



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 **Wednesday, Sept 9, 2020** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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*), Véronique Dion-Larivière (*VP Comm. & Student Life*), Karl-Antoine Hogue (*Envr. Advisor*), Patricia Sung (*Equity Commissioner*), Alexander Audi (*BESS Rep*), Simran Jawanda (*MCGSS Rep*), George McCourt (*Faculty Rep*).

Regrets: Steven Chuang (*DHNUS Rep*), Valeriya Boyarkina (*FSA Rep*)

Absent:

- **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**

N/A

- **Business arising**

- **Subcommittee Business**

- **VP External “Sub Committee” Member(s) at Large: MCSS Black Student Representatives**
(Vote) Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*)

She met with SSMU President and VP External about adding Black Student Representative(s) on MCSS Council. This new representative(s) would fall under the MCSS VP External as a sub-committee Member-at-Large, and would be added in our By-Laws. One Black rep is needed for a Senate committee, and possibly another for a Student Services committee. The first step would be to vote on an application process, then, after the MCSS elections, the Black Representative(s) would be selected.

A Discussion followed on application guidelines, including a suggestion for an Indigenous Student rep.



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

Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*) moved to create an MCSS Black Student representative position, working in the capacity of a member of the VP External's sub-committee, selected via application effective during the Fall 2020 term, Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

- **Action Items**

- **ClicSEQUR Authorization for Juliana Agolli** (Vote)
Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*)

Our new Accounts Administrator, Juliana Agolli needs access to clicSEQUR in order to file paperwork with Revenue Québec on behalf of MCSS.

Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*) moved to adopt the following motion:

Associations des Étudiants du Campus Macdonald (AECM)

IL EST RÉSOLU :

QUE Juliana Agolli, "Accounts Administrator" (ci-après le "représentant") soit, et elle est par les présentes, autorisée à signer pour et au nom de la société les documents requis pour l'inscription à clicSEQUR et, généralement, à faire tout ce qu'elle jugera utile et nécessaire à cette fin.

QUE le ministre soit, et il est par les présentes, autorisé à communiquer au représentant les renseignements dont il dispose et qui sont nécessaire à l'inscription à clicSEQUR.

Le soussigné, étant l'administrateur unique de la société AECM, signe et approuve les résolutions ci-dessus mentionnées. Un exemplaire de ces résolutions est conservé au registre des procès-verbaux de la société et en fait partie intégrante.

Ces résolutions entrent en vigueur le 9 Septembre 2020

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

- **KeepMeSafe Referendum** (Vote)
Keel Scruton (VP finance)

McGill is currently paying MCSS' share of the KeepmeSAFE, the new mental wellness student support program. The cost per student per semester is \$2.75. We must now vote on the referendum question for the Winter 2020 semester. The question will then need approval by the Deputy Provost.

A discussion followed on the KeepmeSAFE stats over the summer of 2020.

Keel Scruton (VP finance) moved to adopt the following referendum question:



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

“Do you agree to establish the non-opt-outable MCSS keepmeSAFE fee at \$2.75 per student per semester, payable by all MCSS members, starting Winter 2020 until Winter 2024 (inclusive) to access the keepmeSAFE 24/7/365 mental health services (including access to in-person counselling, secure clinical mobile chat, telephone, and video chat), with an understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the termination of the keepmeSAFE mental health counselling services for all MCSS members (Undergraduate and FMT students at the Macdonald Campus)?”

Nikulas Dworek (*President*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

- **Fall Election “Nomination Method”** (Discussion)
Nikulas Dworek (*President*)

VP University Affairs Andres Perez-Tiniacos, transferred downtown over the summer, therefore resigning from his position on MCSS Council. At an MCSS Executives’ meeting this summer, it was decided to keep the role within MCSS and assign Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*) to attend Senate, and Keel Scruton (*VP Finance*), Board of Governors.
By-Election for VP Business Operations, VP Academic, as well as election of MCSS Business Operations Members and & Members at Large are scheduled for late September.

A discussion followed on the nomination process during COVID-19, forgoing nominations forms in favor of candidates attending an info session to demonstrate their commitment. As these are unusual circumstances, we want to make it as easy as possible for new students to get involved. Marie Prémont St-Jean (*VP Internal*) will create a Facebook post calling for nominations as soon as possible.

All agreed that the MCSS Election period will go as follows:

- Candidates info session registration by Sept 22nd at 11:59pm
- Info sessions online on Sept 23rd, at 9am and Sept 24th, at 6pm
- Candidates’ blurbs due by Sept 25th, in time to be featured at the Club Fair
- Club Fair online on Sept 25th, where candidates can be announced.
- MCSS Elections on myinvolvement on Sept 28th and 29th.
-

- **Reports**

- **VP External (Leela Riddle-Merritte)**
 - Extended S/U Option (Senate)
 - Black Student Groups’ Committee
 - Macdonald Campus Hiring Equitable Practices (Prof. Angela Campbell & Dean Anja Geitmann)
 - Macdonald Campus Student Services’ Meeting

- **Next Meeting: TBA**

- **Adjournment**

Leela Riddle-Merritte (*VP External*) moved to adjourn, Karl-Antoine Hogue (*Envr. Advisor*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

President _____

Secretary _____



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