



Macdonald Campus Students' Society
Association des Étudiants du Campus Macdonald
FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

A meeting of the Full Council of the Macdonald Campus Students' Society was held on **Tuesday, Feb 23rd, 2021** from 6:00 to 7:20 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Tyler Luft (*Speaker*), Joëlle Mottart (*Secretary to the Council*), Nikulas Dworek (*President*), Marie Prémont St-Jean (*VP Internal*), Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*), Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*), Muhamad Shariq (*VP BOC*), Véronique Dion-Larivière (*VP Comm. & Student Life*), Menka Sharma (*VP Academic*), Karl-Antoine Hogue (*Envr. Advisor, Commissioner*), Jeanne-Armelle Uwiringiyimana (*AESUS Rep*), Alexander Audi (*BESS Rep*), Steven Chuang (*DHNUS Rep*), Keesha Ness (*FMT Rep*), Simran Jawanda (*MCGSS Rep*), George McCourt (*Faculty Rep*), Carina Coleman-Gridley (*MaL*).

Regrets: Valeriya Boyarkina (*FSA Rep*), Helen Turvene (*MESS Rep*), Patricia Sung (*Equity*.)

Absent: Caitlin Hier (*MaL*).

Guests:

Tyler Luft (*Speaker*), opened the meeting.

1. Administrative

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) moved to adopt the agenda as presented Nikulas Dworek (*President*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved to adopt the minutes from Feb 9th, 2021, Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

- **Business Arising**

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS - Jeanne-Armelle Uwiringiyimana: Hosted A virtual Valentines contest
 - FMT - Keesha Ness: Virtual Canada Ag Day, whole program attended. Virtual Dairy Challenge competition in April 2021
 - BESS - Alex Audi: Health Awareness week, Cooking class, yoga, Music Concert, all virtual.
 - DHNUS - Steven Chuang: Hosted Alumni event, well attended.

2. Subcommittee Business

2.1 MCSS Elections Guidelines/Timeline (Informational)

Election Standing Committee (*VP External, VP Finance, Equity*)



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Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*): The Original dates posted in the MCSS Newsletter had to be slightly modified, here is the new schedule:

Remote Campaign Guidelines Winter 2021

1. **Registration through Nomination:** Due **March 10th** (nomination form + blurb are due)

- a. The following must be submitted before the deadline:
 - i. Renamed Nomination Excel document with the corresponding signature requirements:
 1. President: 40 signatures
 2. All other Executives: 20 signatures
 3. Equity Commissioner and Environmental Advisor: 20 signatures
 - ii. A 250 word blurb
 - iii. A headshot

2. **Campaigning:**

- a. The **Campaign Period** will start **March 10th** and end **March 23rd at 11:59PM**
 - i. All campaigning material **must be removed before the end of the campaign period or else candidates will be disqualified.**
 - ii. All candidates must notify the Chief Returning Officers at **external.mcass@mail.mcgill.ca** of all online groups, events, pages, etc. for their campaign as they are created.
 - b. On **March 8th**, the **Info Session** will be held.
 - .Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend, as it will provide additional preparation for the Debate.
 - i. Potential candidates unsure about running are encouraged to attend.
 - ii. Attendees can invite other interested students who would like to know more about the MCSS.
 - c. **March 19th** 11:30 - TBD is the **Debate.**
 - .The debate is **mandatory** for all candidates.
 - i. They will be asked questions pertinent to their roles by the CRO and Co-Returning Officers.
 - ii. If there are multiple candidates running for the same position, a formal debate will be held.
 - iii. All debates will be recorded and posted on the MCSS Facebook page.
 - d. The MCSS will also be publishing the headshots and blurbs through the MCSS Newsletter and MCSS Facebook page.

3. **Elections** will be held online on **March 24th**, through MyInvolvement

3. Action Items

3.1 Chief Returning Officer nominations for Election (Discussion, Vote)

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) & Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*)

Nikulas Dworek (*President*): Since the current VP Internal is running for election, we must have an alternate Exec in her place; he proposed the following to take charge of the MCSS Elections:

- Chief Returning Officer: Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*)
- Co-Returning Officer: Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*)
- Co-Returning Officer: Patricia Sung (*Equity.*)

A discussion followed: all agreed



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Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved to appoint the above team to run MCSS Elections, Véronique Dion-Larivière seconded. Unanimous, carried.

3.2 McGill Permaculture Club Constitution Update (Discussion, Vote)

Véronique Dion-Larivière (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) presented the constitution (see attached). The club is in the process of applying to myinvolvement for co-curricular credit. The guidelines require a description of each club position, which they have now added to their constitution. A discussion followed.

Véronique Dion-Larivière (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) moved to adopt the updated McGill Permaculture Club Constitution, Nikulas Dworek (*President*) seconded. Unanimous, carried.

3.3 MARTLET Constitution Adoption -New Club (Discussion, Vote)

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) presented the constitution. This club will not be seeking funding from MCSS but rather from outside sponsorship. For ease of operation, they would like to process their funds and receipts reimbursements through MCSS. This club will be under Dr. Mark Lefsrud's supervision, to form a team and participate in a NASA CSA 3-year competition. All Mac students are eligible to apply, there are already 60 members and recruitment is ongoing.

A discussion followed: All agreed that this club is a good opportunity for Mac students, the main concerns were about the funding, the lack of elections and members wanting to remain on the team after graduating.

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) will meet with the club leaders and address these issues. Adoption of the constitution will be deferred to the next meeting.

3.4 MCSS Club Funding (Discussion, Vote)

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) presented The MAC Music and Judging Clubs Fund Request (see attached). Although a bit late, we can still allocate the funds. A discussion followed.

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) moved to allocate the Fund Request as presented, Mac Music \$310, Judging \$200, Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*) seconded. Unanimous, carried.

3.5 Club Fair (Informational)

Véronique Dion-Larivière (*VP Comm. & Student Life*): Virtual MCSS Club Fair will be on March 10th at 6pm on Zoom. Each club will have a breakout room to chat with interested students, who will be able to move from room to room. All clubs have been sent a google form to register, due Feb 25th.

4. Reports N/A



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5. Next Meeting

Nikulas Dworek (*President*): Next meeting on Tues, March 9th, 2021 at 6pm, on Microsoft Teams

6. Adjournment

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved to adjourn, Marie Prémont St-Jean (*VP Internal*) seconded. Unanimous, carried.

President _____ Secretary _____

Winter 2021 Distributions.xlsx		Open with ▾					
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	CLUB NAME	Total Projected Expenses :	Projected Fundraising/Sponsorships:	Total Requested funds:	Funds currently in Account	funds required	proposed funds from MCSS
2	Random Acts of Kindness(RAK)	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 60.94	\$ 839.06	\$ 400.00
3	MOC	\$ 3,931.00	\$ -	\$ 3,931.00	\$ 1,464.00	\$ 2,466.18	1500
4	Permaculture	\$ 860.00	\$ -	\$ 860.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 300.00
5	Mutrac	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 3,000.00
6	Music Club	\$ 310.00	\$ -	\$ 310.00	\$ 59.26	\$ 310.00	\$ 310.00
7	Judging	\$ 2,131.39	\$ -	\$ 2,131.39	\$ 2,004.14	\$ 127.25	200
16			totals:	\$ 16,232.39	\$ 7,859.82	\$ 8,312.49	\$ 5,710.00
21	MOC Notes:	they want 1K to carry over for beginning of next semester, not required. if they spend money over summer/before next budget request they will have to make it up at next budget request.					
22	RAK	200 for a microphone to set up a podcast, 700 for speaker fees.. we never give that much for speaker fees, i am proposing 250 for this.					
23		will budgets that RAK look for alternative ways of getting a microphone					