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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

January 23, 2024

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference and in the SSMU Boardroom on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 19:30.

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), Amina Kudrati-Plummer (Officer, non-voting), Fawaz Halloum (Director), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting), Maya Marcus-Sells (General Manager, non-voting), Liam Gaither (Director), Jacob Shannon (Council Member), Jon Barlas (Officer, non-voting)

Absent: Yvonne Bejjani (International Student Representative, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **19:33**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 19:33.

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**

Question:



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Officer Koulibaly asks if they have quorum.

Answer:

The Chair answers that they have 5 Directors present.

The Agenda is distributed.

Seeing no opposition, the Agenda is adopted.

5. Executive Committee Public Report 2024-01-23 – **RATIFIED**

Director Ashkir presents the Executive Committee Public Report. They met once since the last meeting of the Board and approved four motions. They also met today, but today's meeting is not in the report since it just occurred. He stands for questions.

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

6. Minutes for Approval:

- a. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2023-11-30 – **APPROVED**
- b. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2023-12-14 – **APPROVED**
- c. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2024-01-11 – **APPROVED**

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

7. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification:

- a. [Motion Regarding Action Against Tuition Hikes 2024-01-18](#) – **RATIFIED**

Director Shannon presents Motion 7.a. The working group might not be able to solve the tuition hikes, but there is no harm in letting students further discuss the issue.

Director Gaither motions to call the question.

Director Dakdouki understands hearing student feedback, but putting resources towards something that might not provide solutions is not a good precedent to set. This working group will have a small impact, but they should not stretch themselves thin committee-wise.

Director Dakdouki motions to call the question.



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Director Gaither seconds.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 7.a is ratified.

8. Announcements:

a. General Assembly Reports (Dais)

The Chair states that reports for the General Assembly from Executives and the Board are due on January 24, or as soon as possible. He asks Director Ashkir if he will prepare the Report of the Board.

9. For Discussion:

a. Review of IRs of Governance Board consultation (Director Gaither)

Director Gaither states that the Internal Regulations of Governance are being reviewed, and comments should be in soon. He or Officer Koulibaly would be happy to meet with anyone who has questions or wants to give feedback face to face.

Officer Kudrati-Plummer notes that Simone scheduled meetings with all of the Executives, which is why there might not be comments on the document. Executives gave their feedback in person.

General Manager Marcus-Sells made her comments in her meeting with the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator Brown.

10. Confidential Session

There is a Confidential Session this evening.

11. Report of the Nominating Committee (Redacted) – **POSTPONED**

The ratification of this report is postponed.

12. Motions for Approval:

- a. Motion to nominate Candidate 1 to the SSMU Nominating Committee as Member-at-Large, effectively immediately, until November 14, 2024, should they continue to meet the required qualifications – **POSTPONED**

This motion is postponed.



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13. Adjournment: **23:21**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 23:21.

Alexandre Ashkir, SSMU President 2023-2024

APPROVED