



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, Nov 28, 2022**, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in CC-162

Present:

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

Regrets: Arthur Begin (*VP BOC*), Anas Alhourani (*FSA Rep*), Mehtab Singh (*MCGSS Rep*), Juliette Gagnon (*MaL*),

Absent: Juliette Nguyen (*DHNUS Rep*)

Guests:

Sahar Sakhi (*Speaker*) opened the meeting.

1. Administrative

● **Adoption of the Agenda**

Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) moved to adopt the agenda as presented Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● **Approval of the Minutes**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the minutes from Nov 14, 2022, Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● **Business Arising**

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS -Goodie bags for finals pickup on Dec 1st, CaPS event planning for next semester.
 - MCGSS
 - FMT
 - BESS -BREE holiday party Dec 2, BREE lounge reno ongoing.
 - FSA
 - DHNUS -Hot Chocolate and gratitude tree collab on Dec 1
 - MESS



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2. Subcommittee Business

- **Item Name, (Position)**

3. Action Items

- **3.1 Voting for the Amendments of the [MCSS Equity Policy](#)**

Sara Kosumi (VP Equity Affairs) presented the second draft of the MCSS Equity Policy. A discussion followed on a few of the changes.

Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) moved to adopt the MCSS Equity Policy as presented, Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

- **3.2 Study Snacks in Ceilidh (Info)**

Defne Helvacioğlu (President): The Ceilidh will be used as a study space for students during finals, starting on Wed, Dec 7th. MCSS will be providing snacks and beverages, so please fill out the schedule to volunteer for setting up and closing each day.

- **3.3 MCSS Christmas Party (Info)**

Defne Helvacioğlu (President): Our annual MCSS Holiday Party will be on Mon, Dec 5th in the Ceilidh at 5:30pm. It will be a combination of take-out food and potluck. A spreadsheet will be sent out for the potluck items.

- **3.4 Course Fee Increase for [PLNT 358](#) and [PLNT 460](#) (Informational, Discussion, Vote)**

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (VP-Finance) presented: She attended the Fee Advisory Committee meeting on Nov 18, where these course fee increases were discussed. The increases are mainly due to transportation costs for field trips. Deputy Provost Fabrice Labeau requested that MCSS approve these proposals for transparency. She will be sending an official letter to Director of Financial Services, Mary Jo McCullogh, on behalf of MCSS.

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (VP-Finance) moved to adopt the PLNT 358 and PLNT 460 Course Fee Increases as presented, Defne Helvacioğlu (President) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

4. Reports

- **President**

- Shuttle Bus Situation

- We put a survey out for students to give feedback
- Talked to the Dean about it, did not get much result
- Will meet with Natalie **Phillips-Elgar**, Academic Priorities and Student Engagement Officer on Wednesday

- **External**

- Sign up/ volunteer for exam snack give-away [Fall Exam Snack give-away](#)
- Student-led course: Interprofessional Global Health Course 2023 (IPGHC)



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- For students in healthcare but also for those who interested
- more information: <https://www.mcgill.ca/globalhealth/students/courses/trainings-workshops-short-courses/ipghe>
- **Equity Affairs**
 - Gratitude tree & Hot chocolate was a success! => sticking all the letters on one paper
 - Another Gratitude tree & Hot chocolate event in CC this Thursday (Dec 1st)
 - Amendment based on last Full Council Meeting is made on the MCSS Equity Policy
 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee
 - The new document was adopted
- **University Affairs**
 - Will need to do research to see if the following applies to mac as well, will update later on this.

The wording of the webpage on covid exam deferrals has changed. It is now explicitly acknowledged that if you need to defer a final exam due to covid, a medical note is not necessary, so if you, for instance, get covid + tonight and have a test tomorrow morning, do not feel pressure to attend sick because you have not provided documentation or communicated with student affairs yet. (I am checking with Mac SAO to see if they also align themselves with this new statement as well. The webpage is run by Enrolment services which manages requests for faculties of science and arts, so I will need to check with our student affairs office on this, maybe then, if it is clear that our SAO also goes by what Enrolment services, we can make an announcement to remind students that they shouldn't feel pressured to come to finals sick. McGill covid deferrals website: <https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/dates/supdefer>

- Ongoing projects with student senators: Creation of a course syllabus repository, Checking the possibility of creating a for-credit health and wellness-themed course

5. Next Meeting

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Next meeting TBA in Jan 2023

6. Adjournment

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

President _____

Secretary _____