

Meeting Minutes of the SSMU Legislative Council

1) Call to Order 6:11pm

2) Attendance

The attendance is available in a separate document.

3) Adoption of the Agenda

Item 10b will be stricken in favor of item 11b. Vice-President Fraser submitted a motion on behalf of Vice-President Pedneault regarding the addition of New Business 9e. MUNACA Letter.

The agenda was adopted with the above amendments.

4) Approval of the Minutes – 11/03/11

On page 10 "Ridel" was amended to "Redel" and on page 12 "Rafe" was amended to "Raffe". Also, on page 13 "former" should be added before Vice-President. These were adopted without contest.

On page 10, "Kojima" and one of the times that it says "QPIRG" it should be changed to "CKUT" on page 13 and "except this time the fee is not opt-outable on the online system" will be added.

These motions were adopted with the above changes.

5) Report of the Steering Committee

President Knight stood for questions on both reports.

Councillor Clarke asked, regarding Councillor Love's resignation, whether Councillor Dinel now gets two votes.

President Knight said that she has been in touch with the religious studies society to get another representative. The point is that religious studies is represented here and that will not be lacking at this point.

Councillor Kunev asked why Councillor Love resigned.

President Knight said that a reason was not provided.

Vice-President Fraser is wondering about point 1, HMB coming to visit council, and asked whether the Council will be visited soon.

President Knight was asked about December 5th and she said that this was not an appropriate time for students. They will be looking for further scheduling options; President Knight had conveyed that might not be the best time to have a nuanced conversation with the principal.

Both of the reports of the Steering Committee were adopted.

6) Guest Speakers

6a. Trenholme Colleen Cook, Dean of Libraries

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Dean Cook said that they are keeping track of statistics and keeping it open only with one security officer. She said she has been there in the early morning and there are students there at any time of the day. If it's cost-effective, and it's what students want, and students will use, then it will be done.

Vice-President Clare asked, given Dean Cook's past experience, what the biggest difference is in the way that libraries are appr

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Councillor Clarke said that one recommendation at the event on Monday and at Senate was to naming the James Square Community Square, and asked what SSMU is doing to support that. President Knight said that ultimate decisions are made on the BOG. She and

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Councillor Hernandez said that there was a perfect opportunity to use the emergency communication service on November 1.

Vice-President Clare said that on Friday, they met with Professor Mendelson and the Dean of Students and different members of university safety. They said if they sent out the wrong message, there could be an inundation of students coming in to see what was happening. She said that Montreal has a significant history of having to clear people out of areas. Vice-President Clare said that the Dean will not be focusing on what the police did. She said there are remaining questions about why students weren't told not to go inside and, why students were not allowed to access medical care in McConnell.

Vice-President Pedneault said that he has less enthusiasm than some Executives in te

not been enough time to consider. People have not been considering proactive input. She asked the Councillors please take the next two weeks to seek information and provide input.

Councillor Bi said that she attended one of the town halls and the people who attended were in very much in favor of an online vote. She is wondering why the online aspect hasn't been added to the proposed reform.

President Knight said that various concerns were raised both pro and con regarding an online system. On the pro side, it is physically impossible to be informed space and debate does not happen as well online. We have to discuss this further. The town hall and survey are important forms of consultation but neither of those forums were a representative sample. If you have questions regarding the substantive aspects of the motion, please bring it forward.

Councillor Kunev asked how article 28.1 is saying that this motion is unconstitutional. He said it doesn't refer to the fact that it's wrong or not and does not see a problem.

President Knight asked that this conversation be brought outside of this body, but that this is not unconstitutional.

Chair Nizam said that this can be brought to the Chiers for their consideration of the constitutionality of the motion.

Councillor Burnett asked what is the point of a notice of motion

Chair Nizam said that it is to make Councillors aware that they will be voting and to expose glaring errors.

Vice-President Fraser asked if this will be brought to next Council. It is her understanding that this takes three readings.

President Knight said that the second reading will be at the steering committee and the third will be at the Legislative Council's next meeting. The deadline for reports is Friday at 5pm.

Chair Nizam said that any questions should be brought to the Steering Committee.

9b. Motion Regarding SSMU Council Meeting Time Constraints

There was a change to the resolved clause to read "end by 1:00am"

Councillor Kunev said that the aim is not to reduce debate but just to standardize the time for Council but to make sure that there is a large quorum. There would be a special Council meeting if one session ends up being too long. Other student groups have expressed an opinion that SSMU takes too long to make decisions. We need to be more effective.

Chair Nizam said that the one-minute maximum speaking time will be very strict.

Councillor Winer said that he would like to express his sympathy but still support it. When discussions go late at night, it is because we should take the considerations further. He said that after the last in-camera sessions, SSMU said that they would fund cab rides home. He asked if cab rides could be provided home if Council ends too late.

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President Knight said that she sympathizes with this motion. Late-night meetings are never a good time, but she is concerned about the constraints that this puts on Council. It can be allowed to table motions. This can be a right that Council uses its time more effectively. She said while she thinks it is a good motion and requests that the speakers be more fierce, she would not like business to be potentially arbitrary. The idea of holding unfinished meetings on the following Thursday (between

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after the title page. He encouraged Councillors to take some time to actually look at it and not just go with it. There is a lot of money that we're spending. He said he would take time to go through most of it, but the Finance Committee will be yielded some time to talk about it. Vice-President Patel thanked Steven Tamas and Pauline Gervais. He said he is proud to be sitting next to them today and be presenting this budget because it is very student-oriented. This budget will be

Vice-President Fraser said that there isn't a lot of time in the operations management committee to address building issues. On the building committee, there would be Wallace the security supervisor, the General Manager, the Clubs & Services Representative, and a porter are part of the committees.

Councillor Hernandez and Councillor Wunn were welcomed to the building committee.

Councillor Kryluk put herself forward to sit on SSPN and her place on SSPN was approved.

9e. Letter Re: MUNACA

Vice-President Pedneault send this letter to the Executive Committee who agreed that this should be brought to Council. MUNACA marched today to the Minister of Education's workplace. This letter has already signed by others like AGSEM. If they wanted to sign off on a modified version they would have to re-draft it and sign a different letter. This letter involves a stance on last week's protests.

Questions:

Councillor Bi said that she is looking at this letter and is confused about paragraphs two and three. She thought the sit-in was to do with tuition hikes. She asked if he would be open to striking paragraph three.

Vice-President Pedneault said that he is not really comfortable re-drafting it but would be open to that. He would recommend signing the letter as it is. What happened last Thursday was not just in relation to tuition hikes but also in regards to MUNACA and the general state of the world. This mentions tuition hikes and the presence of police on campus because they are all related and this is a wise and symbolic step to retaining justice.

Chair Nizam said that the question is whether to sign this letter as it is. Otherwise, it could be sent with edits.

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Chair Nizam said that smaller edits would have to be approved by a number of unions and it would

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Chair Nizam would like to have three categories in the upcoming vote-yes, sign the letter, no, do not sign any letter, or write our own letter.

Councillor Clarke asked if the spirit would remain the same for the third letter.
Chair Nizam said she would entertain debate about that.

Councillor Bi said that as a person who's worked in receiving offices these lett

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Councillor Bi said that the public safety minister and the attorney general of Quebec would be the right people to conduct an inquiry.

One Councillor would like the external affairs committee to talk about specific things. He feels an opportunistic sentiment because supporting MUNACA is a good cause but the 10th November is different. There should be two different letters to the ministry about these two different things.

Councillor Kunev said that we should separate the letter because McGill governance should support McGill.

Chair Nizam said that this will be circulated for debate at a further time.

A motion passed for the body to have a ten-A

ethical investment plan and purchasing policy. The ethical investment plan will be presented next Council.

Councillor Bi asked that the report look at the ethical investment plan and how that would restrict investments.

Councillor Qin said that this report will be given to the next Council at which point questions regarding the report will be appropriate.

was to appear that the demonstration had gone on without bumps along the road. What happened on Thursday was unacceptable and the response from some members of TaCEQ is that they were not available to comment.

Vice-President Clare asked if there has been any reaction from Hélène regarding the events of November 10th.

He is meeting with her tomorrow. Hélène is the Community Affairs Coordinator of the MPCC.

12e. VP University Affairs

Vice-President Clare stood for questions.

Councillor Bi asked if she could discuss what happened at senate and correct her if she is wrong that some senators walk out at some point.

Vice-President Clare said that there was a 45 minute live streamed committee of the whole session. there was an emphasis on not laying blame on anyone. The conversation was dominated by student voices and senate caucus did an admirable job at representing the ideas of students that have come out since November 10th. She said that what she is about to say is only being addressed because

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