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SSMU BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC MINUTES

October 20, 2022

The Board of Directors meeting of the Students Society of McGill University (SSMU) will be held by teleconference on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 1800.

Present: Alexandre Ashkir (Chair, non-voting), Jaz Kaur (Parliamentarian, non-voting), Val Masny (O icer), Marco Pizarro (O icer, non-voting), Benson Wan (Council Member), Charlotte Gurung (Council Member), Risann Wright (O icer)

Absent: Kerry Yang (O icer), Hassanatou Koulibaly (O icer, non-voting), Cat Williams (O icer, non-voting), Asiyah Siddique (Nember at Large)

1. Call to Order:

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 1809.

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 takes attendance. Due to low attendance, he ensures that the Board meets quorum by taking a short recess.

The Board resumes at 1817. Director Wright has arrived and quorum has been met.

4. Adoption of the Agenda -

The agenda is distributed.

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The Chair entert

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Director Wan asks if theks

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Director Masny states that Director Gurung and themselves are ready for voting, and that the rules were suspended for a short question period.

The Chair ansJ



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Director Masny motions to mandate the volunteers to their respective committees. Director Wan seconds this motion.

The Chair entertains a vote.

The Parliamentarian asks for clarification. The Chair clarifies the misunderstanding.

viii. Accountability Committee

The Chair states that this Committee ensures that Directors and Council members are held accountable to their duties and presences. It requires two Directors who are not Council members.

Seeing no volunteers, the Chair entertains a vote on the committee nominations.

Seeing no opposition, the committee nominations are approved unanimously.

The Chair states that the Roberts Rules indicate that abstentions votes are refusals to vote, so they are not counted at all. This means that the result of the previous vote was in favour.

Director Yang asks if this a ects quorum.

The Chair answers no, because quorum is required for holding a meeting.

- 10. For Discussion:
 - a. Board Q&A session (Director Wan)

Director Wan asks the Board how the Q & A session went, and if they want to repeat it in the future.

O icer Pizarro answers that they had 2 people attend the session, so he does not think it was a success. The group had a discussion about stimulating student engagement.

Director Wright states that they had discussed doing a similar session online, to make it more accessible to students.



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11. Confidential Session:

The Board of Directors enters into a Confidential Session at 19.23.

12 Adjournment:

The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 2005.

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Risann Wright, SSIMU President