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# SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

April 1, 2021

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 18:00.

Present: Lauren Hill (Chair, non-voting), Jemark Earle (Officer), Giord Marpole (Officer), Chip Smith (Legislative Councillor), Paige Collins (Legislative Councillor), Alex Karasick (Legislative Councillor), Benson Wan (Legislative Councillor), Rohan Bhutkar (Member-at-Large), Beatrice Mackie (Member-at-Large), Adin Chan (Member-at-Large), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Addy Parsons (International Student Representative, non-voting), Sam Haward (Recording Secretary, non-voting), n

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Director Wan asks how long it would take for a feasibility study to reach completion.

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Alexis Zhou responds that they would like to see a study completed by the end of 2021, with the project completed by 2023.

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Director Smith asks if MUGS is the most appropriate body to conduct a large study. They also ask about how this space could be utilized by the SSMU.

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Alexis Zhou responds that the alley has no practical purpose at the moment and that it should be used for pedestrians, cyclists and events. They state that they would prefer for professionals to conduct this study, but do not believe that it is a <sup>ag, not</sup>ordable.

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Director Marpole asks how students will be chosen, and what kind of information they are expected to provide in this study.

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Alexis Zhou responds that hiring will be conducted by MUGS. They would like to see the students survey the zoning, ownership, utilities and areas appropriate for digging in the alleyway. In addition they would like to produce options for this project. These students would also conduct outreach, and run town halls for stakeholders.

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Director Karasick asks if there has been any consun

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Director Wan asks if there has been any research into the attitude of the wider student body.

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Zhou responds that this is the reason the project is being pushed through a coalition, and evaluating the needs of students is the goal of the feasibility study.

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Director Wan asks if it is possible for a preliminary study into the needs of students before committing to the feasibility study regarding the project.

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Zhou responds that this will be presented to the Board when they formally ask for funding, providing assurance that the project is desired by students.

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The Chair asks about the use of the funding for the feasibility study.

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Zhou clarifies that this covers research into the lair s

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Director Earle presents the report of the Executive Committee. There are no questions on the report.

7. Motions for Approval

- a. Motion to ratify the Reference re Applicability to the Society's Services of the 2016 Reference re Legality of the BDS Motion and Similar Motions 2021-03-08—

Director Smith states that they have concerns with contradictions within this ruling, and ask other Directors if they share the same concerns. Director Earle responds in the affirmative. Director Earle notes that they are listed as the petitioner in this case, even though another SSMU Executive was responsible.

The Chief Justice Choi states that Director Earle's name is on these documents as it had been delegated to them by other Executives, and that the Judicial Board cannot hear an issue unless it is raised by the SSMU President or the Board of Directors. He continues that they would be happy to go over perceived contradictions, but the summary of the ruling is that Services can take positions as long as they are in line with the governing documents of the Society. He states that the challenge of this ruling was to create a boundary where Services can operate, and there is no regulation that affects the political mandates of Services. As such, the Judicial Board deferred to the Constitution and Policy Book of the Society.

Director Karasick states that he would be willing to note the Board as the petitioner. Director Earle states that he has no issues with their name being on the document, but would like the other Executives listed as well. Director Earle proposes striking the sentence regarding the President lobbying the McGill Board of Governors. The Chief Justice clarifies that this sentence refers to their

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