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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

November 12, 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, November 12, 2024 at 18:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Jessica Bakar (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Abe Berglas (Officer, non-voting), Zeena Zahidah (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), Eliot Bergeron (Director), Jacob Shannon (Council Member), Seraphina Crema Black (Council Member), Rishi Kalaga (Council Member), Emma Chen (Council Member)

Absent: Yvonne Bejjani (International Student Representative, non-voting), Tre Mansdoerfer (Alumni Representative, non-voting), Billy Kawasaki (Alumni Representative, non-voting)

1. Call to Order: **18:03**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 18:03.

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.



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3. Attendance

The Chair takes attendance.

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

The Agenda is distributed.

Seeing no changes or opposition, the Agenda is adopted.

5. [Executive Committee Public Report 2024-11-12](#) – **RATIFIED**

Director Taylor presents the Executive Committee Public Report. On November 5, there were various HR approvals and several hirings, including hirings Gerts managers, barbacks, bartenders, and coat check clerks. They also increased the part-time staff buildings budget to hire a new part-time porter, and approved a credit card for the Gerts Bar Manager. On November 12, they reviewed email motions including pay adjustments, job descriptions, and hirings. They approved three HR motions, including three salary increases.

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

6. Minutes for Approval

- a. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2024-10-29 – **POSTPONED**

7. Motions from Legislative Council 2024-11-07

- a. [Motion concernant la politique des affaires francophones de l'AEUM 2024-11-07](#) (VP Solomon) - **RATIFIED**

Le VP Solomon présente la Motion 7a. La politique concerne les droits des étudiants et groupes francophones sur le campus, et crée des rôles de traducteurs pour assurer que les groupes étudiants sont plus accessibles aux étudiants francophones. En outre, les responsabilités de la Commissaire des affaires francophones sont précisées par la politique.

Le Directeur Léger demande si le rejet de la question de référendum sur la cotisation impacte la politique.

Le VP Solomon répond qu'ils n'auront pas les ressources pour payer les traducteurs sans la cotisation ; ils essayeront de trouver d'autres manières d'embaucher ces postes. Malheureusement, ils n'auront



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pas l'argent pour aider les groupes francophones avec leurs projets non plus. Ils voulaient créer des mini-cours, mais ils ne pourront plus.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 7a is ratified.

- b. [Motion Regarding the Legislative Council Statement on Campus Emergency Measures](#)
(VP Berglas) - **RATIFIED**

Officer Berglas states that this statement was written in response to an Action Item at the Legislative Council to address security measures on campus.

Director Taylor states that an email was sent tonight about some wording changes to the statement. He reads out the sentence in question, about the administration's attempt to silence students with security, which was rephrased. He motions to amend this sentence.

Officer Berglas states that this is a friendly amendment.

Seeing no further speakers, the Chair entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 7b is ratified.

- c. Motion to allow VP Operations and Sustainability and President to fulfill the VP Student Life job on the Club Committee in the interim period (VP Baltes) - **RATIFIED**

Officer Baltes states that, while the VP Student Life position is empty, this motion allows herself and Director Taylor to replace the VP Student Life on the Clubs Committee, to allow constitutional and name changes to clubs.

Seeing no further speakers, the Chair entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 7c is ratified.

8. For Discussion
9. Confidential Session:
 - a. There is a Confidential Session this evening.

10. Motions for Approval



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- a. Motion to approve the 2024-10-08 Public Board of Directors Minutes (Director Taylor) –
APPROVED

Director Taylor motions to suspend the rules to add Motion 10a.

Director Léger seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 10a is added to the Agenda.

The Minutes are distributed.

Seeing no opposition, the Minutes are approved.

11. Appreciation for departing Directors and Board Members

The Chair thanks the Directors not returning to the Board next year, including Directors Shannon, Léger, and Bergeron, as well as Representatives Mansdoerfer and Bejjani.

Director Shannon thanks the Dais for their work throughout his term. They have been excellent throughout the changes on the Board, and their work went above and beyond expectations.

Director Kalaga thanks the Directors for their service, especially Director Shannon for his work on the motion on tuition hike from last year. He showed a very astute knowledge of the SSMU's operations, the law and student rights, which convinced him to apply to the Board. He also thanks the other departing Directors.

Director Léger states that his time on this Board has been an adventure. He thanks the Dais for their work and for the Directors and Officers. He hopes that Directors continue to hold Executives accountable. He suggests being kind, respectful and diligent and hopes for the best for SSMU.

Director Bergeron thanks the Dais, Board members, and General Manager for their work. He wishes everyone a positive atmosphere on the Board in the next term.

General Manager Marcus-Sells thanks the outgoing Directors for adding a lot of energy and opinions to the Board, and hopes their time on the Board was fulfilling and that they find fulfillment in their future endeavours.

12. Adjournment: **19:49**



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The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 19:49.

APPROVED