential session this evening.

9. Adjournment: **23:28**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 23:28.

Alexandre Ashkir, SSMU President 2023-2024