



Legislative Council

September 27, 2018

1. Call to Order (18:05)

The Speaker calls the Council to order at 6:05pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker presents the land acknowledgement.

3. Attendance

The Speaker conducts attendance:

- Councillor Bazylykut (Nursing) and Councillor Cossette (PT/OT) are absent.
- Julia Kafato (President of BASiC) is attending as the proxy for the empty Arts & Science seat. She arrives at 9:30pm
- Councillor Smit (Management) leaves the Council at 9:25pm

names misspelt and would like to see the minutes amended to reflect the correction spelling of their names. The Speaker explains that under the new agreed upon set of Robert's Rules for Legislative Council proceedings, all grammar errors can be amended without having to propose an amendment. The Speaker explains that all name errors will be corrected.

Councillor Scarra motions to approve the Minutes. Councillor Figueiredo seconds this Motion. The Minutes are unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of the Agenda:

The Agenda is adopted unanimously.

6 Report of the Steering Committee

The Speaker reads aloud the report found by the Steering Committee.

7. Guest Speakers

a. Legal Information Clinic of McGill University (10)

Brittany Williams, the Executive Director of the Legal Information Clinic of McGill University explains the organization to the Legislative Council. Specifically, Williams explains how their organizations prioritizes student advocacy and the offering of legal services to McGill students.

Williams goes on to explain that there are over 20 topics and types of cases that they cover, but that they can only offer legal advice specific to the province of Quebec. Williams uses the Quebec civil code and provincial labour standards as examples of this.

Williams provides a procedural example of how the Clinic can offer legal counsel to students in areas such as the Quebec small claims court, for free. A portfolio example is how the the Clinic can accompany a student to the Regie du logement, Quebec's agency that governs the relationship between landlords and tenants, for free.

In addition, students can also hire a lawyer to assess confidential material at no cost. This includes plagiarism, academic integrity and student rights.

Senator Buraga asks how many cases the Clinic deal with on an annual basis and whether they also defend students regarding tuition matters. Williams responds by saying that the Clinic deals with around 1500-2000 cases each year and that can provide legal counsel on tuition matters.

Brittany Williams ends off her presentation by encouraging members of the Legislative Council to stop by the Clinic's office and hear more about what services they can provide for students. The Council thanks Williams for her presentation.

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They explain that there are many learning outcomes through involvement in the projects, such as professional growth, and sustainability knowledge. Usually, projects have work teams comprising 8 people, that include students and staff. There are also 2 student representatives for the office on McGill Campus. Moreover, there is an SPF Ambassador who encourages people to apply and were key to the referendum that reached over 15000 students to spread the word about SPF.

The team explains that as far as their financial summary goes, they have been on track with their projection of revenue and have been doing financially well since 2010. The team thanaS äDUFuOOm th

VP Wang asks if a student wanted to start a sustainability club, could they apply for the SPF. The team responds by saying depending on the specific nature of the club.

Councillor Frenette asks if it's possible to apply for funding before the project is created and if the SPF applications are going throughout the year. The team responds by saying that usually an individual will have to apply beforehand, since an individual could not implement a project retroactively. The team explains that the deadlines for the SPF larger funds have three yearly deadlines in September, January and June. Whereas funding under \$5000 applications roll around the year and the tiny funds are the first day of every month.

Senator Lametti **motions to recess for 2 minutes**, seconded by Senator Buraga. This **PASSES unanimously**

8 Announcements (5)

The Speaker, Nikolas Dolmat, announces that they will no longer be serving as the Speaker due to their call up to the naval military service, but will sometimes be able to come for sessions. Therefore, the On-Call Speaker, Husayn Jamal, will be stepping in to act as Speaker for future Legislative Council sessions.

The Speaker announces that there is a confidential session today on the agenda, that there are bathrooms located on the floor of Council meeting, reminds the Councillors not go to over their allotted esr

Senator Buraga ask VP Wang: how much money do the menstrual projects funds have and what do you plan on doing with the surplus, should there be one. VP Wang explains that there is currently \$20,000 for the fund and that will be allocated to each specific building for the dispensers. After which, the remaining funds will be for the labour costs and other dispensers that they can install. VP Wang states that there will be no surplus.

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b. Motion Regarding Policy on VP Internal Intoxication and V.I.P Culture at SSMU
Events 2018-09-27 - **APPROVED**

Moved by: VP McLaughlin, Councillor Figueiredo, Councillor Briand and VP Shapiro

The Speaker reminds the Council that this considered old-business because it came from last council session. VP McLaughlin asks if they can provide context to the motion, the Speaker approves.

VP McLaughlin explains that he felt that the policy of limitation didn't apply here and that they changed the expiry date of the motion to May 1, 2023. Therefore, this motion applies to all SSMU VP Internals until that date. They explain that if the SSMU VP Internal was too intoxicated at a SSMU event, the Legislative Council could penalize the VP Internal for this. VP McLaughlin explains that the punishment is left fairly open since it was too difficult to explain the penalty.

Debate:

Councillor Michberg explains that there is a spelling error. The Speaker reminds him that with the new standing rules, it allows for these errors to be fixed during steering committee sessions without having to amend the motion altogether.

Senator Lametti asks why there is an expiry date on the motion. He asks if this policy is still required to be revised and why that date exists for the expiry of the motion.

The President responds by explaining that the policy is expiring in five years on May 1 so that that year's SSMU Legislative Council has the full-term to revise and have a relook on the policy. It is specifically placed at the end of the SSMU term to ensure this.

Councillor Sanchez asks what would qualify as revision and what would be required for the complaint to go forward and thus have action taken on it. VP McLaughlin explains that it would go to the steering committee to decide the validity of the equity complaint and if it should go to the Legislative Council then.

Councillor Sanchez asks who determines if the VP Internal is intoxicated, asking if it would be the equity commissioner or committee. VP McLaughlin explains that the Legislative Council would determine if the VP Internal is intoxicated.

Councillor Price asks why did the sponsors of the motion move the punishment of the VP Internal from the accountability committee to the Legislative Council. Councillor Figueiredo responds to this by explaining that the sponsors believe the Council is a better form of accountability, due to the fact that the Councillors directly represent student interests as to what should be done in these types of scenarios.

Councillor Sanchez asks what if there is an accusation made in bad faith. VP McLaughlin responds by explaining there is nothing regarding that.

VP McLaughlin responding to a question regarding a possible probationary period explains that if there was a probationary period instead of a suspension, it would be an unnecessary major logistical issue. Explaining that if there is a probation necessary for the VP Internal's level of intoxication the VP Internal might as well be suspended since they couldn't do anything in that probationary period. He explains this reasoning by saying that the VP Internal position is limited to its term and should do all the work that they possibly can or are allowed to do within that term in that in that all will do within that term iOOOOOAA

reminds the Councillors that up to 4 people can caucus. Councillor Price and VP McLaughlin leave to caucus outside.

The President makes a point of parliamentary procedure, asking the Speaker what would happen to voting procedure with the two Councillors who just left. The Speaker explains that the quorum would change.

Senator Lametti **Motions for a 5 minute recess - TABLED**

The President makes a point of order, regarding how the recess and caucus would overlap and would not be efficient for the sake of Council. Seeing this, the Speaker recommends that the recess get tabled.

Councillor Figueiredo **Motions to table the recess, Councillor Scarra seconds this - PASSED Unanimously**

The Speaker reminds the Council of the Chronological order of the way the motions are being presented and should a lay on the table occur, the motion regarding VIP Culture will be first on the table.

Councillor Sanchez asks if there is a gender attributed to chair, citing how Councillors are referring to both Speakers as "Mr. Speaker". Both Speakers explain that they prefer the gender neutral term F



committee will decide if the case is worth going to Council, and if it is, it will go to Council and follow the rest of the guidelines as shown in the VIP motion.

Senator Buraga asks if the addition of the accountability committee to this process would harm the entire process itself. The President explains that, in his personal opinion, the accountability committee has not been good for the last five years and isn't sure if they can handle a case of such a high magnitude.

VP McLaughlin explains that having served in this committee that they are not retroactive and that should this issue be brought up they can handle it better since the committee has a proactive approach as does the motion.

Senator Lametti makes a point of parliamentary procedure, asking if he can propose sub-amendments to a current amendment and if so he **Motions for an Amendment of the Amendment**, which stipulates that **the accountability committee should submit its reasons to the Legislative Council** as to why they took the decision they did with the VP Internal. This is **seconded by Senator Buraga. - PASSES Unanimously**

Debate:

Senator Lametti explains that he is in favour of his proposed amendment of an amendment because it has a higher degree of accountability. He also states that the accountability committee can explain their reasoning to the Council as to why or why not action was taken.

Councillor Price says that the Legislative Council is mandated under the Board of Directors (BoD) already, so the Council will be mandated regardless to take action.

VP McLaughlin asks if the case would go to the Steering committee or Council first if a change is made to this Amendment of an Amendment. The Speaker replies with the Steering committee.

VP Shapiro says that this Amendment of an Amendment would only do what we tried to prevent with the original Amendment, which was to prevent public shaming.

The President explains that the fact that the BoD views the case first would be better because they are better suited for these types of confidential situations.

Senator Lametti asks if the case would go to the BoD in regular session or in confidential session. The President replies by saying that it should be in confidential sessions for the BoD. Senator Lametti also clarifies his amendment is friendly.

The President moves for Senator Lametti's amendment to be withdrawn and replaced with his, which has not been motioned for yet.

Senator Buraga explains that the report would go the Council regardless from the accountability committee, so he believes that the President's suggested amendment of taking the VP Internal case to the BoD in confidential session would be pointless. The President replies by explaining that while he believes this is true, it is better if the case is taken to BoD since they are better suited for these types of matters.

Senator Lametti reiterates that there is some form of value if the case gets brought up to the Council because its more public and therefore accessible to students. The President says that while this is true, all BoD motions go online anyways so all students would be able to view the results regardlessly.

The Debate Portion is exhausted and now the Speaker moves towards voting procedure on the Amendment of an Amendment made by Senator Lametti.

Senator Lametti's **Motion for the Amendment of the Amendment on the VIP Motion -
FAILS 2-21**

VP Cupido says that the Council explains that the situation isn't "black or white" if the VP Internal became too intoxicated, stressing that the reasoning behind these situations are much more complicated than perceived.

Motion to approve the President's amendment of amendment - PASSES 24-1

The Speaker informs the Council that the Council is moving into the debate portion on the President's amendment.

The Speaker informs the Council that the President's amendment of the amendment becomes a part of the amendment proper made by VP McLaughlin. VP McLaughlin apologizes for the lengthy procedure.

The Speaker informs the Council that they are now entering **Voting procedure on the earlier amendment made by VP McLaughlin and Councillor Price**. This Motion **PASSES 24-0-1**

The Speaker informs the Council that the Council is moving into the debate portion on the VIP Motion in its entirety.

Debate:

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that this was mentioned in the previous Council meeting. The President reads aloud the motion.

There are no remarks to be made in the question or debate period.

Voting Procedure:

This motion is **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

- e. Motion Regarding Council Nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors
2018-09-27 - **APPROVED**

Moved by: The President, Councillor Hersh, Councillor Karia, Councillor Figueiredo and Councillor Callaghan

The President explains that Councillors can now nominate representatives from the Council to serve on the SSMU Board of Directors. If someone wishes to be on the BoD, the President advises them to present their interest to the Council within this motion period.

The President reads out the motion and reminds people that they have to be Canadian citizens and have a criminal record check to be on BoD.

Question Period:

Councillor Scarra asks if more than four people will be nominated, how many votes will people get, will it still be four. The President replies by saying every member on the Council gets four votes even there are more than four Council nominations for the BoD.

The President explains what the BoD is to the Council. He explains that it is SSMU's highest executive body, dealing with financial matters, among other responsibilities. This can be found on the SSMU website. He reads out the description of a BoD member's responsibilities.

Councillor Figueiredo asks the meetings are, asking if they are specifically on Sunday. The President says that they are trying to make it Wednesday night and that the meetings should only last 1-2 hours.

Councillor Price asks what does the Council do if there is too many people and it's awkward for voting, asking if the Council can resort to a google form ballot. The President agrees the suggestion.

The Speaker asks the Council that if you want to be nominated to the Board of Directors as Legislative Council representative to please raise your placard now. The Councillors who seek nomination to the Board of Directors are as follows: Senator Buraga, Councillor Yang (Education), Councillor Karia (Arts), Councillor Sanchez (Arts) and Councillor Figueiredo (Arts).

The Speaker explains that the vote will be done via google form. Councillor Figueiredo says that the electoral system for this ought to be a preferential voting system. The Speaker says that he will randomize the names of the candidates for the order they appear on the google form and in the order they will give their speeches to the Council as to why they should serve on the Board of Directors.

The Speaker calls on Counts a ~~QeNQA~~ thNAa

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violence. Sanchez states to the Council that she has experience in these realms through her time spent with SACCOMS and the GSP. Sanchez also explains that she has knowledge in harm reduction, sexual violence and equity. Last year, she served as the AUS Equity Commissioner and she worked for Human Resources Canada, ensuring that government e he P A typ

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The President clarifies this point by explaining that the procedure was originally to vote via bloc, not individually. The President explains that voting individually on BoD candidates is not allowed under the current rules of procedure. However, at the Fall 2017 GA there was a motion to divide the question and vote on BoD candidates individually. The Speaker, at the time of this event, forgot the Internal Regulations about this and allowed for the motion to



Therefore, as a result of this voting result, Councillors Karia, Figueiredo, Yang and Senator Buraga are the four (4) Legislative Council representatives to the SSMU Board of Directors, having received the most votes out of the five (5) possible candidates. Councillor Sanchez will therefore not be considered for nomination as a Council representative to the BoD.

The Speaker states that the minutes will reflect the total number of votes each candidate got, not who voted for which candidate.

Senator Buraga and Councillor Yang thank the Council for their nominations.

The Speaker informs the Council that they will now move into voting procedure regarding the approval of these four nominations to act as the Council Representatives to the BoD.

Voting Procedure:

The motion to approve these four individuals are the Council representatives to the BoD is - **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 22-0-2**

- f. Motion Regarding Policy on Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority
2018-09-27 - **APPROVED**

Moved by: The President, VP Esterle, Councillor Callaghan and Councillor Karia

The President **Motions to lay this motion on the table and for VP Esterle to present her executive report, the President notes that VP Esterle has to leave early from the Council session. This is seconded by Lametti - PASSES - 24-1**

The Council moves into the VP Student Life executive report.

Senator Buraga asks if Proxy Kafato can arrive even if they are very tardy. The Speaker says yes.

The Speaker returns to this original agenda item. The President reads out the motion and makes examples about how previous SSMU Executives forgot to deal with some of these goals, for example the relationship that SSMU holds with La Prep.

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Question Period:

Member of the Gathering Christille asks where is the appendix. The President responds by

Councillor Sanchez highlights explains that Arts Frosh went smoothly, that she is chairing the Equity Committee, that she hired the AUS Equity Commissioners, that she is elected to the Health and Dental Committee and that their office hours are Tuesdays and Thursday 1-2:30pm.

b. Mu Rong Yang, Education Representative (3)

Councillor Yang presents their report.

Councillor Yang explains that she made a list of the events they did over the summer including Frosh and a Welcome back BBQ. Yang explains that there is reconstruction of the Education building and library.

c. Benjam Smit, Management Representative (3)

Councillor Smit presents their report.

Councillor Smit emphasizes on bringing MUS and SSMU closer together, bridging the opinions of the MUS to SSMU adequately and how The President and MUS President have been working together over the summer. Smit also explains that first MUS General Assembly occurred and that the MUS has hired a new VP Communications.

that if you know you have to leave Council early, tell the Speaker so that you can get read your report before leaving.

14 Executive Reports

a. President (5)

The President presents their report.

The President explains that the Internal Regulations and the Policy Book are updated, that BoD Member-at-large application is due this Friday, that the SSMU Fall GA is on October 29th (as mentioned earlier) and that the McGill Board of Governors has a meeting with SSMU in October. The President explains that there is going to be a cannabis committee on McGill. The President explains that he met with McGill Representative Gauthier to discuss services and SSMU involvement. He explains that he met with SVP and had a meeting about the Sexual Violence at McGill.

He explains that the Sherbrooke lease should be signed soon to ensure that they have more student spaces. He is also working alongside the EUS and the Deputy Provost to get more space booking. Lastly, he mentions how he is trying to make the "blacklisting policy" effective through all faculties.

Question:

Senator Buraga asks about the (GSVP) Sexual Violence policy, BoD Members-at-large applications and the Cannabis policy. The President responds by say



Esterle explains that she was asked to make a decision by the organizations and although they felt weird about it, she made the decision that she felt was in the best interest of the students.

VP Shapiro explains that with the Senate Caucus votes, should a vote be at a tie, it is the responsibility of the VP University Affairs to break that tie. VP Shapiro believes that a similar process may be in place for the situation at hand.

Councillor Frentee asks which Quebec student unions were contacted by VP Esterle as shown in her executive report. VP Esterle explains that she doesn't remember all of them, but examples are: HEC Montréal, Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Montréal, Concordia University, Bishop's University, Université de Sherbrooke and others. VP Esterle explains that mainly francophone universities were contacted.

Motions to take from the table the Motion Regarding Student Clubs and Services as SSMU's Highest Priority, seconded by the President. - PASSES Unanimously 24-0

It is at this point that the Council moves back towards the chronological order of the agenda, and therefore reverts back to the Motion that is to be voted on above.

Motions for a 5 minutes recess, seconded by Councillor Michberg - PASSES Unanimously - 24-0

15. Confidential Session

- a. There are items of business for this evening's Confidential Session

16. Adjournment - APPROVED - 22-19

This is motioned by Senator Buraga and seconded by VP McLaughlin - **APPROVED 22-1**