

**Conseil d'administration
Board of Directors**

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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC AGENDA

May 19, 2026

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, May 19 at 18:00.

Present: Susan Aloudat (Director), Keith Babayon (Director), Seraphina Crema Black (Director), Adam Corbier (Director), Rajan Duncan (Director), Simon Ngassam (Director), Hannah Lilles (Director), Dymetri Taylor (Director), Annette Yu (Director), Hamza Abu Alkhair (Officer, non-voting), Minaal Mirza (Officer, non-voting), Simone Brown (Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, non-voting), Joshua Chin (Alumni Representative, non-voting), Lucy Crowther (International Student Representative, non-voting); Melissa Proietti (General Manager, non-voting), Acadia Knickerbocker (Speaker, non-voting), Yasmin Beeai (Deputy Speaker, non-voting), Harry Wang (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Alissa Gharzouzi (Recording Secretary, non-voting), Meghan Lai (Incoming VP University Affairs, Guest), Maggie Tang (Incoming VP Internal Affairs, Guest), Jason Wang (Incoming VP Finance, Guest).

Absent:

1. Call to Order: **18:15**
2. 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'AÉUM reconnaît que l'Université McGill est située sur le territoire traditionnel et non cédé des nations Anishinaabeg et Haudenosaunee. L'AÉUM 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'AÉUM s'engage à respecter les lois et coutumes traditionnelles de ces territoires.

3. Attendance

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4. Adoption of the Agenda – **ADOPTED**
5. Minutes for Approval
 - a. [SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2026-02-26 EMERGENCY MEETING](#) – **APPROVED**
 - b. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2026-03-19– **POSTPONED**
 - c. SSMU Board of Directors Public Minutes 2026-04-21– **POSTPONED**
 - d. [Legislative Council Public Minutes 2026-03-26](#) -**APPROVED**
6. Legislative Council Motions not Disallowed
 - a. [Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Governance Meetings Calendar](#) (President Taylor, Councilor Lai) - **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**
7. Announcements
 - a. Resignation of Director Léger (Speaker Knickerbocker)
 - b. Resignation of Director Lilles (Speaker Knickerbocker)
 - c. Welcome to Lucy Crowther, International Student Representative (Parliamentarian Wang)
 - d. Thank you and goodbye to departing Directors Aloudat, Crema Black, Corbier, Taylor & Yu and Officer Mirza (Speaker Knickerbocker)
 - e. Thank you to departing Secretariat members (Director Taylor)
 - f. Legislative Council's decision to name Meghan Lai and Harry Wang as the two remaining Officer representative Directors starting June 1, 2026 (Director Taylor)
8. Motions for Approval
 - a. Motion to approve a revision to item 3000 of the 2026-2027 Operating Budget, Student Fee, from (\$3,300,000) to (\$3,400,000), on account of actuals from the University and continued maintenance of the Society's membership at beyond 25,000 students, bringing the grand total of the operating budget from a surplus of (\$15,056.49) to (\$115,056.49) (Director Taylor)- **APPROVED**
 - b. Motion to appoint Seraphina Crema Black as Board Member-at-Large to replace the position vacated by Director Lilles, starting June 1, 2026, until September 1, 2026 (Director Taylor) - **APPROVED**
 - c. Motion to appoint Keith Baybayon as Board Member-at-Large starting June 1, 2026, until September 30, 2026 (Director Taylor) - **APPROVED**
 - d. Motion to put the nomination and selection process of the Vice-President (Finance) to the Governance Review Committee to draft a recommendation for its improvement, for the Legislative Council's endorsement and the Board's approval by December 1st, 2026 (Director Taylor)-**APPROVED**
9. For Discussion

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- a. Nomination Committee process updates and potential changes to VP Finance hiring process (Parliamentarian Wang)
 - i. What is the best way to conduct interviews with the most consultation but the least amount of bias as possible (permanent staff involvement? What does the interview process look like?)
 - 1. ICCS Recommendation: Task force with Governance team and directors**
 - ii. Notes from NomCom MAL
 - 1. Conflicts from BoD → BoD members are sitting on BoD and NomComm which could be a conflict of interest
 - 2. Consider a different grading process
 - a. Current: respond to application and NomComm conducts interview → Create a committee to do the grading
 - iii. Disconnect between the original motion that students voted on allowing VPF to be appointed and the process that was followed during selection
 - b. Updates on Board Committees (Deputy Speaker Beeai)
10. Confidential Session:
 - a. There is a Confidential Session this evening
11. Adjournment: **19:40**