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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

September 10, 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, September 10, 2024, at 18:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Jessica Bakar (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Abe Berglas (Director), 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), Fawaz Halloum (Director), Jean-Sébastien Léger (Director), Elina Qureshi (Director), Jacob Shannon (Council Member), Yvonne Bejjani (International Student Representative, non-voting), Tre Mansdoerfer (Alumni Representative, non-voting), Billy Kawasaki (Alumni Representative, non-voting)

Absent: Eliot Bergeron (Director)

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

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

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.

L'ÉUM reconnaît que l'Université McGill est située sur le territoire traditionnel et non cédé des nations Anishinaabeg et Haudenosaunee. L'ÉUM reconnaît et respecte ces nations comme les véritables et constants gardiens des terres et des eaux sur lesquelles nous nous rencontrons aujourd'hui. En outre, l'ÉUM s'engage à respecter les lois et coutumes traditionnelles de ces territoires.

3. Attendance



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The Chair takes attendance.

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

The Agenda is distributed.

Seeing no changes or opposition, the Agenda is adopted.

5. Announcements

- a. General Assembly 2024-09-30 reminder (Speaker)

The Chair states that the General Assembly is 3 weeks away. It is mandatory for Board members to attend. The General Assembly is on September 30 from 18:00-21:00. Board members should start thinking of topics they want to discuss.

- b. Board representation on Building and Operations Management Committee (Officer Baltes)

Officer Baltes announces that the Building and Operations Management Committee is having its first meeting at the end of the month, and they are looking for a Board member to sit on the committee. The Building and Operations Management Committee helps decide building tenant and Management Agreements, and helps allocate the Space Improvement Fund. Board members can let Officer Baltes know if they are interested.

6. [Executive Committee Public Report 2024-09-10](#) – **RATIFIED**

Director Taylor presents the Executive Committee Public Report. Most motions on August 1 have been HR approvals, and they replaced their tent and banners. They drafted an agreement for 3501 Peel, which was occupied by Student Services but is now empty. On August 13, they hired three new positions. On August 20, they reviewed email motions that accounted for governance changes. They assigned the supervision of the Dais to the President, and the Accountability Commissioner and Policy & Advocacy Coordinator to the General Manager. They also did more hirings for Gerts and updated the roles of Bar and Café Managers. On August 27, they hired a new HR Manager and other positions. They printed the SSMU Handbook and approved the budget for chairs and tables for Activities Night. On September 3, they terminated the HR platform HUMI and decided to cancel SmartRecruiters, as it is not accessible to students. They are looking into other options. They also changed the supervision of the Grocery Program from the President to VP Operations & Sustainability. On September 10, they approved a budget for Activities Night, approved a bonus and hiring motion in HR, approved a budget for Legislative Councillor training, and replacing outdoor equipment.



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

7. Minutes for Approval

a. [SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2024-08-20](#) – **POSTPONED**

Director Léger states that he does not have access to the Minutes, and asks for access or to postpone the approval of the minutes since they did not have access to the document.

The Deputy Speaker states that she can share the minutes, but suggests postponing.

Director Léger motions to postpone the approval of the minutes.

Seeing no opposition, the minutes are postponed.

8. Motions for Approval

a. [Approval of the 2024-25 Board of Directors Standing Rules](#) (Director Taylor) - **APPROVED**

The Chair states that the Standing Rules are supposed to be approved at the first meeting of every academic year.

Director Taylor states that the Standing Rules are similar to last year, minus a few additions. There was a section added about adding a 48-hour deadline for motion submission, to allow the Dais to review them with sufficient time and to allow Board members to review documentation. Speaking time will be encouraged rather than enforced. The Chair also has the right to extend email motions should quorum not be met. The specifications for who can send email motions have been set; the Dais, Governance Manager, or President can send email motions. The biggest change is that voting directors can empower another voting director to vote on their behalf in their absence. This is to be utilized in emergency situations.

General Manager Marcus-Sells states that sending agenda items 48 hours before the meeting might be difficult, as meetings occur the day before or of Board meetings that have relevance for meetings.

Director Taylor states that they can always suspend the rules to add items to the Agenda.

The Chair adds that this was added to avoid adding longer items closer to the meeting, to allow Board members sufficient time to review documentation. He notes that the Dais will use this regulation loosely; if the documentation is one page or less it will be allowed.



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General Manager Marcus-Sells is more concerned with discussion points, because non-voting members cannot suspend the rules to add discussion items during meetings. This is the only way for non-voting members to have their voices heard. She suggests making a change to specify the wording.

The Chair states that discussion items will be allowed, as they often have no additional content.

Seeing no further speakers, the Chair entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, the Standing Rules are approved.

9. For Discussion
10. Confidential Session: **18:24**
 - a. There is a Confidential Session this evening.
11. Adjournment: **21:34**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 21:34.

APPROVED