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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

August 20, 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, August 20, 2024 at 18:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Lisa Pennel (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Zeena Zahidah (Officer, non-voting), Chloé Muñoz (Officer, non-voting), Hugo Solomon (Officer, non-voting), Meg Baltes (Officer, non-voting), Pauline Jolicoeur (Director), Dymetri Taylor (Director), Maya Marcus-Sells (General Manager, non-voting), Jean-Sébastien Léger (Director), Elina Qureshi (Director), Eliot Bergeron (Director), Jacob Shannon (Council Member), Tre Mansdoerfer (Alumni Representative, non-voting), Abe Berglas (Director)

Absent: Billy Kawasaki (Alumni Representative, non-voting), Fawaz Halloum (Director), Yvonne Bejjani (International Student Representative, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **18:02**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:02. The Chair of this meeting is the Deputy Speaker.

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**



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The Agenda is distributed.

Seeing no changes or corrections, the Agenda is adopted.

5. Executive Committee Public Report 2024-08-20 – **POSTPONED**

The Executive Committee Public Report is postponed.

6. Minutes for Approval

a. [SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2024-07-11](#) – **APPROVED**

The Minutes are distributed.

Seeing no changes or corrections, the Minutes are approved.

7. Announcements

a. [New BoD Rolling feedback form](#) (Speaker Dong)

Speaker Dong announces that the Dais has created a feedback form for the Board of Directors, if they have suggestions on how the meetings could be improved. The feedback can be anonymous or not. He notes that this feedback is for the Dais only, and is not a complaint form. It will be monitored regularly.

b. Welcome to our new Parliamentarian!

Speaker Dong welcomes the new Parliamentarian, Jessica.

The Chair welcomes Jessica.

Jessica introduces herself as the new Parliamentarian.

8. Email Motions

a. [Motion to approve the amendments to the Accountability Plan](#) (Director Taylor) – **APPROVED 2024-07-30**

b. Motion to amend the terms of reference of the Ad-hoc Committee on MoA as [shown here](#) (Director Berglas) – **APPROVED 2024-08-03**

c. [Motion regarding an interim provision to the IRs of Student Groups to ensure clubs are in line with the recently signed Collective Agreement](#) (Director Taylor) – **APPROVED 2024-08-16**



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9. Motions for Approval

- a. [Motion regarding the recreation of the Building and Operations Management Committee](#) (Director Taylor) – **APPROVED**

Officer Baltès states that this committee used to run, but during the pandemic did not meet. There is no group to run the University Centre, so many decisions are left up to her, which represents a conflict of interest. She wants to bring back BOMCOM, which will gather stakeholders' views and improve the functionality of the University Centre. The main goal of the BOMCOM is to help decide where funding from the Space Improvement Fee will go, suggest tenants to the Board, review fees for room bookings, consider sustainability in their decisions, and be a consulting body for the Building department.

Seeing no speakers, the Chair entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 9a is unanimously approved.

Due to audio issues, the next motion is postponed until the end of the meeting.

10. Confidential Session: **18:15**

- a. There is a Confidential Session this evening.

11. [Motion to create an interim provision to the IRs of Representation and Advocacy](#) (Director Berglas) – **APPROVED**

Director Berglas states that four faculty associations did not have nominations or did not run elections, but are still expecting to have a student senator. Previously, they could appoint a senator and they were unhappy when they were told that the seat would be reallocated. They initially wanted to reallocate seats to smaller faculties, but the list in the IRs did not make sense and neither did reallocation. The IRs of Representation and Advocacy need to be reviewed, and Director Berglas wants to work on this during the fall.

Seeing no further speakers, the Chair entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 11 is approved.

12. Adjournment: **19:36**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 19:36.