



## Macdonald Campus Students' Society

Association des Étudiants du Campus Macdonald

### FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

A **Joint** meeting of the Full Council of the Macdonald Campus Students' Society (**22-23 and 23-24**) was held on **Monday, April 3, 2023** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in CC-150

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#### **Present:**

Sahar Sakhi (*Speaker*)

Joëlle Mottart (*Secretary to the Council*)

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*)

Zell Song (*VP External*)

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*)

Arthur Begin (*VP BOC*)

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*)

Alireza Roosta (*VP University Affairs*)

Liam Buckley (*VP Sustainability*)

Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*)

Juliette Gauthier (*BESS Rep*)

Connor Velthuis (*FMT Rep*)

Daphne Castaign (*FSA Rep*)

Fernando Altamura (*Faculty Rep*)

**Regrets:** Cloé Gosselin (*VP Internal*), Ambar Maldonado Rodriguez (*AESUS Rep*), Juliette Nguyen (*DHNUS Rep*) < Anna Pieper (*MESS Rep*), Juliette Gagnon (*MaL*), Gabrielle Bardier (*MaL*)

**Absent:** Charlotte Chan (*VP Academic*), Mehtab Singh (*MCGSS Rep*)

**Guests:** Luke Singer (*VP BOC*), Vaishnavi Parey (*VP Uni Aff*), Marion Morrissette (*VP Equi Sust*)

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Sahar Sakhi (*Speaker*) opened the meeting.

#### **1. Administrative**

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) moved to adopt the agenda as presented Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) seconded.  
Unanimous, Carried.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) moved to adopt the minutes from March 20, 2023, Sara Kosumi (*VP Equity*) seconded.  
Unanimous, Carried.

- **Business Arising**

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
  - AESUS -Tote bags pick up this week
  - MCGSS
  - FMT
  - BESS -Banquet a success
  - FSA -Sugar Shack went well, will make it a yearly event.
  - DHNUS
  - MESS



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**2. Subcommittee Business**

- **Item Name, (Position)**

**3. Action Items**

**3.1 MCSS By-Election**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented: By-Election voting scheduled for April 6 to April 12 on my involvement.

**MCSS By-Election Candidates:** -President: Henry Lee  
-VP Internal: Defne Helvacioğlu  
- VP Communication: Blake Callan

**3.2 [MacMOC Constitution](#) Update**

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) presented: Because of the nature of some of their outdoor activities, club organizers have added a safety clause. A discussion followed.

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

**3.3 Jean Brown Award -Alternates**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): We need to nominate more students; in case our first pick does not fit the criteria. A discussion followed. The additional nominees will be forwarded to the Student Affairs Office.

**3.4 Valedictorian -Morning Ceremony**

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*): We were granted an extension by the Convocation Committee, as we did not get submissions from the morning ceremony programs. There were 2 audition videos submitted.

A discussion followed: All agreed to select Alex Kuijper-Dickson

**3.5 Reps on Committees 23-24, Mac and Senate**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) presented: There are 2 lists, Mac Committees and Senate Standing Committees.

A Discussion followed: Council members were assigned the committees that corresponds to their positions.

**3.6 [MCSS support regarding call to action for divest](#)**

Alireza Roosta (*VP University Affairs*) presented: The McGill Nurses for Planetary Health (MNPH) drafted a letter urging the university to fully divest from fossil fuel investments. They are a student group under the Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS). The student group has encouraged other student associations to draft their own letter of support and communicate it with



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their respective student bodies should they see fit . The letter has now reached the Board of Governors. A discussion followed:

Alireza Roosta (*VP University Affairs*) moved to send MCSS' [Letter of support](#) to the Nursing Undergraduate Society (NUS) on the issue of McGill divestment from fossil fuels, Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*) seconded.  
Unanimous, carried.

#### 4. Reports

##### • VP Communications

- Working on end-of-year BBQ
  - Have booked the field
  - Have asked clubs to take part in field activities
- Tasks to be done:
  - Make promotions (poster, post, FB event)
  - Ask sub-societies for funding
  - Executives must volunteer
  - Club inventory
    - Have to look over which clubs have completed it
  - MCSS leadership training

##### • VP Internal

- Grad Ball
  - Ticket sales, lower than anticipated -> internal committee working on advertising solutions
  - Ticket purchase deadline: April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Frosh
  - Frosh directors (essentially co frosh internals): Defne Helvacioğlu and Anna Gleason
  - Coord interviews and hiring to commence this week
  - Leader application deadline: April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Meeting scheduled for incoming outgoing frosh internal discussion
- By-elections
  - Interviews: April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> via zoom
  - End of this week: voting period starts

##### • VP Equity

- Accessibility
  - The shuttle bus not being wheelchair accessible & not getting response about the door accessibility button => Email Christine butler about the accessibility

##### • VP Uni Affairs

- Gathering list of profs for the second phase of the syllabi repository project
- Drafted a proposal regarding supporting the call to divest, pending council's approval



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**5. Next Meeting**

Defne Helvacioğlu (*President*): Next Joint meeting on Mon, April 17, 2023 at 5:30pm, on Zoom

**6. Adjournment**

Henry Lee (*VP Comm. & Student Life*) moved to adjourn, Catherine Bertrand-Vachet (*VP Finance*) seconded.

Unanimous, carried.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_