

Vice-President Fraser asked whether the preliminary report be available
There is a pdf on the website, www.independentstudentinquiry.blogspot.com, and the inquiry is working with campus media to disseminate the information widely.

Vice-President Fraser asked whether the inquiry is still collecting testimonials,
Yes, until final report is published they would love to hear from anyone else.

Councillor Dinel asked how the group considers itself as independent or more independent than the investigation led by Dean Jutras

The group is not under SSMU and are really just a group of students. They have been transparent that they have their own biases, but are creating an open website with as many testimonials as possible one way to keep the inquiry honest. They are trying to be as independent as possible. Herman said that since we base ourselves on open to anybody, we do encourage as many people as can find the time to come out and help to balance out whatever biases they may see in the report.

Councillor Paterson asked with the exception of the phone call to HMB during her web address, was there another attempt to contact others for further information for use in the inquiry,
Yes, there have been attempts to contact the administration, and security. The inquiry has also been in contact with Dean Jutras and has submitted information requests to McGill and SPVP. They have also e-mailed principal and asked to speak to staff members in person. The Principal has refused to give an interview or any information to the investigation.

Councillor Lessard asked whether any funding is needed for the gathering of data.
The inquiry has received generous funding from the First Year Council. Access to information requests might be expensive if copies of documents are requested. Other than requests for police documents,

Councillor Clarke asked whether individuals who testified were encouraged to go to Dean Jutras as well.
No they were not encouraged to do so, but all the public testimonials are available on the website and Dean Jutras will be given the final report.

Councillor Kunev asked how they plan to contact the Montreal media with this report.
Nothing will be published regarding this preliminary report. The inquiry will wait until they publish the final report and then decide their course of action.

Councillor Paterson asked what exactly is being investigated (e.g. actions of police, admin, or individual students).
The inquiry was formed to investigate the events of November 10h and to keep Dean Jutras's inquiry honest and accountable, but no specific parties have been targeted in this investigation.

Molly from the gallery said that the report was being made available to Dean Jutras. Regarding the the level of confidentiality of those being interviewed, she asked whether the Dean will be taking the inquiry's report into account and be using it in his own report?
He hasn't said whether he will use the report but the inquiry hopes he will. Many of the people appear as anonymous occupiers or protesters. If anyone requests anonymity, they will get it. This

an increase to \$15.75 per hour with pay increases depending on seniority. The AGSEM representatives Sheldon and Johnathan thanked SSMU for their support during the TA bargaining.

Vice-President Clare made a motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda and move item 9e. forward to 9a. This motion passed.

President Knight made a motion to amend the agenda to move question period after the reports by commissioners. The rules were suspended and agenda amended to continue the question period after reports by Commissioners.

9) Reports by Commissioners

9a. Library Improvement Fund Commissioner

Yonan said that all undergrads contribute to this opt-outable fund, and this is matched by alumni funds to provide for library services that students wouldn't otherwise have at McGill. For this year, Yonan is managing fund. The Committee is comprised of Councillors Crawford, Niu, Hacker, Vice-President Clare, and three members at large, and the Dean of Libraries. He started off this year by re-writing the bylaws for the Committee because they didn't reflect the way that the Committee has operated for several years. He has sent out requests for members at large, and the first meeting was last week. He talked about how the Committee will operate and how meetings will be scheduled. In upcoming meetings, the committee will be working on publicity with student leaders in different faculties, publicizing what the committee has to offer, and trying to gather information on what students really need. In the long-term the committee will be sorting through all of these project proposals and determining what the money will be for. In the past, Yonan represented the SSMU in the senate committee on libraries. People from various levels of libraries are represented on the Committee. The Committee aims to make recommendations to Senate on changes that should be made to libraries.

Yonan was thanked for his attendance.

9b. Environment Commissioners

Environment Commissioners Cameron, Aria, and Tanya introduced themselves. They sit on the environment committee act as a resource for different campaigns and groups on campus. The Commissioners have been paring

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9c. Equity Commissioners

Cassy said that a report was sent from the November 17th council. Ryan said that they are open to questions.

Questions:

President Knight asked whether this was a successful semester and if equity complaints have been up or down in terms of last year.

Vice-President Clare said that specifics of equity complaints can't be discussed, but they are down since last year.

Councillor Paterson asked what equity commissions would say to students or student groups in regards to equity.

Ryan said that the first step is opening our minds and ourselves to the idea of education, an important part of that education is about how we treat each other. We can be wrong. A lot of people say that they said they may not do equitable things always. What we do or have done doesn't define who we are or who we want to be. Transformation means constantly seeking broader forms of education, which is important to living and learning.

Vice-President Clare asked them to discuss possible changes to equity policy.

Ryan said that the equity policy was ratified last year. That was written by former VPUA Rae Dooley. It filled a void in SSMU procedure and mechanisms filling a dearth of SSMU policy at large. The previous equity policy contained several vacuums and outdated terms. For example, members of equity committee had specific roles in the terms of reference. There was a committee member for women's issues, queer issues, etc. but that structure

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Because this is a policy

Councillor Winer asked about the second page of the contract, bullet 4 which reads that executives should "not undertake the pursuant of or engage in..." work outside of their portfolio. He asked what kind of cases this would cover and what kind of cases this would not cover in the future. Is concerned that this description may be too broad.

President Knight said that this is in addition to the other policies including the conflict of interest policy. The contract was reviewed by SSMU's lawyer. Executive members are paid to work for SSMU for an average of 60 hours a week. If any executive was undertaking other work that undermines their work in SSMU (e.g. paid to be a blogger against student unions), such employment would not be permissible. Devoting substantial amounts of time to something else would not be

Changing bylaws would be restricting the power of GAs according to the constitution. All interpretations are subject to review at the judicial board if anyone would like to review them.

Councillor Bi would like to make a friendly amendment where the online verification solely be made to motions on the floor.

It was clarified that this type of decision is not unconstitutional to move to online ratification, and is an option open to this Council.

Councillor Clarke said this relates back to the steering committee question he asked whether the general assembly is a physical assembly of students whereas online voting is part of the general assembly.

President Knight said it was considered that students could vote online but given that quorum requirement, having an online voting system that would way would be in contradiction to the constitution.

Councillor Burnett moved to strike articles 5.5 and its subclauses, articles 5.6 and subclauses, but not 5.7.1 and 5.7.2.

President Knight asked if he would be amenable to adding those subclauses to article 9.

Councillor Paterson asked if the clauses he wishes to keep in are relevant without the other clause that doesn't exist in this version. She asked if an online vote is impossible.

Councillor Burnett said that he would like to change his motion to strike 5.5, 5.6, 5.7.1, and 5.7.2. All of these were struck as a friendly amendment.

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Councillor Paterson said that a concern was raised about the salamander system. You can time out of the system in ten minutes and if you are trying to watch footage and trying to vote that would be difficult. President Kn

Vice-President Fraser said that contentious motions bring people out and healthy debate is a healthy thing. Allowing motions to be submitted this close to the assembly will strengthen the purpose of a general assembly.

Councillor Paterson said that these motions, even if they are submitted within three hours, are being strictly checked for constitutionality and equity. She asked whether they are still directed by the signature requirements of motions not from the floor.

President Knight said that currently worded

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Vice-President Fraser said that 5.6 is weird that there is no campaigning and doesn't see the point of putting these online in that case. She would suggest an amendment to strike 5.6 and its subclauses. This would be allowed to replace part of this than to strike it completely. At the discretion of the chair, that will be proposed later.

Senator Clarke said that his fear is that by eliminating the window this would limit discussion on campus. The distinction of before the constitutional and now is not valid because before it was unconstitutional because this satisfies any quorum requirements. He would rather let the J-Board

Councillor Paterson asked if it is possible to commit clauses to the J-Board

President Knight said no because there is a formal procedure which involves submitting something to the J-Board but she could approach them about their opinion to see if they would answer without the formal procedure.

Chair Tong said that we will take Senator Crawford's straw poll to ask whether or not it should be part of the amendment.

Councillor Paterson made a motion to mandate that this be brought to the J-Board. If there is a motion to informally request from the J-Board she asked if that would entertain just debating the motion. She asked if we would be debating adding this to the constitution.

President Knight said that significant concerns about motions on the floor could be debated here, then at the appropriate point in voting procedure the Council could divide that out and table that section.

Councillor Kunev said that the motion to amend and ask the President to speak to the J-Board and asking them about reintroducing 5.5 and 5.6 to issues online is important.

President Knight said that there is substantially different certainty in the two matters. She could ask them both questions. She said that she would like that interested Councillors assist her in this because it takes some time.

President Knight said that the motion would be to divide to see if online voting from the floor would be constitutional. This amendment has been committed to the J-Board this amendment. We will be tabling 4.3 right now.

Councillor Bi's amendment will not be voted upon right now if this motion to table passes.

President Knight said that because people might not be sure if this is constitutional there should be further discussion.

Vice-President Pedneault said that this would be fine if we didn't divide the motion. This shows that student associations trust their membership to come up with new business. He will be voting against dividing the question.

Councillor Burnett said that this is really important and if we cannot accept motions from the floor then it would be pertinent to vote against the whole resolution.

Councillor Bi said the spirit of the amendment is to fill out the idea of a motion from the floor because things can be done three hours before. If we can't let that happen then this is a rash decision.

President Knight said that there were a lot of people who expressed that their support was contingent of this going online.

We will now vote on dividing the question.

The motion to divide the question passed with a vote of 12 for and 11 opposed. 4.3 will not be voted upon in the final vote.

Chair Nizam said that this could require table to a later date and a vote of 12/11 does not.

The vote to reconsider a hasty decision passed.

The revote on the division of the question to table 4.3 failed.

The motion to previous question passed.

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asked if she had considered someone else who would be a peer. President Kniht

11d. Funding Committee

Councillor Winer said that at next Council, the Committee will be reporting on how much money is left in each fund. Secondly a project they have worked on this semester is getting a form online on the website for clubs to be reimbursed when there are checks.

Vice-President Pedneault asked why TVM got more than they requested.

Councillor Winer said that this year they haven't always give a club what they apply for. It depends on what their budget is looking like and how much money they actually need. Clubs don't have acute understandings of what they need.

This report was adopted.

11e. Executive Report

President Knight said that she would like to mark that today marks the halfway point of the Executives' terms in office. They might have also seen the fact that the tribune published their midterm reviews and asked that constituents send e-mails.

The report was adopted.

12) Reports by Executives

12a. VP Clubs & Services Report

Vice-President Fraser stood for questions.

Councillor Clarke asked about MOA changes and whether anyone said that they will not change no matter what.

Vice-President Fraser said that sometimes groups were not allowed to choose things that wanted and sometimes the name cannot change because of externally affiliated organizations

Councillor Paterson asked if she got any responses yet on the changes to activities night.

She said she got a lot of really constructive feedback. A lot of groups informally sent messages about what kind of activity they can do. Some groups said that they did not want to do that but wanted tabling space.

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universities offer to students during exams. People are coming in with their dogs on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Councillor Paterson asked if the building code has been overturned for this event. Vice-President Plummer said that he sat down with Carol and Pauline, the building managers and it is ok to allow pets with the consent of both building managers.

The orientation debrief was the other night and sat down with Leslie, Ian, Jana, and all faculties. This week's particular debrief was about how disappointed they were with how Discover McGill ran this year and how the First Year Office Needs to do things differently next year. Councillor Doyle met with Kady Lins and was wondering if they decided on a topic. Vice-President Plummer said that is something he is going to leave to the MPCC and other specific individuals.

Councillor Kunev asked whether there is an official name for the dog event and whether you can

12d. VP University Affairs

Vice-President Clare stood for questions.

Vice-President Fraser asked what is going on with Macy's

Vice-President Clare said that the McGill Association for Continuing Education Students she has sent multiple e-mails in terms of senate representation and liaising for the different unions at McGill. She has not gotten a response. There has also been a few rumors floating around. She decided to go to their office and there was a mini conspiracy-theory. There is currently an election going on.

Councillor Paterson asked the VPUA to elaborate on her comment in the report that senate very much destroyed her.

It was really exhausting and not the most productive meeting. She is disappointed that more professors didn't speak out about the events of November 10th.

Councillor Kunev asked her to elaborate on the meeting with provost and deputy provost, This meeting was a good meeting which is a typical on and talked about November 10th and subsequent senate meeting over concepts of leadership,. If you want to hear more specifics ask her after council.

Fraser said that as a follow-up, there will be another consultation fair in January on security and safety at McGill from everything about walking through Milton Parc Community and the idea of

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Vice-President Fraser said that CKUT Board of Directors CKUT is in contact with Medelson and they're working on stuff.