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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

October 05, 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, October 05, 2023 at 18:00.

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

Absent: Alexandre Ashkir (Director), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting), Jon Barlas (Officer, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **18:07**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:07.

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**

Seeing no additions, the agenda is adopted.

5. Executive Committee Public Report 2023-10-05 – **RATIFIED**



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Director Dakdouki presents the Executive Committee Public Report in Director Ashkir's absence. She states that there were some hirings and extension of contracts done, and they are waiting for other hirings to be done.

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

6. Minutes for Approval:

- a. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2023-09-21 – **APPROVED**

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

7. [Legislative Council](#) Motions for Ratification:

- a. [Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2023-2024 Legislative Council](#) – **RATIFIED**
- b. [Motion Regarding the Legislative Council Committee Allocations 2023-2024](#) – **RATIFIED**
- c. [Motion Regarding the Legislative Council Nominations to the Board of Directors 2023-2024](#) – **RATIFIED**

The Chair states that Director Ashkir moved these motions, so he asks that any Board member with questions about the motions present the motions.

Question:

Director Dakdouki asks if there is something different that they need to consider when looking at the motions at the Board level.

Answer:

The Chair answers that they are mainly considering the motions in financial, operational and legal terms, compared to the Legislative Council. He advises the Board to consider these motions as a bloc, as they are very procedural motions.

Director Dakdouki motions to discuss the motions as a bloc.



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Director Katchelewa seconds these motions.

Seeing no opposition, the Chair entertains the motions as a bloc.

Question:

Director Dakdouki asks the Dais if the amendments made about the Senator seat are constitutional. She wants to make sure there are no governance issues with this amendment.

Answer:

The Chair asks for clarification on the amendment.

Director Dakdouki clarifies that there was an amendment made that allows the Senate Caucus representative to have proxies more often than other Councillors.

The Chair clarifies that the amendment is constitutional, as the Standing Rules are an addition to the Internal Regulations.

Director Gaither motions to call the question.

Director Katchelewa seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, the Chair entertains a vote on Motions 7a-c.

Seeing no opposition, Motions 7a-c are approved by bloc.

8. Motions for Approval

There were no motions for approval.

9. For Discussion

There were no discussion items.

10. Confidential Session

There is a Confidential Session.



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11. Adjournment: 19:05

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 19:05.

Alexandre Ashkir, SSMU President 2023-2024

APPROVED