

SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

March 10, 2022

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 18:00

Present: Alexandre Ashkir (Chair, non-voting), Parliamentarian Kaur (Deis, non-voting), Eric Sader (Officer), Claire Downie (Officer), Karla Heisele Cubilla (Officer), Sarah Paulin (Officer), Darshan Daryanani (Officer, non-voting), Sacha Delouvrier (Officer, non-voting), Ghania Javed (Council Member), Charlotte Gurung (Council Member), Yara Coussa (Council Member), Benson Wan (Council Member), Melissa Dunn (Member at Large), Kevin Franceschini (Member at Large)

Absent: Sarah Paulin (Officer), Daniel Dufour (General Manager, non-voting), Asiyah Siddique (Member at Large)

1. Call to Order:

The Chair calls the Confidential Session to order at 18:07 on March 10, 2022

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair presents the 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.

3. Attendance

The Chair notes the absences of Director Siddique, Director Sidhu, and Director Paulin.

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Director Gurung inquired about removing the Director's name in motion.

Officer Delouvrier inquires for point a with documentation of purchase.

Director Wan motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Coussa.

There is no opposition. The Agenda is adopted.

5. Executive Committee Public Report – " " \$! (, "

Officer Daryanani presents the report. The reports include

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Director Wan asks about the strike of 9.d.

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Director Coussa responds that this was sent in the chat.

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Officer Delouvrier asks to move the motion through the Executive Committee.

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Director Coussa agrees.

Debate Period:

Director Wan suggests discussing the budget at the Legislative Council.

Director Downie agrees with the Legislative Council option. She also supports passing motions in public.

Director Coussa agrees with discussing through the Executive Committee. Officer Delouvrier thanks Director Downie and reiterates that his portfolio is open to splitting the cause.

Director Downie presents an informal strawpoll. Director Coussa agrees to move to ex-comm.

Director Wan inquiries to follow procedure.

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Officer Delouvrier asks Director Sader how soon Divest McGill would receive this money (transfer \$500 to account) or reimburse up to \$500 made by Divest McGill.

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Director Sader responds that there is a specific point on stipend.

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Officer Delouvrier asks how quickly the money could be transferred to Divest McGill accounts or reimburse the expenditures.

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Director Sader explains that in this situation a reimbursement would be the option, paid out by next Friday.



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Director Coussa asks about donating menstrual products.

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O icer Delouvrier agrees with providing help until a formal check proceeds. He asks about this process to Director Downie.

Director Downie clarifies that she may bring to organizers a number of masks or menstrual products.

The Chair notes that time to motion has elapsed.

Director Wan motions to extend by unanimous consent, seconded by Director Heisele Cubilla. There is no opposition.

Director Wan proposes an action item to ask Director Coussa to ask to Divest McGill if they are in need of masks or menstrual products. The Chair adds action items.

O icer Delouvrier asks the Board to move an action item to the Executive Committee meeting. Director Coussa supports the action item.

The Chair clarifies that action items may be approved separately from motion.

The Chair explains that there is a motion to approve motion independent of action items by roll call. Seconded by Director Heisele Cubilla.

Director Franceschini le the meeting at 19:08

Director Wan motions to table action items until the next meeting. Director Coussa motions to table action item 2 until the next meeting. Seconded by Director Heisele Cubilla.

Director Heisele Cubilla motions to vote for action item 1 by unanimous vote. There is no opposition.

8 Presentation on UTILE affordable housing purchase (O icer Delouvrier)

O icer Delouvrier presents the affordable housing purchase. Two (2) years ago, the plan entailed the purchasing a piece of land where affordable housing would be acquired. Ensuring housing representation and initiatives for all students. This will require a fee per semester, \$6.00 per student. The total amount would be donated to the program UTILE. This plan takes inspiration from a Concordia initiative. The goal with initiative is to benefit underprivileged students or in a precarious

Director Heisele Culliba proposes for Human Resources to mandate training, and clarifies that this is a role more of the Union.

Director Wan echoes opinions. He suggests that knowing the rights should be limited in scope as it may be costly.

Director Downie expresses inquiry if there is an urgency with the issue at hand. She explains that training may be more comprehensive to allow for avenues making complaints, vacation days, and other new or urgent information.

Director Coussa agrees with Director Downie. She expresses if it is possible for the board to have the union handle or modify HR training.

Director Downie suggests that the HR department should provide more information of time off and other handy information for employees.

Discussion elapses.

10. Confidential Session:

The Board of Directors enters into a Confidential Session at 19:40.

11. Adjournment:

Director Sader motions to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Wan.

The Board of Directors adjourns.

