



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, March 20, 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>)	Ririka Saito (<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>)	Fernando Altamura (<i>Faculty Rep</i>)
Charlotte Chan (<i>VP Academic</i>)	Juliette Gagnon (<i>MaL</i>)
Sara Kosumi (<i>VP Equity</i>)	

Regrets: Liam Buckley (*VP Sustainability*), Alireza Roosta (*VP University Affairs*),
Gabrielle Bardier (*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 Ambar Maldonado Rodriguez (*AESUS Rep*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● Approval of the Minutes

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the minutes from Mar 6, 2023, Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) seconded.
Unanimous, Carried.

● Business Arising

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS -Tote bags ready to give out, planning elections
 - MCGSS -Int Stuserv cancelled Bagel Breakfast on Mar 20 because of Mac Stewart closure
 - FMT -Mac team placed 4th at Guelph Judging competition
 - BESS -Upcoming Referendum to join EUS, sweater merch order, anti-Anxiety workshop, BREE banquet Old Port Mar 29.
 - FSA -Sugar Shack on Mar 31, Trivia at the Ceilidh on Apr 11, building team for IFT College Bowl competition
 - DHNUS



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- MESS – Second round of merch order, planning elections, Grad Ball downtown Apr 3

2. Subcommittee Business

- N/A

3. Action Items

- **3.1 MCSS Election and Referendum Results** (Informational, Discussion, Vote) Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*) presented:
MCSS Election -VP Finance: Maria El Dahdah
-VP BOC: Luke Singer
- VP Uni Affairs: Vaishnavi Parey
- VP Sust & Equity: Marion Morrissette

We will be having a By-Election for President, VP Communication and VP Internal. Nominations are open now and will close at the OSSM in the Ceilidh at 11am on March 30th. By-Election voting on myinvolvement will be from April 6 to April 12.

Referendum Results -Dialogue Passed
-Legal Protection Passed
-Student Life Fund Fee renewal and increase Passed

- **3.2 Mac Campus Games Club Constitution** (Informational, Discussion, Vote) Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) presented, a discussion followed.

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

- **3.3 MCSS Club Fund Requests Winter 2023 Revote** (Discussion, Vote) Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (VP-Finance) presented: We needed to adopt the Mac Campus Games Club constitution (see above in 3.2) in order to proceed with the adoption of the club fund request presented on Feb 13. It is the exact same budget; the amounts have not changed.

A discussion followed: All agreed.

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (VP-Finance) moved to adopt the MCSS Club Fund Requests Winter 2023 as presented, Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

- **3.4 Valedictorian** (Discussion, Vote) Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) presented



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We only had 2 applicants for Valedictorian, their videos were available to Council over the weekend. We must select 2 candidates, one for each morning and afternoon ceremonies. Deadline for submission is March 24, 2023.

A discussion followed:

Valedictorians nominated by MCSS to speak at the Convocation ceremony are in order of preference: - Alessandra Granata

- Audrey Herring

Both candidates are in Life Sciences, therefore Alessandra Granata would speak at the afternoon ceremony. We will look into what can be done to find someone for the morning ceremony. The MCSS Secretary will submit both names to the Convocation Committee in case they need an alternate.

- **3.5 Emerging Evolvement Award** (Informational, Discussion, Vote)

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) opened the discussion on candidates for this award.

A discussion followed:

Sahar Sahki was selected by the majority for his/her work in the Internal Committee, Frosh and Business Operations Committee this past year.

- **3.6 Jean Brown Award** (Informational, Discussion, Vote)

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented the Jean Brown Award criteria and opened the discussion for candidates for this award. A discussion followed. The chosen candidates name will be submitted to the Student Affairs Office for approval of academic standing.

- **3.7 Honorariums** (Informational, Discussion, Vote)

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented:

As in past years there was an exceptional amount of work done by the Executives on behalf of council. The opening of our new Ceilidh Restaurant created a lot of extra work for some Execs We would like to propose an increase according to workload for our execs for their many hours of contribution without remuneration. This year's amount would be as follows:

President \$2500	VP External \$1000
VP BOC \$2000	VP University Affairs \$1000
VP Internal \$1500	VP Academic \$1000
VP Communication \$1500	VP Sustainability \$1000
VP Finance \$1500	VP Equity Affairs \$1000

The 8 executive members present will abstain from this vote and leave the meeting now, so that the rest of the Council (7 members) can discuss and vote. A discussion followed.



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Ambar Maldonado Rodriguez (*AESUS Rep*) moved to allocate MCSS Exec honorariums as presented, payable by April 30th, 2023, Juliette Gauthier (*BESS Rep*) seconded.

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Carried.

- **3.8 MCSS Financial Auditor's Renewal for 23-24** (Informational, Discussion, Vote)
Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented; a discussion followed:

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to renew the contract with Mazars Harel Drouin LLP to be our financial auditors for the year ending May 31st, 2024, Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP-Finance*) seconded.

Unanimous, carried.

4. Reports

- **VP Communications**
 - Club inventory
 - Met with a lot of clubs last week!
 - Deadline for clubs inventory: Friday, March 31st
 - Future tasks:
 - Survey outreach
 - Highlight on Instagram has been made
 - A video on its way
 - Future posts in the making:
 - For VP Equity - promoting online medical care apps
 - End of the year BBQ planning
 - MCSS leadership training
- **VP Equity**
 - The International food tasting fair was a success!!
 - We had 106 participants and 16 food providers
 - Thank you for your support :)
 - Eco Anxiety workshop happening/happened today (after the due time for the agenda fill out)
- **President**
 - Initiated executive office hours, VP Academic will be preparing the document
 - Will conduct meeting with Academic Priorities and Student Engagement Officer Natalie Phillips-Elgar about potential fee waiver on MoA between MCSS and McGill for paying rent for spaces in Centennial Center
 - Meeting with SSMU President for interfaculty relationships and potential collaboration between MCSS and SSMU



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- Working on MCSS Training Redesign Committee for incoming-outgoing MCSS executive trainings and Macdonald Campus Student Leaders Trainings

- **VP Finance**
 - Met with Zell for sponsorship
 - Making a pamphlet
 - Making a list of sponsors
 - Don't think we will have a sponsor this year except if Juliana gets Ben and Jerry's

- **VP Academic**
 - Prepared the Executives' Office Hours' Schedule
 - Waiting on hours from those in stages right now
 - Modified SAA Engagement Board's Terms of Reference
 - Added discussion of accommodations even for those on the board
 - Inquired about and have agreed to meet to provide feedback on the SAA website modifications (coming within next month)
 - Brainstormed all modifications to SAA and will be meeting with Teri Phillips and Engagement Board members soon to flesh out all ideas. Requested that this happen.
 - Preparing emails to send to professors to share SAA survey online (since many classes will be remaining online for the rest of the semester).

- **VP University Affairs**
 - Met with Board Secretary general and student reps on the board (SSMU, PGSS, MACES), discussed having a board student forum scheduled for early fall from next year onwards possible as part of the orientation package which students can attend (esp. Members of student council and student governance, for ex our next VP affairs) to get to know our organizational hierarchy and what senate and board do and don't (governance 101). Next VP UA and I need to communicate on this. Next meeting on planning the event will be in June. Some student associations or clubs also hold speeches in this event. A sample agenda of this event from previous years:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LtIlsMvWJhSXNYMqJ_v9-t8p9K9DwFp?usp=share_link

- **Can use a hand with collecting syllabi from profs for fall courses !!! very low commitment and flexible**

- Was drafting a question on the asbestos situation and inquiring about the existence of a university-wide policy concerning asbestos management. McGill & Emergency operations committee allegedly is working on that. They are supposed to get back to us by April, so no questions will be taken to the senate.

- **VP Internal**
 - Grad Ball
 - Met with grad ball venue
 - Vieux Port Steakhouse
 - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cocktail hour - open bar
 - 8:00-9:30 PM Dinner with 3 courses + wine
 - 9:30 PM to midnight - dance party with open bar



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- Busses with transco to dt campus and mac campus for return confirmed with Transco for grad ball
 - Ticket sale meant to go live today
 - Contract almost signed - awaiting credit card and one signature
 - Elections completed
 - All referendums passed
 - VP Finance, Sus, BOC, and Uni affairs elected
 - By election nomination opened - close March 30th
- **VP Sus**
- **VP External**
 - Met with Catherine for the sponsorship package
 - Met with Henry to obtain BBQ event information
- **VP BOC**
 - Will attend meeting concerning rent fee waiver
 - Possible Wild West Island (country) event March 23, if not week after
 - Schedule meeting with Housing to discuss potential collaboration with the Ceilidh Restaurant
 - Planning timeline for the reusable container system implementation (**Cano** or **Ozzy**)
 - Will finish set up MCSS centralized Microsoft account (not-for-profit) and start migration of files/documentation in the MS digital ecosystem (Juliana and Joelle)
 - Preparing report on integrated software “Shifts” to test out next year for MCSS execs and potentially the Ceilidh Bar/Restaurant staff

5. Next Meeting

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Next will be a Joint meeting on Mon, April 3, 2023 at 5:30pm, in CC-150

6. Adjournment

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adjourn; Connor Velthius (*FMT Rep*) seconded. Unanimous, carried.

President _____

Secretary _____