



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, Jan 16, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** in CC-150

Present:

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>)	Juliette Nguyen (<i>DHNUS Rep</i>)
Zell Song (<i>VP External</i>)	Connor Velthius (<i>FMT Rep</i>)
Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (<i>VP Finance</i>)	Ririka Saito (<i>FSA Rep</i>)
Arthur Begin (<i>VP BOC</i>)	Anna Pieper (<i>MESS Rep</i>)
Henry Lee (<i>VP Comm. & Student Life</i>)	Fernando Altamura (<i>Faculty Rep</i>)
Alireza Roosta (<i>VP University Affairs</i>)	Juliette Gagnon (<i>MaL</i>)
Charlotte Chan (<i>VP Academic</i>)	
Sara Kosumi (<i>VP Equity</i>)	

Regrets: Gabrielle Barbier (*MaL*)

Absent: Sahar Sakhi (*Speaker*), Liam Buckley (*VP Sustainability*), Mehtab Singh (*MCGSS Rep*)

Guests:

Acting speaker Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) opened the meeting.

1. Administrative

● **Adoption of the Agenda**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the agenda as presented Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● **Approval of the Minutes**

Zell Song (*VP External*) moved to adopt the minutes from Nov 28, 2022, Connor Velthius (*FMT Rep*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● **Business Arising**

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS -MCSS Club Fair went well, plans for cooking class, Mental Health awareness and tote bag contest
 - MCGSS
 - FMT
 - BESS -Tote bags ready soon, QEC coming up
 - FSA -Merch order due by Jan 29, plans for Foodventure, IFTSA event, masterclass and career roundtable
 - DHNUS
 - MESS -Merch from LeJames coming soon, new MESS council positions downtown.



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2. Subcommittee Business

- N/A

3. Action Items

• **3.1 Mac Becoming a Food Desert**

Anna Pieper (*MESS Rep*): The only grocery store in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Marché Richard, abruptly closed on Jan 14, 2023, with only 2 days' notice. This is a big concern for the local community as well as Mac Campus students. The other closest option is the Provigo in Baie d'Urfé, which will be closing soon and reopen as a Maxi grocery store. She has created a petition and emailed the Major of Ste-Anne's, Paola Hawa.

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): She has emailed the Dean to discuss this issue, please submit your suggestions to her. Also, the upcoming Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue town council meeting will be discussing possible solutions.

• **3.2 Syllabus Repository**

Alireza Roosta (*VP University Affairs*): Pilot running as of Jan 15, posted on the MCSS Website. He will get help from other student associations at Mac to let students know where it can be found. We could also create a post for the MCSS Newsletter. It will become more complete and organized over time, hopefully for next year.

• **3.3 Changes in MCSS Executive Positions and Honorariums**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): There will be a restructuring of the MCSS Executive positions as well as an increase in the annual honorariums. She will be sending out a detailed proposal before next full council meeting for discussion and vote.

The future plan is for Executives to earn a salary. This will require a referendum vote next year for implementation in the 2024-2025 academic year.

4. Reports

Equity Affairs

- a. Menstrual Hygiene product distribution
 - i. Out of 600 products, Mac (MCSS + MCGSS + PGSS) requested to have 30 menstrual cups, 100 underwear, and 100 reusable cups => re-distribute among Mac based on the ratio of students
 - ii. The above is not enough for the whole community so Mac will ask for SPF collaboratively.



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- iii. To make it sustainable, we will also need to pass **referenda to set a non-opt-out able menstrual product fee** (\$2.10 fee /semester in DT so something close to or less than that)
- b. SSMU Mental Health round table
 - i. Discussions along [SSMU Mental Health Policy and Plan](#)
 - ii. The local wellness advisor shortage is also happening in DT
- c. Peer support training for execs
 - i. Getting responses from PSC and Wellness Hub (on the discussion stage)
- d. Writing statement against [McGill's recent transphobic guest speaker](#) in progress

Communications

- e. Club Fair last week Thursday (Jan. 12)
- f. Planning on holding Club Tool-Kit / Maction event next week (hopefully Monday, Jan. 23)
 - i. Guide clubs
 - ii. VP Finance will help present how to do club funding; expectations
- g. Will meet with Namuun this week to plan restaurant social media for rest of semester (other than the menu)

President

- h. Meeting with Dean Dr Anja Geitmann, the dean and Mathieu Laperle, Senior Director, Student Housing and Hospitality Services to discuss St-Anne becoming a food desert after closure of Marche Richelieu
- i. Meeting with SSMU President and President of Student Associations under SSMU for interfaculty policy
- j. Attended the last Faculty Meeting of the semester on December 16th, 2022. Faculty is planning on implementing EDI in their departmental committees as well. They are planning on creating a specific EDI committee which MCSS representative will also be attending.
- k. Planning on a meet up with SSMU Executives and MCSS Executives
- l. Working on MCSS storage system to create a space for the multi-faith room
- m. Fall Semester Exit Reports have been collected from MCSS Executives

5. Next Meeting

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Next meeting on Mon, Jan 30, 2023 at 5:30pm, in CC-162

6. Adjournment

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) moved to adjourn, Fernando Altamura (*Faculty Rep*) seconded.

Unanimous, carried.

President _____

Secretary _____



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