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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

February 22, 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 Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 18:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Lisa Pennel (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Alexandre Ashkir (Director), Lalia Katchelewa (Director), Liam Gaither (Director), Amina Kudrati-Plummer (Officer, non-voting), Fawaz Halloum (Director), Hassanatou Koulibaly (Officer, non-voting), Maya Marcus-Sells (General Manager, non-voting), Jon Barlas (Officer, non-voting), Jean-Sébastien Léger (Director), Elina Qureshi (Director), Eliot Bergeron (Director), Jacob Shannon (Council Member)

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

1. Welcome to our new Board members!

The Chair welcomes the new Board members.

2. Call to Order: **18:06**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:06.

3. 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.

4. Attendance

The Chair takes attendance.



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

6. Executive Committee Public Report 2024-02-22 – **RATIFIED**

Director Ashkir presents the Report of the Executive Committee.

Seeing no questions or opposition, the Report is approved.

7. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2024-02-08 – **APPROVED**

The Minutes are distributed.

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

8. Announcements:
 - a. Next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th, 2024

The Chair states that the next Board meeting is on March 14, after Reading Week. They will try not to have a meeting during the break as it will be hard to coordinate.

9. Legislative Council Motions for Ratification:

The Dais suggest entertaining these as a block since they have already been approved by the Legislative Council.

Director Katchelewa motions to discuss Motions 9.a-k as a block.

Director Ashkir seconds.

Seeing no opposition, Motions 9.a-k are entertained as a block.

Director Ashkir motions to call the question.

Director Katchelewa seconds.

Seeing no opposition, Motions 9.a-k are ratified.

- a. [Motion Regarding First Year Fee Creation Question](#) – **RATIFIED**



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- b. [Motion Regarding the Black Students' Network Service Fee Increase Referendum Question](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - c. [Motion on the Legal Information Clinic at McGill's Existence and Fee Increase Referendum Questions](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - d. [Motion Regarding the Increase of the Club Fee](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - e. [Motion Regarding the Renewal and Increase of the Campus Life Fee](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - f. [Motion Regarding the Increase of the Student Academic Support Services Fee](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - g. [Motion Regarding Arab Student Network Fee Increase Referendum Question](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - h. [Motion Regarding the Renewal of the Library Improvement Fund Fee](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - i. [Motion Regarding the Renewal of the keep.meSAFE Fee](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - j. [Motion Regarding the Creation of the Student Rights Fee and Fund](#) – **RATIFIED**
 - k. [Motion Regarding the Nomination of the Auditor for the 2024 Fiscal Year](#) – **RATIFIED**
10. [Report of the Nominating Committee \(Redacted\) 2024-02-22](#) – **RATIFIED**

Parliamentarian Pennel presents the Report of the Nominating Committee, which takes care of selecting members for the Board of Directors, Judicial Board, and Nominating Committee. There was a new Member at Large appointed to the Nominating Committee. The application period was extended until January 29, and they received three applications. One candidate has been hired, one did not show up to their interviews, and one was interviewed. Recommendations of the Nominating Committee are not binding. There are two shortlisted candidates who will be interviewed. They want to Nominate Candidate 2 to the Nominating Committee, as Candidate 1 did not show up to their two interviews and only provided an explanation for missing one of them. This shows a lack of interest and the Committee would not recommend them. The second candidate has diverse experience throughout humanitarian and judicial environments, an academic background in Political Science, and strong time management skills. Their lack of student governance experience was not deemed of concern. Parliamentarian Pennel stands for questions.

Seeing no questions or opposition, the Report of the Nominating Committee is ratified.

11. Motions for Approval:

- a. Motion to nominate Candidate 2 to the SSMU Nominating Committee as Member-at-Large, effectively immediately, until November 14, 2024, should they continue to meet the required qualifications – **APPROVED**

Parliamentarian Pennel presents Motion 11.a. The Nominating Committee thinks that Candidate 2 would be a great addition to the Committee.



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Director Katchelewa motions to call the question.

Director Ashkir seconds.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 11a is approved.

12. Confidential Session

There is a Confidential Session this evening.

13. See you all after the March Break, events willing!!!

14. Adjournment: **20:37**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 20:37.

Alexandre Ashkir, SSMU President 2023-2024