



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, Feb 13, 2023**, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in CC-150

Present:

Joëlle Mottart (<i>Secretary to the Council</i>)	Sara Kosumi (<i>VP Equity</i>)
Defne Helvacioğlu (<i>President</i>)	Ambar Maldonado Rodriguez (<i>AESUS Rep</i>)
Cloé Gosselin (<i>VP Internal</i>)	Juliette Gauthier (<i>BESS Rep</i>)
Zell Song (<i>VP External</i>)	Anas Alhourani (<i>FSA Rep</i>)
Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (<i>VP Finance</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>)	Gabrielle Barbier (<i>MaL</i>)
Charlotte Chan (<i>VP Academic</i>)	
Liam Buckley (<i>VP Sustainability</i>)	

Regrets: Sahar Sakhi (*Speaker*), Connor Velthuis (*FMT Rep*), Arthur Begin (*VP BOC*) Juliette Nguyen (*DHNUS Rep*), Juliette Gagnon (*MaL*), Mehtab Singh (*MCGSS Rep*)

Absent:

Guests: Alex Golovko & Charly Tajnay (Studentcare)

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, Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

● **Approval of the Minutes**

Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) moved to adopt the minutes from Jan 30, 2023, Liam Buckley (*VP Sustainability*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

● **Business Arising**

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS -Tote bag design contest, V-Day emails, Painting class
 - MCGSS
 - FMT
 - BESS -Switch Tournament, Banquet downtown, Team going to CEC
 - FSA -Foodventure relocation, Sugar Shack planned, FSA Trivia soon.
 - DHNUS -EDAW coming soon, V-Day candy Feb 14, research workshop
 - MESS -



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2. Subcommittee Business

- N/A

3. Action Items

- **3.1 Presentation on Dialogue and Legal Protection (Info)**
Alex Golovko presented the Dialogue Telemedicine and Legal Services options up for renewal as part of the Studentcare insurance plan for students.
- **3.2 Fee Renewals (3) Referendum Questions for Adoption (Discussion, Vote)**
Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented.
[MASTER REF QUESTIONS](#)

A discussion followed:

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the Dialogue Virtual Healthcare referendum question as follows:

“Do you agree to renew the opt-outable MCSS Dialogue Virtual Health Care service valued at \$44.84 per student to be charged in the Fall semester for full year access (September to August), students who begin in the Winter semester will be charged a pro-rated fee of \$29.90 to access the program from January to August, payable by all Full-Time and Part-Time MCSS members, for 5 years starting Fall 2023 until Winter 2028 (inclusive) to access the Virtual Health Care service, at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) seconded
Unanimous, carried.

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the Legal Protection referendum question as follows:

“Do you agree to renew and increase the opt-outable MCSS Legal Essentials service valued at \$30.00 per student to be charged in the Fall semester for full year access (September to August), students who begin in the Winter semester will be charged a pro-rated fee of \$20.00 to access the program from January to August, payable by all Full-Time and Part-Time MCSS members, for 5 years starting Fall 2023 until Winter 2028 (inclusive) to access the Legal Essentials service, at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) seconded
Unanimous, carried.

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the MCSS Life Fund Fee referendum questions as follows:



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Question 1:

“Do you agree to renew the non-opt outable Student Life Fund Fee of \$8.56 per term for both the full and part-time students under the MCSS, beginning in the Fall 2023 semester and to be brought back to the Society’s membership in the Winter 2025 semester for renewal, with the understanding that a majority “no” vote would result in the absence of funding for the four (4) Undergraduate Student Associations on the Mac Campus (AESUS, DHNUS, FSA and BESS)”

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) seconded
Unanimous, carried.

Question 2:

“Do you agree to increase the non-opt outable Student Life Fund Fee by exactly the national inflation rate from \$8.56 to \$9 per term for both the full- and part-time students under the MCSS, beginning in the Fall 2023 semester and expiring after the Winter 2025 semester (unless renewed through a student referendum), with the understanding that a majority “no” vote could result in a decrease in the spending of the four Undergraduate Student Associations on the Mac Campus for the next two years (AESUS, DHNUS, FSA and BESS)”

Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) seconded
Unanimous, carried.

- **3.3 MCSS By-Laws Update for Adoption** (Discussion, Vote)

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented: After further discussion with Council, we have revised the MCSS By-Laws since the Jan 30th, 2023 vote. This is the new version to be voted on today: [MCSS By-Laws-W23-Edits.docx](#)

A discussion followed: All agreed that this update with restructuring of the MCSS Executive Committee, going from 10 to 7 Execs, will be more efficient going forward.

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the MCSS By-Laws as presented, Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

- **3.4 Course Fee Increase-[WILD 475](#) [WILD 475 supporting documents](#)**

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP-Finance*) presented: Deputy Provost Fabrice Labeau is requesting once more that MCSS approve this proposal for transparency.

At the Fee Advisory Committee meeting on Feb 3, 2023 this course fee increase was discussed. She will be sending an official letter to Director of Financial Services, Mary Jo McCulloch, on behalf of MCSS. The increase of \$313 is mainly due to inflation, and the cost of fuel and food for Desert Ecology field trips.

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP-Finance*) moved to adopt the WILD 475 Course Fee Increase as presented, Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.



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- **3.5 Ceilidh Extended Hour Initiative and Discussion on How to Support Students**
(Discussion)
Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) opened the discussion on the unexpected closure of the Barton/Macdonald Stewart/Raymond complex and how to support students affected. All agreed to open the Ceilidh for extended quiet hours during the week, with MCSS Execs signing up to be present to help out.
- **3.6 Committee on MCSS Executive Training Redesign (Info)**
Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Committee volunteers are needed to help with leadership training for all student leaders. Let her know if you are interested.
- **3.7 “Make a Club” Club Constitution for Adoption**
Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*): This club could help generate student in many interests which would help the campus thrive. They will not be requesting any funding from MCSS.
A discussion followed:

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) moved to adopt the “Make a Club” Club, Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.
- **3.8 MCSS Club Fund Requests Winter 2023** (Discussion, Vote)
Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (VP-Finance) presented.

A discussion followed: Some questions about the funding for Mac MOC, it was determined that they are the most active club with many outings and outdoor sport activities, so all agreed.

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (VP-Finance) moved to adopt the MCSS Club Fund Requests Winter 2023 as presented, Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.
- **3.9 FINAL Reminder for Head Shots**
Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*): Last chance to submit your headshot to update the MCSS website.

4. Reports

External

- Movie night meeting: it's a event for next academic semester.
- Created signup sheet for Ceilidh Extended Hours for building closures due to asbestos
[Ceilidh extended hours](#)
- Meeting with DT food security meeting (food price and other); at the stage of brain storming; everyone get to know each other and know the resources available.



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- DT community engagement meeting: student volunteer opportunities during the summer (DT community engagement day under planning)
- Contacted Happy Belly for potential collaborations
- Food desert survey has sent out, deadline for collecting responses is end of this week.
 - Next step would be talking to the housing office, maybe contacting grocery stores (if students are interested in online order), maybe contact the city council
- Drive safe:
 - Van: Cost \$195/ night. Every Thursday from March 9th - April 6th, 1 Van can take 5 students to commute between DT and Mac: 11:15 pm- 2am. Schedule: 11:15pm DT to Mac, 12pm Mac to DT, 1am DT-Mac, 2am Mac to DT. Students can call from 11pm on the day, and they can book the next earliest shuttle if the earliest one is not available.----- Needs approval from Defne and VP Finance
- Shepherd's pie event (my stage), intending to reconnect staff and students. Need volunteer. Event on March 9th.

VP Equity

- International food festival
 - [International food tasting event waiver](#) (both visitor and food provider)
 - Open to any comments/suggestions :)
 - [Frame work for international tasting festival](#)
 - [International Food Tasting Sign up form](#) (both visitor and food provider)
 - [International food event food provider sheet](#)
 - Safety poster
 - In case of allergy
 - In case of choking
 - Collaboration with AESUS

Eco-Anxiety workshop

- March 20th 18:00-19:30 on zoom
- With MORSL
- Simple RSVP registration on myinvolvement
- Goal:
 - Getting students to know that they are not alone
 - Create support network within themselves
- Maybe we could have a support group meeting in person as a follow up event

VP University Affairs:

- Discussing next steps on responding to the call for consultation on **Academic freedom Policy** with student reps of downtown faculties prior to the open session with admin on Feb 22nd, I will update the council on this next time if there are any news
- Will start working on reaching out to profs to ask for their **syllabi for Mac fall course offerings**, I NEED someone who knows a thing or two about website editing on wordpress , if you happen to know someone even semi-proficient in this matter please let me know, that



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helps with my search

- In the board's meeting last Wednesday, it was announced that testing for **asbestos** airborne residues in Barton-Mac Stewart had come back positive until the day before the meeting where they were last conducted. No information on the cause of the issue, expected duration of closure, when and where it started, etc.
- Might hold a second RESEARCH 101 workshop, this time through MCSS & potentially In-person

President:

- Worked on restructuring MCSS positions for next year and updated By-laws accordingly
- Worked with our Insurance Company on Dialogue and Legal Fee Renewal
- Worked with student associations on MCSS Student Life Fund Fee Renewal
- Worked with VP External on potential collaboration with Drive-Safe for
- Cleared out the MCSS Storage for potential use and initiated an inventory system
- Started Ceilidh Extended Hours for building closures due to asbestos
- Started a committee to plan trainings for all executives under MCSS

VP Communications

- Helped out with Ceilidh Extended Hours this weekend
- Held Club Toolkit event on Friday, Feb. 3
- Sent out Club Toolkit PDF to all new/existing clubs

VP Business Operations

- Working on establishing a reusable container system at the Ceilidh Restaurant;
- Establishing discounts for student bringing their own mugs at the Ceilidh Restaurant;
- Analyzing sales & costs data into MS BI, establishing a procedure for the software (will help take informed business decisions in the future/next semesters);
- Planning rotating the Ceilidh Bar menu according to sales data;
- Planning events every week at the Ceilidh Bar (Valentine & Classic Ceilidh Night this week!);
- Optimizing our social media strategies to increase the visibility of the businesses on the web;
- Planning the Bull Night 2.0 in early March.

VP Internal

- Grad ball committee emails have been sent
 - First meeting to happen soon with presidents of sub-societies

VP Sustainability

- Shuttle bus proposal is done
- Grocery survey is done
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5. Next Meeting

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Next meeting on Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 5:30pm, in CC-150

6. Adjournment

_____ moved to adjourn, _____ seconded.

Unanimous, carried.

President _____ Secretary _____