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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

July 23, 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, July 23, 2024 at 18:00.

Present: Jonathan Dong (Chair, non-voting), Sierra Fallis (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Abe Berglas (Director), 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), Eliot Bergeron (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: Lisa Pennel (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Zeena Zahidah (Officer, 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.

3. Attendance



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The Chair takes attendance.

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

The Chair states that the Executive Committee Public report is postponed.

Seeing no changes or opposition, the Agenda is adopted.

5. Executive Committee Public Report 2024-07-23 – **POSTPONED**
6. Minutes for Approval
 - a. [SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2024-05-23](#) – **APPROVED**
 - b. [SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2024-06-13](#) – **APPROVED**

The Minutes are distributed.

Seeing no changes or corrections, the Minutes are approved.

7. Confidential Session: **18:07**
 - a. There is a Confidential Session this evening.
8. Motions for Approval
 - a. [Motion to create an ad hoc MOA Negotiation Committee](#) (Director Berglas) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Director Berglas states that this motion creates a committee to negotiate the MOA. Instead of creating power, it shifts power from the President and General Manager to a committee. Previously, negotiations have been left to 2-3 Executives without oversight. They feel that it would be useful and more democratic to involve more people in these conversations.

The Chair notes that Director Taylor seconds this motion.

General Manager Marcus-Sells asks who would be on the committee.

Director Berglas answers that they and Director Taylor would be co-chairs, and there would be a few members at large. This committee has fewer terms of reference as it is a temporary committee.

Director Léger states that it is unusual for a committee to decide by itself who its members will be. He asks why the Board is not overseeing nominations.



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Director Berglas answers that the Board meets monthly and the MOA is becoming more urgent. Having the committee decide on membership is not far from what would have happened if there was no committee, as they and Director Taylor would have negotiated the MOA themselves.

The Chair notes that the Board only decides on the nominations to the Board and Nominating Committee. Other than that, the Governance Manager decides nominations.

Director Shannon states that the Board has final say on legal issues. He asks if the committee will make non-binding recommendations to the Board. If this is the case, he is less concerned about the structure of the committee.

Director Berglas states that the committee will report to the Board with non-binding recommendations.

Seeing no further speakers, the Chair entertains a vote.

Motion 8a is unanimously approved.

9. For Discussion

- a. [MUSTBUS MOU & Loan Agreement](#) (General Manager)
 - i. Motion to ratify the MOU with MUSTBus (Director Taylor, seconded by Director Léger) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

General Manager Marcus-Sells states that MUSTBUS is a SSMU service that provides subsidized busing. They are asking for a loan in advance of their ticket sales, to buy the bus tickets. They are asking for a \$60,000 loan.

The Chair notes that it is 21:02.

Director Taylor motions to extend the meeting for 30 minutes.

Director Léger seconds.

Seeing no opposition, the meeting is extended by 30 minutes.

Director Taylor motions to suspend the rules to add Motion 9ai.

Director Léger seconds this motion.

Seeing no opposition, Motion 9ai is added to the agenda.



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Seeing no further speakers, Motion 9ai is approved.

10. Adjournment: **21:04**

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 21:04.

APPROVED