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# SSMU LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PUBLIC MINUTES

September 19, 2024

The regular monthly Legislative Council Meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held in the Lev Bukhman Room on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 18:00.

*La rencontre régulière bimensuelle du Conseil législatif de l'AEUM se tiendra dans la salle Lev Bukhman du Centre universitaire le jeudi 19 septembre à 18:00.*

1. Dais Introductions

The Speaker, Parliamentarian, and Deputy Speaker introduce themselves.

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

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

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker 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'AEUM reconnaît que l'Université McGill est située sur le territoire traditionnel et non cédé des nations Anishinaabeg et Haudenosaunee. L'AEUM 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'AEUM s'engage à respecter les lois et coutumes traditionnelles de ces territoires.*

4. Attendance

- a. Introductions (pronouns optional, position, check-in question)



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Present: Councillors Chen, Kalaga, Weissman, Renaud, McKay, Berube, Engo, Crema Black, Nounke, Li, Kim, Pinard-Milette, Kohler, Zhao, Kumar, President Taylor, VPs Baltes, Zahidah, Muñoz, Solomon, Jolicoeur

Absent: Councillor Farhat, VP Berglas, General Manager Marcus-Sells

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

The Agenda is distributed.

Seeing no changes or opposition, the Agenda is adopted.

### 6. [Report of the Steering Committee](#) (3)

The Speaker states that the Steering Committee met on Tuesday this week, but they will usually meet a week before meetings, so Councillors will have more notice about upcoming motions. They reviewed motions for tonight's meeting; there will be two notices presented tonight, to be presented as motions at the next meeting. They approved tonight's SPF presentation. The Steering Committee is codifying many unofficial processes, and decided that all motions will be presented as PDFs to avoid editing during meetings. The Committee approved the reporting schedule, in the Legislative Council shared Drive. For the next meeting, reports will be expected from the faculties of Arts, Sciences, Management, the Black Affairs and BOM Committees, and the President, VP Operations, and VP Internal. There will be no confidential session tonight. The Speaker stands for questions.

### 7. [Executive Committee Report Summer 2024](#) (21)

President Taylor states that his mandate letter is included in the report. He states that he set the dates for the Legislative Council, Board of Directors, and General Assembly meetings, and chaired the Executive Committee, which meets every Tuesday to deal with the Society's daily operations, such as hirings. He co-chaired the SSMU's bi-weekly management meetings, where all managers and full-time staff discuss their departments. He has worked on the Memorandum of Agreement notice of default since July 10, and received notice today that it was resolved. President Taylor attended the welcome dinner with faculties, helped NUS (Nursing) with their MoA, and met with University administration. He also met with the McGill Board of Governors for its orientation and its governance & ethics committee. Enrollment is up by 3% this year. The issues with the HR Department have been resolved, they have hired a new HR Manager, and the Collective Agreement was recently signed. President Taylor is the President of the Daycare and Nursery Board of Directors, which approves its purchases and activities. SSMU has not had new legal cases recently, which is good. His main projects for the year is to review the Constitution and Internal Regulations of Governance, as well as signing contracts with Grammarly



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and Udemy for students. They will have more details on Grammarly and Udemy next week. Calm has not responded to his multiple emails. He also sits on many committees. President Taylor stands for questions.

VP Zahidah states that she has been focusing on reducing SSPN's deficit and budgeting for big events, such as FACO and 4 Floors, which are important community events at McGill. Because Gerts is closed, she spent a lot of the summer negotiating a contract to host events at 212 for SSPN, which will help reduce their deficit. She also worked on increasing SSMU involvement in Frosh and move-in week, and organized crash pads for students during Frosh, which was very successful as over 50 students used it. It was useful for students who could not go home, and for leaders to lean on when dealing with different issues. She and other Executives also helped train Frosh coordinators. VP Zahidah collaborated with Residence Life and SHHS to help students move into residence, as well as doing their usual orientation events. Next week, her goal is to finalize her committees and hire new part-time employees, after which she can start preparing for events later in the school year.

VP Jolicoeur states that she oversees the accounting department, investments, Funding Committee, and club and service banking. Accounting is working on automating some processes, which will reduce their workload; updating accounting software; and doing the 2023-2024 audit, which began in early September and is going well. She has been setting up FunCom and revising its guidebook while following up with last year's post-funding reports. They are still recruiting for FunCom. The Finance Committee did not meet last year, so VP Jolicoeur has been revising its goals and membership requirements to start it back up. VP Jolicoeur has been helping clubs open bank accounts, and receiving late audits from clubs. She updated the club finance section on the SSMU website to ensure that resources are up to date, and she is collecting budgets from Services, which will be revised when Services receive their funding from student fees. VP Jolicoeur has been attending HR and union check-in meetings, and working on fee increases for the Fall referendum, notably the base fee increase. She also worked on the Where's My Money Going brochure. VP Jolicoeur's main goal for this year is to work on the annual budget.

VP Muñoz states that her main goals are transparency towards students, which is very important; providing better services to student groups, as there have been many issues in implementation and administration; making student groups known through advertising and social media by hiring an Instagram manager for the Student Life account; letting students know what SSMU actually does, because it is confusing for many students; acknowledge SSMU's position on Turtle Island beyond land acknowledgements; and representing the student union. She has worked with many student groups and organized Activities Night as well as club workshops, which have been pushed back by a week. She has been working on amending the Student Life Constitution, updating sanctioning guidelines and will create a shared events calendar. VP Muñoz is working on club audits and filtering through existing clubs. Her most important committee is the Mental Health Committee, which will be



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restructured so that it can provide better and more transparent services, since it has not done much in previous years. VP Muñoz stands for questions, and is open to suggestions and feedback.

VP Solomon states that he worked on many of the legal affairs this summer, such as X v. SSMU and the McGill encampment case, and provided information to their legal teams to improve SSMU's representation. He did two interviews, one about the encampment and one about student life going back to school. On campus, he attended Frosh and orientation events, such as Discover McGill; created new promotional materials for External Affairs; and attended Inter-Union meetings of the McGill Community Council, which sensitized him to issues in the Law Faculty and led him to collaborate with the Law Representative on a statement about the AMPL strike. VP Solomon attended conferences across the province and strengthened ties with CSU, CADEUL, and the QSU, and they are planning more conferences this year. They are also collaborating on policy initiatives. He also attended conferences with UTILE as of April, about their affordable housing initiative. This building will provide 300 units of affordable housing for students. They are also part of the PUSH fund, which helps other student unions with similar projects. Tomorrow from 15:00-18:00, there will be the Community Engagement Day and they are seeking volunteers, there are also trivia questions and prizes. He is also planning clothing swaps and the SSMU food bank for students. He is working with QPIRG on their fee increases. He supported Grad Frosh by helping them with booking spaces. For political campaigns, VP Solomon supported the Bangladeshi Students' Association and the South Asian Diaspora Students' Association in their protests, and is supporting Divest McGill and the Climate Strike next week. He reorganized the Community Solidarity Fund, screened an Indigenous movie and held a land-back workshop with 100 people present. He is working on supporting Francophone and Black Affairs and is working on a photography gallery. VP Solomon is working on various policies as well, such as a policy against anti-semitism.

VP Solomon presents VP Berglas's report. One of their goals is to democratize student participation in McGill governance. One way they did this was through filling university committees with a broad array of students. They sent targeted invitations to community groups, and methodically recorded which committees were active. They oversee 55 members in total; all committees are filled, except the advisory council for MORSL. They also encourage student participation through the Senate Caucus. At the first Senate meeting, they wanted to open-up the previously secretive negotiating of our MoA with McGill, so they proposed a committee for its negotiation with a broader membership than myself and the president, and that group has met about 4 times. They submitted about 4 Access to Information requests so far doing research about McGill, and they are holding a workshop on it with the UA Secretary General on Wednesday. It will also mark the date of release of an ATI section on the UA website that serves as an archive for previous requests and disclosed documents. Over the summer they learned that many students of colour feel unsafe with the heavy presence of security on campus. They met several times with the Dean of Students and Security Services, guided students through the official process of the Office for Mediation and Reporting, submitted a question to the Senate about



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this topic, and they are still collecting testimonies from students about potential discrimination. Equity at McGill is also a priority for VP Berglas. They planning a Know Your Rights campaign in collaboration with the Student Rights Commissioner and the LICM, and they held a workshop for Radfrosh. The Equity team is currently going through McGill's Strategy on EDI, and they are working with unions to bring their concerns to McGill's EDIC. They have continued to sit on the Ad-Hoc Committee for Preferred Names led by the Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning. On the first day of school, they ran a 'Douglas Farrow awareness campaign,' who is a professor in Religious Studies whose academic career revolves around abolishing gay marriage. VP Berglas and volunteers silently handed out flyers. They are currently undergoing McGill's disciplinary process for this. They find it easy for Executives to become siloed, and they have made an active effort to community build. They have revived the McGill Academic Roundtable, a group of VP Academics, and met with faculty Senators about increasing collaboration between students and faculty. VP Berglas proposed a shift in focus in the Accessibility Committee so that disabled students have a space to speak about their barriers at McGill, and liaised with the TA union and the Office of the Dean of Students about how to support students with mental health challenges.

VP Baltes states that she has been working on reopening Gerts after restructuring its management. She will make an announcement soon about its reopening. There were some compliance issues that they had to deal with in order to reopen the bar. They have made lots of progress, and the space is almost ready. Right now, they are hiring full-time Manager positions at Gerts. Gerts cafe will be moving to the first floor, instead of having it inside the bar, which meant that underage students were not allowed into the cafe. Separating the cafe and bar will also prevent competition for space between the two. VP Baltes re-established BomCom, which is looking for members at large. The Committee handles the Space Improvement Fund and deals with everything inside the University Centre. They are looking for tenants, which is difficult given the ongoing lease negotiations. The side of the University Centre was supposed to be developed into a parking lot, which posed problems accessing the basement where many services are located. They are struggling to find space for all their student groups, and they may have upcoming space deficits because of this project. Mini-course registration is open, and they will promote student instructors next semester. They are no longer providing refunds after classes start. She is working on an event and alcohol policy. Event booking forms are open for the semester, and booking guides have been updated. Student Life Operations is doing a lot of internal restructuring and hirings for Events Coordinators, who process the bookings forms. They process 3,000 events per year, and each form requires separate communications and fees. So, they want to streamline this process for members and on the backend. VP Baltes onboarded the new Sustainability Commissioners, who are starting the Environment Committee and attended McGill Environment committees.

The Chair states that they will need to move some things around because the SPF presenters are already present.



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## 8. Presentation

### a. Sustainable Project Fund

Shona Watt, the Associate Director and SPF Steward at the Office of Sustainability, and Cameron Kluger, the SSMU Representative on the SPF Governance Council present their annual report to the Legislative Council.

Ms. Watt states that the SPF has been around since 2010, and builds a culture of sustainability around campus. The fund has allocated over \$12,000,000 in funding and approved 370 projects. The SPF is the second largest fund of its kind in North America, and the largest in Canada. It is dedicated to collaboration between students and staff, and anyone in the McGill community can apply for funding. In 2024, they were funded by a fee of \$0.55 per credit, which is matched by McGill. Allocations are approved by the Governance Council, and any money not used is left for the next year. Projects have received support from McGill departments.

Representative Kluger states that there are different streams based on the amount of funding. The smallest is the tiny stream (<\$300). This year, 19 tiny applications were approved, such as a panel discussion about food security, a plant giveaway, indoor plants, and a zero waste competition. The <\$5,000 stream funded 6 projects, including a hack-a-thon to reduce waste, an exhibit by the Minimum Cost Housing Group from the architecture department, and an art exhibit. The >\$5,000 stream funded 6 projects, including a pilot project growing oyster mushrooms from coffee grounds, engagement activities about McGill's biodiversity plan, a good food box program run by SNAC, and a festival by the McGill Biodiversity Plan on September 24. There will be many booths and activities at the Roddick Gates. The SPF provides a unique opportunity for students to develop project management skills, and these projects are great complements to classwork. In total, the SPF received 30 final reports. 96% of teams reporting improved knowledge of sustainability and 100% of them reported personal and professional growth. They had almost 1,500 volunteers and 100 collaborations.

Ms. Watt states that the SPF hosted 3 events in addition to their regular events. One was a sustainability soiree, which showcased 10 projects. Another was the SPF gala, which brought students together to network and brainstorm project ideas, and the final was an adaptive futures tour, which showcased funded projects to international audiences. The SPF is about collaboration; the Governance Council has 8 members who make decisions on funding. The Council has 4 students: 2 SSMU members, 1 PGSS member and 1 MCSS member, 2 staff and 2 academic staff. They meet once a month and provide feedback on applications. Representatives Kluger and Lin are the two SSMU members. There are some staff members from the Office of Sustainability who support the fund, including a Steward, administrators, and communications officers.



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Representative Kluger states that the SPF Ambassadors champion the SPF and increase visibility and engagement. This year, they interacted with 4,300 students in classes and at tabling events. They also worked on independent projects such as a mural. The Ambassador program is a great initiative to introduce students to sustainability and give back to the McGill community.

Ms. Watt states that VP Baltes is an SPF Ambassador. She stands for questions.

Seeing no questions, the SPF representatives leave the meeting.

### 9. Recess, [Committee Selection](#), Consent Items **(10)**

The Speaker states that Councillors should fill out the Committee Selection Form to pick the committee they want to sit on. There is an option to join the Board on this form if Councillors are interested. If there are more people interested than seats available, they will debate. He adds that the consent items form can be found in the shared drive. Councillors should indicate whether or not they wish to consent or debate motions. If everyone consents, the motion is passed without debate. If not, it will be debated and voted on. The Speaker entertains a 10 minute recess.

### 10. Announcements **(5)**

#### a. Reminder of Upcoming General Assembly (Speaker Dong)

The Speaker states that the fall General Assembly is on September 30 at 18:00 in the Ballroom. Councillors are mandated to attend, unless their absence is reasonably excused. The Dais request that Councillors speak with their constituents to help determine agenda items.

#### b. Reminder of Upcoming Councillor Headshots and Media Release Forms (Speaker Dong)

The Speaker states that councillor headshots are coming up on September 23 and 24. You can register via the link in the email he sent. Councillors should also fill out the media release form in the welcome email so that headshots can be uploaded on the SSMU website.

### 11. Question Period **(5)**

Councillor Kohler states that September 30 is the GA and Truth & Reconciliation Day, and asks if there is any link between the dates.

President Taylor thanks Councillor Kohler for bringing this up. He will ensure that there is Indigenous representation and an appropriate presentation at the General Assembly.



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VP Muñoz thanks Councillor Kohler for pointing this out, and states that she can take initiative on this to invite Indigenous representatives to the meeting. If anyone wants to help out, they can create a plan. It is important to have Indigenous representation at meetings, despite that the meeting is on Truth & Reconciliation Day.

#### 12. New Business

- a. [Motion Regarding Committee Improvement Plan](#) (President Taylor) - **CONSENTED**
- b. [Motion Regarding the Adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2024-2025 Legislative Council and Fall 2024 General Assembly](#) (President Taylor) - **CONSENTED**
- c. [Motion Approving the Fall 2024 Referendum Dates](#) (President Taylor) - **CONSENTED**
- d. [Motion regarding the Legislative Council Committee Allocations](#) (President Taylor) - **APPROVED**

NOTE: Due to audio issues, the minutes for this section of the meeting are incomplete.

The Speaker states that they will hold this motion for debate because amendments must be made at this time.

President Taylor states that committees are helpful for engagement at SSMU and help its operations. There are many committees, and there were more before the reorganization project consolidated committees. There are still many spots open.

The Speaker states that Councillor Renaud is willing to join the Steering Committee and Councillor Bérubé is joining the Solidarity Funding Committee. He asks if any Councillors want to sit on any committees.

Councillor Weissman volunteers for SSPN.

The Speaker states that there will be a debate between Councillors Crema Black and McKay for the Indigenous Affairs Committee.

Councillor Crema Black states that she has always been interested in indigenous affairs because she is from Vancouver. They have many mandatory classes about indigenous affairs in BC's high schools, and she would like to bring her knowledge into the role; incorporate indigenous knowledge into student life and open the floor to better conversations.





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Councillor McKay states that she is interested in this committee because she is a status first nations person. She worked with the Engineering DEI Advancement Team this summer with Indigenous peoples. She thinks it is important to have indigenous representation on this committee.

Councillor Crema Black cedes her spot to Councillor McKay.

VP Solomon states that the Indigenous Affairs Committee is also looking for members at large.

Councillor Chen volunteers for the Mental Health Committee.

Councillor Weissman volunteers for the Services Review Committee.

Councillor Pinard-Milette volunteers for the Clubs Committee.

Councillor Crema Black volunteers for the Governance Review Committee.

President Taylor states that every Councillor must sit on at least one committee, and they can bring this motion back if Councillors are undecided now.

The Speaker states that if no Councillor sits on a committee, it does not benefit from their contributions.

Councillor Nounke volunteers for the Black Affairs Committee.

The Speaker states that this motion will be revisited on October 3.

Seeing no further amendments, the Speaker entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 13d is approved.

- e. [Motion Regarding the Legislative Council Nominations to the Board of Directors](#)  
(President Taylor) - **APPROVED**

The Speaker asks if there are any further Councillors wishing to sit on the Board.

Councillor Chen volunteers.



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President Taylor states that there are two different types of terms: one until November 14, 2025 and one until May 31, 2025. The latter spot will replace an Executive spot, whose terms end in May, while the November spot will be a regular Director term.

The Speaker asks Director Taylor to elaborate on the motion given new interest.

President Taylor states that Directors take financial and legal decisions for SSMU, while the Legislative Council takes political decisions. There are usually 12 members of the Board: 4 Executives, 4 Members at Large, and 4 Councillors. There are strict regulations: be the age of majority, be a Canadian citizen, and be in good financial and legal standing. They are looking for 3 Councillors to start immediately and 1 to start in November. There are 2 additional Member at Large spots, because there are 2 vacant Executive spots, which last from now until May 31, 2025.

Councillor Berube asks if elected officials from faculties can fill the Legislative Councillor spots.

President Taylor answers that other faculty executives can sit on the Board if they sit on the Legislative Council.

Councillor Kalaga asks when the nomination period ends, considering the variety of terms.

President Taylor answers that there are 6 available seats right now. 4 are from November 2024-2025, but because there is only 1 Councillor on the Board now, they must start immediately. The other two spots are from now until May 2025.

The Speaker encourages members to join, because the Board is incomplete without Councillors.

VP Muñoz states that the Board makes a lot of decisions about representation to students, for VP about legal cases. It is important for students to be in these positions to represent other students.

Seeing no further speakers, the Speaker entertains a vote.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 13e is approved.

- f. [Motion Regarding September 20 Call to Action](#) (VP Berglas) - **APPROVED**

Councillor Zhao yields his time to VP Muñoz.

VP Muñoz states that this call to action is a counter protest to the Hands Off Our Kids protest happening on September 20; the motion asks the Council to sign onto the statement included. The



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statement is included in the motion, and is in line with the Trans Advocacy Plan. The Gender & Sexuality Commissioner and Policy & Advocacy Coordinator were consulted. They should take stances on transgender issues, and support their transgender students and allies. There is a risk that those who attend face violence from protestors and the police. VP Muñoz notes that there is an injunction against the Policy Against Genocide in Palestine, and right now the SSMU cannot do anything mentioned in that Policy, such as state support for Palestinian students. This motion does support Palestine, and there is a sentence about it in the statement. So, signing the call to action would potentially put them in default of the court case. It is important for them to recognize this, because they do not want to do anything to jeopardize the case. She suggests supporting the protests' outreach efforts by sharing the poster and notifying faculties rather than signing the call to action. They should support this initiative without risking legal default.

Councillor Weissman asks if they can amend this statement, given that they are signing onto a statement.

Officer Muñoz answers no. If they sign the statement, they are agreeing to the sentence about Palestine, which violates the injunction.

The Speaker notes that the Legislative Council cannot put this motion into effect alone; it must be ratified by the Board. All motions are non-binding until ratified by the Board.

Councillor Kohler asks, if there would still be legal implications, if they support outreach without signing the call to action.

Officer Muñoz answers no; they can support the protest, signing the statement with the sentence in support of Palestine that is the issue given the injunction.

Councillor Kalaga asks if there are optics about the protest that could jeopardize the ongoing case if they support it. They might not be able to decide on this issue here, given that it is a legal issue.

VP Solomon answers that there will always be optics when they take a political stance. They are considering only what is in the injunction on Policy Against Genocide. So, they would be taking the same risk by signing the statement as they would by not doing so. They are allowed to support events that support trans youth. Their presence at the protest is not affected by not signing the statement. They should try to advocate for this cause and support the protest in favour of transgender youth. They are only concerned with what the injunction says about what they can and cannot do.

VP Zahidah answers that supporting the counter-protest means that they are just supporting trans students and people.



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Councillor Nounke asks the Speaker what would happen if the Council approves this motion.

The Speaker states that the Board will have to ratify the motion if it is approved by the Legislative Council.

Councillor Nounke leaves the meeting at 19:54.

Councillor Kalaga states that the position of AUS Councillors on this issue is clear. Because of the injunction, it would not make sense to sign onto this and risk further legal trouble. SSMU's finances are not doing well. While this is a noble cause, the final few sentences put them in an uncomfortable position that they do not need to be in this early in the school year. He encourages supporting the protest and attending it, but not signing onto the statement.

Councillor Weissman states that the Board would probably favour the legal affairs of the Society, and might shut down the motion even if it is approved by the Legislative Council. The MoA default process has been long, already.

VP Muñoz states that they should play it safe to protect students in the long-run. Even if they approve this statement, they should support the protest. She asks Councillors to share the poster in the motion on Instagram and with their constituents. Reaching out to students about the protest is the most important action they can take; they must not sign the statement to support the protest.

The Speaker notes that the Council can amend the motion.

VP Solomon motions to amend Motion 13f to mandate the Executives to ask the Communications Coordinator to share the poster on the SSMU Instagram story.

Councillor Zhao states that this is a friendly amendment.

Councillor Weissman asks if this amendment would go through should the motion not be approved.

The Chair answers that it would not.

Councillor Chen asks if they can amend the appendix.

The Speaker answers that they cannot amend it, but they can remove the appendix.

Councillor Zhao states that it will be hard to share the information, given that the event is in 12 hours. They can do their best, though.



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Councillor Bérubé asks why they cannot express support for Palestine.

VP Muñoz answers that there was a Policy Against Genocide in Palestine passed last year at referendum, and there was an injunction passed related to it. While the court case is going on, they cannot say anything about the topic. The student who brought the policy to court said it made them feel targeted, and it was brought to the provincial level so SSMU cannot work on the policy. While the court case is ongoing, they cannot do anything included in the policy until there is a ruling, including showing support for Palestinian students. Approving this statement would put them in violation of the injunction, which hurts their chances in the court case.

VP Zahidah states that they want to put themselves in a safe position right now to protect the Policy Against Genocide in Palestine and to hopefully win the court case in the future. They should not give the opposition anything that helps them argue their point.

VP Solomon states that a statement about legal updates was sent out with information about the case.

Councillor Crema Black asks for VP Solomon to repeat this.

VP Solomon repeats his point.

Councillor Chen asks if this motion fails, if faculties can still share information about the event.

The Speaker answers yes.

VP Zahidah asks Councillor Chen to repeat her question.

Councillor Chen repeats her question.

The Speaker answers that the motion does not bind the faculties to action.

VP Muñoz states that the Board would not need to ratify the motion if the decision is not legal.

VP Jolicoeur states that the amendment that was added contradicts the rest of the motion, and suggests amending this and then voting.

The Speaker states that the only section that matters is the operative section. Any amendments should be made to this section.

VP Baltes motions to call the question.



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VP Solomon seconds this motion.

Councillor Kalaga asks for the suggestion in the document to be accepted.

The Speaker answers that amendments should be to the operative section of the motion. The suggestion is stricken.

The Speaker states that the Parliamentarian must make the voting form for this motion. He clarifies that calling the question means closing debate and moving into voting procedure.

VP Solomon motions to change the method of voting to roll call.

Councillor Kalaga seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, the Chair entertains a vote by roll call.

Councillor Weissman asks if the only action is in the resolution of the motion.

The Speaker answers yes.

In favour: Councillors Weissman, Renaud, Kim, Engo, Crema Black, Kohler, Zhao, Kumar, President Taylor, VPs Baltes, Zahidah, Muñoz, Jolicoeur, Solomon.

Abstaining: Councillors Kalaga, Chen, McKay, Pinard-Milette.

With 14 in favour, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions, Motion 13f is approved.

13. Notices of Motions

- a. [Notice of Motion Regarding the Transfer of Sustainability and Operations Portfolio Jurisdiction to the Vice President Sustainability & Operations](#) (President Taylor)

President Taylor states that this Notice regards the transfer of previous duties that have not yet been switched from the President's to the VP Operations' portfolio. This motion solves these issues. All the details about the changes are in the appendix.

The Speaker states that Notices include presentation and questions, but no debate nor voting.

- b. [Notice of Motion Regarding Community Solidarity Fund Increase Referendum Question](#) (VP Solomon)



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VP Solomon states that this Notice increases the Community Solidarity Fee, which was introduced last year. They had high demand for the Fee, and distributed all \$20,000 of the fund last year. The fund provides pro- and retroactive funding to community groups organizing solidarity initiatives, which align with their mandates. They supported indigenous land-back defenders in Northern Quebec, the Mohawk Mothers, CADAC. They received requests that exceeded their abilities.

Councillor Renaud states that this document is not accessible.

The Speaker notes that normally, referendum question motions are only allowed for the referendum period, but since this is a notice of motion, it is allowed. They are one meeting before the referendum period. Notices are not required for referendum questions, but VP Solomon is presenting this so that Councillors know it is coming up.

14. Adjournment: **20:17**

The Speaker declares the meeting adjourned at 20:17.

APPROVED