



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 **Monday, Sept 19, 2022**, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in CC-207

Present:

_____ (<i>Speaker</i>)	Ambar Maldonado Rodriguez (<i>AESUS Rep</i>)
Joëlle Mottart (<i>Secretary to the Council</i>)	Juliette Gauthier (<i>BESS Rep</i>)
Defne Helvacioğlu (<i>President</i>)	_____ (<i>DHNUS Rep</i>)
Cloé Gosselin (<i>VP Internal</i>)	_____ (<i>FMT Rep</i>)
Zell Song (<i>VP External</i>)	_____ (<i>FSA Rep</i>)
Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (<i>VP Finance</i>)	_____ (<i>MESS Rep</i>)
Arthur Begin (<i>VP BOC</i>)	Fernando Altamura (<i>Faculty Rep</i>)
Henry Lee (<i>VP Comm. & Student Life</i>)	_____ (<i>MaL</i>)
Alireza Roosta (<i>VP University Affairs</i>)	_____ (<i>MaL</i>)
Charlotte Chan (<i>VP Academic</i>)	
Liam Buckley (<i>VP Sustainability</i>)	
Sara Kosumi (<i>VP Equity</i>)	

Regrets:

Absent: Mehtab Singh (*MCGSS Rep*)

Acting Speaker Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) opened the meeting.

1. Administrative

● **Adoption of the Agenda**

Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) moved to adopt the agenda as presented Zell Song (*VP External*) seconded. Unanimous, Carried.

● **Approval of the Minutes** N/A

● **Business Arising**

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS -old and new members meetings done, plans for Carnival in mid-October and Social media blitz
 - MCGSS
 - FMT
 - BESS -First meeting and retreat done, BREE Integration Sept 22, Mactoberfest planning.
 - FSA
 - DHNUS
 - MESS
 - SSMU - TBD

2. Subcommittee Business



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- N/A

3. Action Items

- **3.1 MCSS Council Introductions**
Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) welcomed all Council members and invited all to introduce themselves.
- **3.2 SPF Referendum Question Vote** (Informational, Discussion, Vote)
Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented the SPF referendum question:

Whereas MCSS, SSMU, PGSS, and McGill University have made commitments to supporting a culture of sustainability, as exemplified by the co-creation and operation of the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) in Winter 2010, which is co-funded by students (50%) and the University (50%) and has funded over 300 projects to date totaling over eleven million dollars,

Whereas the SPF Annual Report is presented each fall semester to the three student societies,

Whereas a renewed SPF would continue to be governed by a consensus-based parity governance council (equal numbers of students and staff) and accept project applications from any current MCSS, SSMU, PGSS students, and McGill academic staff and administrative staff,

Whereas further information about the SPF is available at www.mcgill.ca/sustainability/spf, including application process and criteria, funded projects, annual reports, and other relevant documentation,

Whereas the previous SPF referendum took place in 2017-2018, and passed with the following percentage of students in favor of contributing \$0.55 per credit (up to 15 credits) to the Fund: MCSS (98%), SSMU (89%), and PGSS (74%),

Whereas maintaining the fee of \$0.55 per credit (up to 15 credits) will allow the fund to continue operating at its current level of approximately \$1 million per year over the next five years, from 2023 to 2028,

Whereas a “No” result for the MCSS, SSMU, and/or PGSS referendum would abolish the SPF entirely,

Whereas McGill University is committed to match the student contribution dollar for dollar – between Fall 2023 and Winter 2028,

Be it resolved that MCSS Council approve the following question for Fall 2022 referendum period:



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“Do you agree to renew the non-opt-outable Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) fee for the next five academic years (Fall 2023 through Winter 2028) at \$0.55 per credit per student per semester (up to 15 credits), payable by all member of the Macdonald Campus Student Society, as matched in equal amount by McGill University?”

A discussion followed: there were a few questions about the history and use of the SPF fund.

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the SPF referendum question as presented, Liam Buckley (*VP Sustainability*) seconded.

Unanimous, carried.

- **3.3 MCSS Elections**

Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*): there was initially a low level of interest to fill the Members at Large and BOC Member positions, so we extended the deadline to Sept 20th at 11am at the Open Students' Society Meeting in the Ceilidh. There. We will close the nominations and present the SPF referendum question to the student body. Election and referendum vote will be from Sept 29 at 9am, to Oct 2 at 11:59pm. on myinvolvement.

- **3.3 Faculty Advisors and MCSS Feedback Forms**

Charlotte Chan (*VP Academic*): We have created an MCSS feedback form with QR code. Posters will be placed on campus and online.

Also, one for Faculty Advisors feedback from students, which has been approved by Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Valerie Orsat.

Both forms can be anonymous.

4. Reports

5. Next Meeting

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Next meeting on Mon, Oct 10, 2022 at 5:30pm, in CC-150

6. Adjournment

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adjourn; Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) seconded. Unanimous, carried.

President _____

Secretary _____