## Agenda

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Quorum has been satisfied.

6:07 PM  Call to order

1  Floor Items

6:08 PM  1.1 July 9 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

Room 405

6:08 PM  1.2 Approval of minutes - special meeting

Minutes

6:09 PM  1.3 October 7th Executive Meeting

2  Approval of the minutes

Table "Special Meeting"

3  Announcements

6:10 PM  3.1 Innovation District Presentation

Presentation on the working and opportunities of the Innovation District by David Morris, our representative on the Student Working Group.
David was on the Student Working group for the QI as the PGSS representative

May 2013 launch of the organization (Principal Fortier sits on the BoD)

"Living laboratory"- social, cultural, technological hub for innovation

Student Involvement Opportunity: The Montreal Summit on Innovation on November 6th "Health and Creative Industries: An Inspiring Partnership"

QI Projects fund- crowd funding on seeds of change website; eventually students will be able to apply for funds for projects in the QI district

4 New Business

6:25 PM 4.1 AGM

Discussion of the logistics of the AGM in preparation for the meeting on Oct 22nd.

FAO motivated discussion. Discussion ensued.

7:00 PM 4.2 Tabled - SSMU-PGSS Joint Council

Discuss idea brought up at SSMU Senate Caucus on Monday, Oct 6th, which Juan and I attended. Discuss how to get PGSS council’s interest in having a joint council meeting with SSMU and topics that would be relevant for all students.

Presidents of PGSS/SSMU and their respective speakers discussed logistics; a full proposal will come back to soon

Current proposal: 3 presentations from various groups; 2 discussion items

More info forthcoming; SG taking point.

8:14 PM 4.3 Frais Institutionels Obligatoires

Whereas Quebec law requires the universities’ administrations to create agreements with student association to create or increase Category III fees above inflation

Whereas PGSS needs a practical, systematic, democratic and transparent way to approve these fees

BIRT all FIOs affecting specific courses must be approved the concerned PGSA’s executive committee(s) through an official motion.

BIFRT that all faculty/program/department-wide FIO’s must be approved through referendum administered by PGSS. Only PGSS members affected by the fee increase shall vote in those referendums.

BIFRT it is the duty of the PGSS’s representative on the FIO committee to ensure that PGSS and affected PGSAs are informed of potential fee increases within 3 days of the FIO committee meetings.

BIFRT that the executive will present a motion to have the above mentioned changes inserted in the SAM
Note: For future reference, I'm inserting the contract that the administration wanted us to sign as an attachment

**Frais Institutionels Obligatoirs**

EAO motivates and requests that this information be incorporated into our SAM.

FAO expressed concern about definitively placing this in the SAM, requests that we either split or table that part and do some consultation and exploration first.

SG expresses concern with this protocol because legislating a consultative process could provide issues.

FAO proposes an amendment:

BIFRT that the executive will consult with PGSAs to develop a structure that follows the aforementioned guidelines to develop a policy that can be incorporated into the SAM

FAO motivated, EAO seconded

AAO called the question.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion Passed.

Voting on the whole motion:

Passed unanimously.

Motion Passed.

5 Reports

8:30 PM 5.1 CFS update

The Sa Ge vs. CFS case was heard in the court of appeals on the morning of Oct 21st. Request an update.

Discussion ensued.

8:36 PM 5.2 Tabled - FEUQ Updates

1. The FEUQ adopted a position against the deregulation of tuition paid by international students. This stance runs contrary to the will of the MBA students at the Desautels Faculty of Management. What should PGSS do about this?

2. The FEUQ is planning to rant a bus for the congress held in Rouyn-Noranda from October 31st to November 2nd. Who can commit to go to this congress?

3. The research on international students was delayed because they couldn't find an expert to carry out the research on tax credits.
6 Discussion Items

8:36 PM 6.1 Office Space Thompson House

Discussion on the allocation of office space to Executive Officers

Discussion ensued.

8:44 PM 6.2 Divest McGill

I know meetings have been happening with Divest McGill and before this becomes a public topic of discussion, we should discuss internally.

Discussion ensued.

8:52 PM 6.3 Tabled - #ConsentMcGill Funding

At the September 10th Exec meeting, a proposal from #ConsentMcGill was requested before financial support could be allocated. We still don't have a written proposal or a full budget.

BIRT that Executive Committee allocate $500 to #ConsentMcGill for printing costs and cover the event costs from October 20th (distributed from the Community budget line)

FAO called the question, MSO seconded.

Motion Passed. Unanimous.

9:02 PM 6.4 Staff Appreciation Event

I’ve spoken to Andre regarding our desire to host a staff appreciation event, we should discuss and start planning.

Discussion ensued.

9:04 PM 6.5 TA position in Education

Discussion of TA position cuts in education department.

Discussion ensued.

9:08 PM 6.6 Scheduling an Exec-Commissioner Caucus

BIRT that an Exec-Commissioner Caucus meeting is scheduled for November 12th, 2014.

FAO motivates.

Motion Passed.
9:14 PM 6.7 STM Fee Meeting & Warplan

Conor just finished his research paper on the STM tariffs. According to his estimate, our demand would cost the city roughly 1.5 million dollars. I believe it would be extremely helpful to set up a committee composed of executives, external committee members and delegates of other universities to create a lobbying strategy.

STM Fee Meeting & Warplan

Discussion ensued.

9:16 PM Adjourned