

Macdonald Campus Students' Society

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A meeting of the full Council of the Macdonald Campus Students' Society was held on **Tuesday, Sept 23, 2025,** from 5:30pm-7pm, in CC-162

Present:

Euan Martin (Speaker)

Joëlle Mottart (Secretary to the Council) no vote

Farhan Rafat (President)

Joshua Cao (VP Internal) Asahi Suzuki (VP Finance)

Thomas Giblin (VP BOC)

(VP Comm & Student Life)

Owen Pflipsen (VP University Affairs)

Eliott Rabier (VP Equity & Sustainability)

Vaishnavi Parey (AESUS Rep)

Alyson Meadows (BESS Rep)

Ariane Leroux (FMT Rep)

Yousif Hujaij (FSA Rep)

Maxwell Enning (MCGSS Rep) no vote

Sebastien Faucher (Faculty Rep)

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Regrets: Ariane Ly (DHNUS Rep), Nami Unzicker (MESS Rep) no vote

Absent: Guests:

Euan Martin (Speaker) opened the meeting

1. Administrative

• Adoption of the Agenda

Eliott Rabier (VP Equity & Sustainability) moved to adopt the agenda, Thomas Giblin (VP BOC) seconded

Unanimous, carried

• Approval of the Minutes

N/A

• Business Arising

- Sub-Society and MCGSS general updates
 - AESUS -Craft event Sept 26, Pumpkin outing Oct 30, Giveaway Oct 28
 - MCGSS
 - FMT
 - BESS
 - FSA -Potential fundraising merch sale, hoodies etc.
 - DHNUS
 - MESS



2. Subcommittee Business

• Item Name, (position)

3. Action Items

3.1 MCSS Council Introductions

Farhan Rafat (President) welcomed all Council members and invited all to introduce themselves.

3.2 Extended Library Hours (Info, Discussion)

Farhan Rafat (*President*): He will be attending the Library Advisory Committee meeting soon, to discuss extended library hours. MCSS will cover some of the cost this semester. Keep in mind that the cost for the security agent will almost double on weekends.

A discussion followed: We have funds for a total of 75 hours, 10 hours weekdays, the week before and after the Fall Break. The balance will go towards the final exam period.

3.3 Mac MUSE Constitution (Discussion, vote)

Farhan Rafat (President) presented, A discussion followed:

From the description of this club, many activities are already being done by other clubs, like Mac Arts & Crafts, MacMOC, Mac Book club. It may be too similar. We should ask the club leader to elaborate on their plans. More discussion is needed.

Farhan Rafat (*President*) moved to <u>defer</u> the Mac MUSE Constitution as presented, Owen Pflipsen (*VP University Affairs*) seconded. Unanimous, carried.

3.4 Rewild Mac Constitution (Discussion, vote)

Farhan Rafat (*President*) presented, a discussion followed: This Club already has a fully formed leadership body, which bodes well for participation and interest. Some concerns about the development of their projects were raised, more discussion is needed.

Asahi Suzuki (VP Finance) moved to <u>defer</u> the Rewild Mac Constitution as presented, Joshua Cao (VP Internal) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

3.5 Wildlife Biology Constitution (Discussion, vote)

Farhan Rafat (*President*) presented, A discussion followed:



This Constitution can be an update to the McGill Wildlife & Environment Association, which has been inactive. They are planning many activities and outings that will be of interest to many students in wildlife biology and other programs.

Joshua Cao (VP Internal) moved to adopt the Wildlife Biology Constitution as presented, Eliott Rabier (VP Equity & Sustainability) seconded.
Unanimous, carried.

3.6 MCSS & SAO MOA Collab (Discussion, vote)

Joshua Cao (VP Internal) presented: He met with Benjamin Issac from the Student Affairs Office (SAO), they would like to have a standing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences' Student Affairs Office (FAES SAO) and MCSS. The objective is to formalize a collaborative partnership focused on enhancing student engagement and showcasing student life at Macdonald Campus.

A discussion followed:

As it stands, we already collaborate with SAO. Having such agreements is a nice way of building partnerships on campus, but we must be cautious in entering such agreements.

All agreed more discussion is needed.

3.7 MCSS Farm Tour with Mathieu Rouleau Oct 20 (Info, Discussion)

Farhan Rafat (*President*): Mac Allum Mathieu Rouleau is involved with the MacFarm developing a strategic plan for all agricultural productions on the Macdonald Campus.

He is inviting us to the farm for a short meeting and a VIP tour to get our input and share some of the ideas currently in development. We will setup a "where to meet" for availability.

4. Reports

President

- Distributing work for VP Comms
- o Macdonald Campus Student Services Engagement Board
 - October 14 virtual Teams
 - November 18 in person, Centennial Center CC-207
 - January 13 virtual Teams
 - February 17 in person, Centennial Center CC-207
 - March 17 virtual Teams
 - April 14 virtual Teams
- Committee for Student Services (times are not yet known, but they need representatives)

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- Advisory for Career Planning Service 1 seat --Farhan
- Advisory Committee for International Students (ACIS) 1 seat --Thomas
- Student Accessibility and Achievement Working Group 1 seat --Eliott
- Student Wellness Hub advisory board 1 seat --Eliott
- Scholarship and Student Aid Office advisory board 1 seat --Owen
- Religious and Spiritual Life advisory (MORSL) 1 seat -- Eliott
- Campus Life & Engagement advisory (new this year, separate from Orientation working groups) – Joshua
- McGill-Centraide Campaign Committee (will meet on Teams) -- No one is available
 - Thursday, Sept. 18, 2:00-2:45 pm (planning session)
 - Tuesday, Oct. 21, 11:00-11:45 am
 - Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10:00-10:45 am
 - Thursday, Dec. 11, 10:00-10:45 am
 - Thursday, Jan. 29, 10:00-10:45 am (wrap-up)

VP Internal

- Frosh wrap up:
 - Need to send the EUS splitwise information to Juliana
 - Waiting for invoices from SUS (variety show) and AUS (interfaculty beach party)
 - No ambulance called, no one got injured, no bracelets cut, healthy interfaculty relationship were built
 - Head of security ignored a part of the MoA during Frosh and caused big inconvenience, I need an answer from her
- o Interviewing people for Internal Committee, should be done by tomorrow
 - This year's committee consists of approximately 8-9 people including myself
- o Planning Halloween Night and Ski Trip now
- Need someone sit on the JBSCE Family Care sub-committee -- Eliott
- Looking for a dj at Grad Ball
 - We can do a dj tryout night at ceilidh for those who's interested.

• VP Finance

- Tool Kit Meeting
 - Explained about Club Funding Request
 - Midterm schedule
- Club Funding Request
 - Sent a emails to the list of executives
 - Deadline: Oct.7th

• VP Business Operations

• White Lies Ceilidh - T-shirts?



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- o BOC Committee Meetings After Election
- Club Sponsored Nights
- Attendance

• VP University Affairs

- **o** Senate Caucus Meeting
- o Academic Policy Committee (APC) Meeting

• VP Equity & Sustainability

- o **SPF Meeting on September 22,** 2 projects approved related to Mac (CINE symposium, Thrift McGill expanding to Mac)
- Shona Watt, SPF Associate Director, will come to a council meeting in the near future to present the FY25 report
- o BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL SEP 26!!!!!! Bioblitz Sep 21-28
 - Tabling in the ceilidh + events throughout the day, it's gonna be hype
- o MacSMI are slowly but surely setting up for the year, will keep updated
- o Talked to **MORSL**, religious life at McGill, maybe downtown initiatives will be brought to Mac?... (stay tuned)

5. Next Meeting

Farhan Rafat (President): Next meeting on Tue, Oct 7, 2025, at 5:30pm in CC-162

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Eliott Rabier (VP Equity & Sustainability) moved to	adopt the agenda,	Owen	Pflipsen	(VP	University
Affairs) seconded.					

Unanimous, carried.

President	 Secretary	