



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

Present:

Sahar Sakhi (<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>)	Juliette Nguyen (<i>DHNUS Rep</i>)
Cloé Gosselin (<i>VP Internal</i>)	Connor Velthuis (<i>FMT Rep</i>)
Zell Song (<i>VP External</i>)	Anas Alhourani (<i>FSA Rep</i>)
Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (<i>VP Finance</i>)	Mehtab Singh (<i>MCGSS Rep</i>)
Arthur Begin (<i>VP BOC</i>)	Anna Pieper (<i>MESS Rep</i>)
Henry Lee (<i>VP Comm. & Student Life</i>)	Gabrielle Barbier (<i>MaL</i>)
Charlotte Chan (<i>VP Academic</i>)	
Liam Buckley (<i>VP Sustainability</i>)	
Sara Kosumi (<i>VP Equity</i>)	

Regrets: Alireza Roosta (*VP University Affairs*), Charlotte Chan (*VP Academic*), Fernando Altamura (*Faculty Rep*), Juliette Gagnon (*MaL*)

Absent:

Guests:

Sahar Sakhi (*Speaker*) opened the meeting.

1. Administrative

● **Adoption of the Agenda**

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) moved to adopt the agenda as presented Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● **Approval of the Minutes**

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) moved to adopt the minutes from Jan 16, 2023, Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● **Business Arising**

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS -Trivia online, painting class, tote bags
 - MCGSS -Attended conference, Winter orientation Wellness Hub panel discussion, Bagel Breakfast all went well. Upcoming photo contest, MISA event. Setup of grad lounge in Raymond.
 - FMT -They will form a team for the Canadian Intercollegiate Judging Competition in Guelph on March 12-13 and will revive the Mac Judging competition. Date TBA.



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- BESS -Textbook sale and QEC competition done, Yoga session on Feb 10, maybe Valentines Day plan, BREE banquet on March 29, location TBA. Working on options to opt into EUS
- FSA -IFTA session in Jan. upcoming plans for collab with DHNUS and M3D for Valentines chocolate sales. Also “Foodventure” and food industry roundtable to come.
- DHNUS: EDAW week and mentorship program
- MESS

2. Subcommittee Business

- N/A

3. Action Items

3.1 MCSS Budget 2022-2023

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) presented the budget.

[MCSS Budget 2022-2023.pptx](#)

A discussion followed: As expected, both the Ceilidh bar and new Restaurant are operating at a deficit. Despite that we remain financially stable.

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) moved to adopt the MCSS Budget 22-23 as presented, Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) seconded
Unanimous, carried.

3.2 Proposal for Changes in MCSS Executive Positions and Structure

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented [Proposal for MCSS Exec Position Changes](#)

We would be restructuring the executive positions going from 10 Execs to 6. This involves a redistribution of duties that is more balanced. As well, we would make them paid by honorarium (hourly rate at minimum wage set by the Quebec government). We would use an app to track work hours. This is all in an effort to make participation in student council more accessible to those who also need to work while in school. If the proposal is adopted by Council, the next step will be to write a referendum question for adoption by Council and approval from the Deputy Provost.

A discussion followed: Concerns about transparency of hours claimed, monthly reports will be required. Overseen by VP Finance and President.

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the MCSS executive Positions and Structure proposal as presented, Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) seconded
Unanimous, carried.



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3.3 MCSS Food Desert

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): She has suggested to the Dean, the possibility of turning the Bookstore or Mac Market into a grocery store. All suggestions are welcome, send them to her. Student Housing will also be consulted.

Liam Buckley (*VP Sustainability*) and Anna Pieper (*MESS Rep*) will work on a survey to determine our students' needs.

4. Reports

4.1 President

-Meeting with Dean about closure of the only grocery store in St-Anne, possible ways to have the bookstore or Mac Market to change into a on campus grocery store

-Worked on proposal for changing MCSS Structure and positions

-Working with MASEC for student and alumni events, possible representation of Mac Campus on downtown events

4.2 Henry

- Club Tool-Kit will be held this week Friday (4-5)
- Club funding committee will meet this week

4.2 Business Operations

- Transitioning MCSS on the Microsoft (MS) Platform (Teams);
- Evaluating different apps integrations based on MS for efficient workflows for MCSS executives;
- Implementing new drinks in the restaurant;
- Implementing a Bring your Own Mug system in the restaurant;
- Implementing air-fried food items during bar night;
- Planning events for the semester (Bull Night 2.0, Valentine, Rainbow Mac events, etc);

4.3 Equity Affairs

- Exec training => setting the date
- Eco-Anxiety and grief affecting wellness workshop
- Statement against McGill's recent transphobic guest speaker
 - What happened: <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/trans-activists-plan-protest-against-controversial-speaker-at-mcgill>
 - Draft statement against transphobic speaker: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NafSA-7je2D1RCeWivBTru5cEMdGMSB3UEN0Gt9ToRA/edit>
- Sanitary product
 - Constant distribution of sanitary product by MCSS (students could ask Juliana to receive one when needed)
- Alternatives to wellness advisor for international students => [maple virtual care](#)

4.3 Internal

- Ski trip and Casino night occurred over the past 2 weeks
 - Both events were successful in their execution
 - Low turnout for Casino



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- Potential misunderstanding from student body that it was not a regular ceilidh night
- After vote today -> elections process will begin
- Grad ball committee with reps from all students sub-societies to be established this month

5. Next Meeting

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Next meeting on Mon, Feb 13, 2023, at 5:30pm, in CC-150

6. Adjournment

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) moved to adjourn, Connor Velthuis (*FMT Rep*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

President _____

Secretary _____