



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, Jan 26th, 2021** from 5:30 to 7:00 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*), Patricia Sung (*Equity Commissioner*), Jeanne-Armelle Uwiringiyimana (*AESUS Rep*), Alexander Audi (*BESS Rep*), Steven Chuang (*DHNUS Rep*), Keesha Ness (*FMT Rep*), Valeriya Boyarkina (*FSA Rep*), Simran Jawanda (*MCGSS Rep*), Helen Turvene (*MESS Rep*), George McCourt (*Faculty Rep*), Caitlin Hier (*MaL*), Carina Coleman-Gridley (*MaL*).

Regrets:

Absent:

Guests: Hela Kabani, Kathryn Landry

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

1. Administrative

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

- **Approval of the Minutes**

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved to adopt the minutes from Jan 12th, 2021, Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*), seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

- **Business Arising**

- N/A

2. Subcommittee Business

- N/A

3. Action Items

- **3.1 Special Guest: Hela Kabani -Nutrition in Health Care Club (NHC)**

Hela Kabani presented the new club constitution with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the clubs goals, planned activities and leadership body.

“This club will be focused on the health and illness sphere of nutrition and will be an educative, awareness, and social club.”



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A discussion followed: Concerns that the club was too similar to DHNUS, but in the end, most agreed that it would be a good fit for students from various other programs. Suggestions included, collaboration with other clubs and societies, and consulting with professors to ensure proper information is given during community outreach and events. Some changes to their constitutions were recommended, which she agreed to. The final version will be sent to the Secretary for our records.

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) moved to adopt the NHC constitution with the changes recommended, Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

- **3.2 Referendum Question - MCSS Student Life Fund Fee** (Discussion & Vote)

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) presented 2 proposals for the referendum question, one for the renewal of the fee (1 question) and the other for renewal and increase of the fee (2 questions).

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) emphasized the need to hear from the student association reps present to know which option they felt would be best for their members.

A discussion followed, the majority of reps agreed it should be the renewal and increase. Then the question of the timeline for renewal was raised, should it be in 2 or 5 years. They were evenly split on this, so it was put to the full Council.

***votes submitted by secret ballot to Tyler Luft (*Speaker*).

MOTION:

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved for a 2-year period in the referendum question for the renewal of the MCSS Student Life Fund Fee, Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) seconded.

For: 8 Against: 4 Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved to adopt the MCSS Student Life Fund Fee referendum question as follows:

Preamble:

WHEREAS the MCSS Student Life Fund Fee is a non-opt outable fee charged to all undergraduate and certificate (FMT) students of the Macdonald Campus of McGill University, directed to the four Undergraduate Student Associations' (AESUS, DHNUS, FSA and BESS) to fund activities as overseen by their executive leadership teams (councils) relating to student life, learning, and professional development.

WHEREAS the Macdonald Campus Students' Society ('the MCSS') funds the four Undergraduate Student Associations' budgets on the Mac Campus (AESUS, DHNUS, FSA and BESS) with the non-opt outable Student Life Fund Fee;



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WHEREAS the increase in the Canadian economy's general price levels (i.e. inflation) has resulted in \$8.00 in 2016 being equivalent to \$8.56 in 2020 (Source: Bank of Canada CPI calculator);

WHEREAS non-opt outable student fees must be brought to the Society's membership after two years for renewal by referendum.

Question 1:

“Do you agree to renew the non-opt outable MCSS Student Life Fund Fee of \$8.00 per term for both the full and part-time students under the MCSS, beginning in the Fall 2021 semester and to be brought back to the Society's membership in the Winter 2023 semester for renewal, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of funding for the four (4) Undergraduate Student Associations on the Mac Campus (AESUS, DHNUS, FSA and BESS)”

Yes/No/Abstain

Question 2:

“Do you agree to increase the non-opt outable MCSS Student Life Fund Fee by exactly the national inflation rate from \$8.00 to \$8.56 per term for both the full- and part-time students under the MCSS, beginning in the Fall 2021 semester and expiring after the Winter 2023 semester (unless renewed through a student referendum), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote could result in a decrease in the spending of the four Undergraduate Student Associations on the Mac Campus for the next five years (AESUS, DHNUS, FSA and BESS)”

Yes/No/Abstain

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

- **3.3 Referendum Questions –Amendments to the MCSS Constitution: VP Positions**

(Discussion & Vote)

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) presented the proposed amendments to the MCSS Constitution, changing the Environmental Advisor to Vice-President of Sustainability and Equity Commissioner to Vice-President of Equity Affairs. This would also moved them into the MCSS Executive Committee. Changes to the MCSS Constitution must be brought to a referendum; the Full Council will then adopt the resulting changes to the MCSS By-Laws.

A discussion followed.



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MOTION:

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved to adopt the MCSS Constitution Amendments referendum question as follows:

WHEREAS the MCSS Council would like to update the names of two (2) positions (Equity Commissioner and Environmental Advisor) in order to acknowledge and better reflect the equal importance and responsibilities that these positions have compared to the other Vice-President positions.

Question: Do you agree to the following changes to the MCSS Constitution? (Please Review the MCSS Constitution or contact Nik Dworek for any questions at president.mcss@mail.mcgill.ca)

Change all mentionings of “Equity Commissioner” to “Vice-President of Equity Affairs” in the following sections:

- 1.3.1.2.2 under sub-section labelled “Non-discrimination notice”
- 2.8 under section labelled “Definitions”

Change all mentionings of “Environmental Advisor” to “Vice-President of Sustainability” in the following sections:

- 2.8 under section labelled “Definitions”

Remove all mentionings of “Environmental Advisor” and “Equity Commissioner” in the following sections:

- 4.2.3 under sub-section labelled “Elected Representation”
- 7.2.1.1.8 under section labelled “Full Council Meetings”
- 7.2.1.1.9 under section labelled “Full Council Meetings”

Patricia Sung (*Equity Commissioner*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) presented the resulting changes to the MCSS By-Laws in the event that it is passed in the upcoming referendum. A discussion followed.

MOTION:

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) moved to adopt the resulting changes to the MCSS By-Laws as follows:

MCSS By-Law Edits

Rename sections:

- 1.10 to 1.12
- 1.11 to 1.13
- 1.12 to 1.10
- 1.13 to 1.11
- Reorder sections above numerically and rename sub-sections accordingly.



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- Change all mentionings of “Equity Commissioner” to “Vice-President of Equity Affairs” in the following sections:
 - 1.9.1.
 - 1.13.
 - 2.2.2.
 - 2.3.2.
 - 2.3.3.
- Change all mentionings of “Environmental Advisor” to “Vice-President of Sustainability” in the following sections:
 - 1.12
 - 2.2.2.
 - 2.2.4.
- Replace “Environmental Advisor” with “Vice-President of Equity Affairs” in section:
 - 1.13.1
- Add “Vice-President of Equity Affairs” to the following section:
 - 2.1.2.
- Add “Vice-President of Sustainability” to the following section:
 - 2.1.2.

Patricia Sung (*Equity Commissioner*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

- **3.4 Selecting Gold Key Undergrad Student Representative**

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) opened the discussion on the Gold Key Committee, suggesting the a Member-at-Large would be well suited to be on it. Caitlin Hier (*MaL*) volunteered, and he will put her in contact with Anna Duff.

- **3.5 MCSS Club Funding**

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*): Emails are going out soon to all clubs that MCSS funding is available to them, Student Reps are encouraged to spread the word.

4. Reports **N/A**

5. Next Meeting

Nikulas Dworek (*President*): Next meeting on Tues, Feb 9th, 2021 at 5:30pm, on Microsoft Teams

6. Adjournment

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

President _____ Secretary _____



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