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2:26 PM **Call to order**

Quorum has not been satisfied.

2:28 PM **1 Approval of the minutes**

*All minutes from 2012-2013 approved.*

2 **New Business**

2:30 PM **2.1 Motion to Approve Funding for the Environment Committee**

BIRT the budget outlined in the attached document be approved and $1450 be allocated from the Events budget line and $575 be allocated from the Campaigns budget line for use by the Environment Committee

*Motion to Approve Funding for the Environment Committee*

*Motion to refer to Board the funding for campaigns.*

2:31 PM **2.2 Motion: Westmount Day Care**

Whereas we have had a contract with Westmount Day Care to cover the childcare needs of our members at a cost of $3000/year

Whereas this service has not been used by a single PGSS member despite multiple advertising campaigns and efforts by both the Executive and Family Care Caucus

Whereas other family centered programs could benefit from this funding

BIRT PGSS not renew it’s agreement with Westmount Daycare and work with the McGill Student Parent Network to find an alternative family friendly use for this funding (e.g. improved funding for Study Saturday’s at Thomson House).

*Motion: Westmount Day Care*

*Motion to remove "work with the MSPN" (AAO/MSO).*

*Motion passed.*

2:37 PM **2.3 Funding for meetings with stakeholders**

WHEREAS the groundwork for any successful PGSS campaign must involve aggressive lobbying of stakeholders.

WHEREAS discussions with other student leaders, members of McGill’s governing bodies, and McGill administrators have emphasized the importance of building coalitions and gaining support for proposals long before they are publicly put forward.
BIRT $600 be allocated from the budget line “Meetings” for the purpose of meeting with leaders of other student associations external and internal to McGill, members of the McGill Senate, administrators, and leaders of campus organizations over the coming months to discuss and promote PGSS’ planned campaigns for fall 2013.

*Motion passed.*

2:39 PM **2.4 Adding money to the Tip Pool**

BIRT the Finance Officer is mandated to submit a monthly payment of $70 to the Thomson House Staff-tip pool.

*Motion to amend to add budget line exec discretionary as source (IAO/FO).*

*Motion to amend to $50 (IAO/SG).*

*Motion passes.*

2:42 PM **2.5 Budget for council appreciation barbecue**

WHEREAS the executive committee would like councillors to enjoy a council appreciation barbecue.

BIRT $536.15 be allocated from the budget line “Council meeting”

*Motion to amend to $650 (IAO/SG) to include the purchase of prizes.*

*Motion passed.*

3 Discussion Items

2:45 PM **3.1 Communication**

Youtube - better use - camera - risks - streaming council.

*Consensus: no Youtube plan for now Streaming: No consensus; will explore the idea and seek concrete proposals*

2:57 PM **3.2 Michael**

PGSA tour?

*Will incorporate into workplan.*

3:00 PM **3.3 More discussion items**

1) Citizen’s council
2) Governance research project
3) Other research project
4) FEUQ updates
a) Right to strike
b) Elections and funding
c) Inquiry
d) Success at congress
5) CFS

Motion to grant the McGill rate for the FEUQ congress in November (SG/EAO)

Question called (MSO/IAO).

Question called (AAO/EAO). Unanimous.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to appoint AAO as acting chair in absence of SG (AAO/MSO).

Motion passes unanimously.

Consensus to mandate EAO to conduct research project to prepare to potentially lobby parties in advance of coming election.

3.4 Discussion items

4:31 PM

Michael: surveying PGSAs for workplan items; improving communication of our achievements; novel and fun events for 2013-2104

Adam: Ubriety and reporting; Citizen’s council and research projects (need 2 more in addition to governance - harassment policy?); creating a supervision workgroup

Navid: Press strategy (should we hire a consultant?); communicating FEUQ issues and campaigns to exec and coordinating activities;

Erik: Lease; Financial week; Actually tracking business metrics for the board (need to get on Andre about this; maybe need a part-time “report collector”); better integration of events (Michael)

Elizabeth: Postdoc referendum? Also, could we get a postdoc end of year report? Familycare - they want a response on commissioner; Coordinating work of Adam and Vikrant; integrating work of commissioners

$4000 for Vancouver student union development summit (SG/FO).

Recess for 5 min (7:49 PM)

3.5 Discussion items

4:57 PM

1) Harassment policy
2) Election bylaw update
3) Tuition policy update
4) Ubriety update
5) Lease update

1) AAO suggests speaking to Lydia White, Associate Provost (Policies, Procedures, and Equity) regarding harassment issue
5:24 PM  **3.6 Michael**

Speaker series, etc.

*Good.*

5:24 PM  **3.7 Discussion items (cont)**

Exec trip to la Ronde?

*Plan for fall. Include commissioners.*

5:29 PM  **3.8 Discussion item: Student Services Referendum**

We need to plan on holding another referendum for certain questions in the Fall. We are going to find out what exactly has been cut and we’ll need to ask the post doc question. During this discuss lets compile a list of everything that we are planning on asking and come up with a plan. Timing with the new DP SLL etc.

*Will seek a survey of usage of different services - May seek to break up student services fee*

6:02 PM  **3.9 Discussion: Sustainability Documents (Action Plan, Audit, STARS report)**

BIRT the executive discuss the items in these documents that we feel should be priorities so that these Executive priorities can be sent to the Board for consideration.

**I can only attach one document per motion (we should fix this) so I’m uploading the new building audit (there were typos etc so it’s been revised), the STARS report, and the SAP in the DMS under Executive.**

*Discussion: Sustainability Documents (Action Plan, Audit, STARS report)*

*Motion to postpone until next executive committee meeting (MSO/SG).*

6:09 PM  **3.10 Consider funding for dragon boat team**

I am a master’s student in Electrical Engineering. I and several other students (both undergrad and graduate) from McGill have been named onto the Canadian national team for dragon boat, to race at the World Championships, which will take place in Szeged, Hungary this year. Many of us are also current or previous members of the Dragon Boat Z team under SSMU. We were wondering if it would be possible to get some kind of support from McGill/SSMU/PGSS (such as financial, as the trip and training are quite expensive). We were also wondering if it would be possible to get a banner or a flag from McGill to bring with us to the competition in order to represent the university+its affiliated student groups.

*Refer to Athletics*

6:14 PM  **3.11 Discussion item: Exec Commissioner Retreat: August 8th, 2013 (10 people)**

We got a hook up from Vikrant for Rogers Cup tickets - Exec Commissioner retreat! It looks awesome :)

Lets discuss this at our meeting! *$120 per person*
Some execs are away.

6:16 PM 3.12 Discussion - workplan

MSO workplan item - writing biological drug policy into the bylaws/ practice

Discussion ensued.

6:18 PM 3.13 Discussion item: exec retreat

who, what, when, where, should i bring Lactaid?

August 23-26, 2013

6:19 PM 3.14 Discussion Item

Noted changes that should be implemented into the uTools client

6:19 PM 3.15 Workplan ideas (MSO)

- adoption of the MSPN and expansion of their work for grad students. Combining Family Care and MSPN.
- daycare if it passes...
- Mental health initiatives. Particularly working on Peer Support, Mental Health Conference and at Thomson House implementation and training of the High Five ("safe space") campaign.
- Student Services (always) - helping with RFPs, referendums, grad specific programming. I think this year should be a focus on mental health and financial aid - their role for grad students isn't always clear. It will also be integration and prep for post doc services if/when their referendum passes. Probably working with cont ed as well because DP SLL is planning to getting rid of the opt-out option for them as well.
- CFS REFERENDUM - and all the sweat and tears that this will take
- renegotiate HDIP
- creating info sessions and more awareness about our plan.
- working on "branding" of caucuses and committees. As of now I have each committee working on a logo and trying to identify ways of increasing awareness.
- changing names and redefining roles of commissioners....

Discussion ensued

5 minute recess.
6:59 PM  **3.16 Finance Officer Workplan**

Exploring Finance/Investment Options for Special Projects (Renovations, CFS)
Reworking Grants program based on GPS contributions
Evaluation and implementation of Business advertising needs to improve Business revenue (specifically event revenue)
Secure funding for Moon Vision 2030
Learn how to fly like an eagle
CFS referendum
Funding for 'Full Moon Party at TH' as a focus group for Moon Vision 2030 needs/goals
Renegotiation of the TH lease with Prof Mendelson
Establishing a fund for the protection of Bald Eagle habitats

*Discussion ensued.*

7:03 PM  **3.17 Academic Workplan**

I put these into the June meeting report:
- Athletics
- McGill Writing Centre
- Ubriety
- Lease of Thomson House
- Undergraduate Learning Outcomes
- Supervision
- Library Improvement Fund

*Athletics - lobby DPSLL MWC - Need council motions supporting it to get Provost's support ULO - will coordinate distribution of survey Supervision - Pilot projects if timelines work and AAO is comfortable with GPS participation, bring to Senate LIF - MOA - will bring lockable space*

7:23 PM  **3.18 Ubriety**

Lets discuss how to use uTools

*Discussion ensued.*

7:23 PM  **Adjourned**
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August 6, 2013

Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Erik Larson, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Regrets

External Affairs Officer Navid Khosravi-Hashemi

BIRT $1200 be allocated for communications consulting

Unanimously approved.

BIRT Internal Affairs Officer and the Financial Affairs Officer be appointed to the Society Affairs Coordinator hiring committee.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned.
9:55 AM - Meeting Called to Order
AGENDA – To be Created

9:56 AM - AAO/EAO – Motion to go into Committee of the Whole to create agenda

Discussion –
Society Affairs Coordinator – FAO
Grants Program – FAO

Mental Health Policy – MSO
Scheduling consistent exec meeting, including morning – MSO
Council Reports – MSO
List of Orientation events – MSO
GU15 Dinner – MSO
Ubriety – MSO
Students in Mind Mental Health Conference - MSO
Workplan - MSO
Fall Referendum – MSO
Minutes – MSO
Calendar Alignment - MSO

PGSA Orientation – IAO
Exec Commissioner Retreat – IAO

Proposing Memo to Montreal Development Plan – EAO

McGill Writing Center – AAO
Library Improvement Fund – AAO
Space on Campus – Famis – AAO
PGSA FAQ Session – AAO

Motions -

(MSO) Refreshments at Insurance Orientations
BIRT X be approved from budget line Y.
10:04 – SG arrived.

AAO/SG – Motions to leave Committee of the Whole – Passes Unanimously
SG relinquishes chair, AAO retains Chair.

10:07 – Society Affairs Coordinator – FAO
Discussion Ensued

10:11 - Grants Program – FAO
GPS will not be able to match $16,000 – Discussion about potentially changing budget to increase
Budget Line
New Formula for Granting Procedure.
Discussion Ensued

**10:15 - AAO/MSO**
BIRT the formula for granting procedures be committed for updates to the CMA to report to Council in October.
Passes Unanimously

10:16 - Mental Health Policy – MSO
SSMU passed a mental health policy, should PGSS do something similar.
Discussion Ensued

**10:18 – IAO/MSO**
BIRT the drafting of a mental health policy based on evidence and best practices be committed to HAWC and then reported to Council.
Passes Unanimously
Informally recommending report to January Council.

10:22 - Scheduling consistent exec meetings, including mornings – MSO
Once Every two weeks.
Discussion Ensued

**10:25 – MSO/FAO**
BIRT regular executive meetings be scheduled at the calendar alignment meeting.
Passes Unanimously

10:27 - Council Reports – MSO
Use the Council Report Template, but include “thoughts paragraph”
Discussion Ensued

**10:29 – MSO/ FAO**
BIRT the Executive and Commissioners be required to use the Council Report Template
10:30 - List of Orientation events – MSO

**MSO/AAO**

Move to be postponed until the schedule is circulated by the Student Life Coordinator.

Passes Unanimously

10:32 - GU15 Dinner – MSO

Hosting a GU15 Dinner – November 3 – 6th 2013.

Workshop on how to Student Leader and accreditation

David Syncox on skillsets

Joel Duschene on supervision

**10:42 - MSO/SG**

BIRT up to $1700 be allocated from Travel and Conference budget line to expire December 15th to be used on Saturday November 2nd to host a pre-CAGS graduate student gathering.

Passes Unanimously

AAO will secure David Syncox and Joel Duschene

MSO will contact other schools and funding

Student Life Coordinator will organize venues and food

EAO will contact FEUQ, UdeM and Laval

10:46 - Ubriety – MSO

September 3rd the governance module will be given to use for Bug Testing.

Discussion Ensued

**10:51 - MSO/ IAO**

BIRT each commissioner and their committee will be given one dedicated page on the new website dependent on approval of content by the Member Services Officer or Internal Affairs Officer.

Passes Unanimously

10:56 - Students in Mind Mental Health Conference – MSO

Will be held on Saturday October 5th in SSMU and Brown.

Focused on information for student leaders.

Discussion Ensued

11:01 - Workplan – MSO

**AAO/ EAO**

Motion to table until end of meeting

Passes Unanimously

11:02 - Fall Referenda – MSO
1) Postdocs – Only asked to PostDocs – Ask if they want the student service fee. They will no longer have opt in student service option.
1) Student Services – Did not pass it. CAPS, international students, mental health.
2) McGill Writing Centre – $1.50
3) Application Fee –
4) McGill Tribune –
5) PGSS Sustainability – $.75

Rankings:
1) Student Services
2) McGill Tribune
3) McGill Writing Center
4) Application Fee
5) PGSS Sustainability

MSO/ SG
**BIRT Student Services, McGill Tribune and McGill Writing Center Referenda be drafted for Fall 2013.**
**Passes Unanimously**

Discussion Ensued

11:31 – Council Minutes – MSO
Discussion Ensued

MSO/EAO
**BIRT the Secretary General update the title of documents on the website.**
**Passes Unanimously.**

11:34 - Calendar Alignment – MSO
Set the date for Thursday August 29th at 5:30 PM in Thomson House
Discussion Ensued

11:40 - Proposing Memo to Montreal Development Plan – EAO
Public Consultation Event –
STEM student fee for all students, not just under 25 years.
Update the infrastructure
EAO will bring these two topics to the FEUQ to bring forward together.
Discussion Ensued

11:45 - Vancouver Meeting – EAO
Discussion Ensued
11:49 - FEUQ Meeting – EAO

11:52 - EAO/SG
Motion to go into closed session.
Passes 4/1 (MSO opposed)

Discussion Ensued

12:01 - EAO/ SG
Motion to leave closed Session
Passes Unanimously

12:01 - FEUQ Dues – EAO
Discussion Ensued

12:01 - McGill Writing Center – AAO
Discussion Ensued

12:07 – Motion to Recess for 1 hour.
SG/ AAO
Passes unanimously

1:07 – Return from Recess
Library Improvement Fund – AAO
AAO will have writer researcher look into lockable space
AAO will pursue nap space in the libraries
Discussion Ensued

1:09 – Space on Campus – Famis – AAO
AAO will draft Senate question regarding research space that will move to the new super hospital.
Discussion Ensued

1:11 – PGSA FAQ Session – AAO
Discussion Ensued

1:13 - PGSA Orientation – IAO
Supervision
Discussion Ensued

1:18 – Exec Commissioner Retreat – IAO
Discussion Ensued

1:21 – Brought from the table:
Workplan – MSO
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Internal Timeline
SG –
Exec Commissioner Communication - ASAP
Bylaw Changes – Sept 18th
SAM Changes - By November
Election Changes – By December
Documents and Online – November*
Harassment Policy – February
Restaurant Consultant – December
Standardize Council - October
Lease and MoA done – Predicted Quebec Election in Spring, do lease then.
Student Support MoA – November
Supervision - Contract

Writer Researcher Projects
Tuition Fee
Socially Responsible Investing
Election Platform if there is a Quebec Election – Turnout of Voters

IAO –
Surveying PGSAs for Workplan Items – September
Senior Grad Students – October
Review Social Media Strategy – Pictures, highlight the freeness – November
Cultural Associations –
Thomson House Fun – October
Tax Week – February
Website work with Commissioners and Committees
Recruitment of People for Committees – September
Lease - November

MSO –
Development of exec and commissioner roles - December
Rename and redefine commissioners – January
    Equity -> Social, Environment -> Resource.
Run Referenda for PostDocs and Student Services - November
MSPN – March
Daycare – A- Do we get it? B – Feasibility +4 months
Mental Health – October 5th and Peer Support Network.
Renegotiate Health and Dental and share information (Sept5th) – February,
AAO –
University reps – reporting and orientation – November.
Athletics – lobby DPSLL to support audit of activities – Meeting with DPSLL October
McGill Writing Center –October 1st Survey, December for
Content management project for university representatives, online database – January
Supervision workgroup – Proofreaders for Policy – November.
Organize “know your rights” session – September 5th
Space Project - Focus on strategy to lobby for reduced enrolment (control student population)
   - October for preliminary
   - February Project from Conor
Hammocks and Lockable Space

Senate Question – Real Space in Glen
Senate Question – Sleeping Space.

EOA –
Develop communications and public relations strategy – November.
Communicate FEUQ issues and campaigns to exec and coordinating activities;
Voter registration at Thomson House -
Research on socially responsible investing – October
French language – accessibility - November
University reinvestment campaign – Election Day on March 20th.
Election research – November.
FEUQ conference at Thomson House in November
Triple Charging – January.
Lease

FAO –
Negotiating new Thomson House Lease - November
Legal matters - December
Business metrics reporting - Ongoing
Exploring Finance/Investment Options for Special Projects – April
Reworking Grants program based on GPS contributions - October
Evaluation and implementation of business advertising needs to improve business revenue
(Specifically event revenue) – September
Tax Week with IAO -

2:41
SG/IAO Meeting Adjourned
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Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Erik Larson, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Navid Khosravi Hashemi, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

BIRT the Executive Committee move a motion at October 2nd 2013 Council that the PGSS budget be amended to allocate $4000 to the MWC for Tutor Wages at the MWC from the budget line Special Project Funds

External Affairs Officer moved to amend $4000 to $3000, seconded by Academic Affairs Officer

Amendment passes 3-1-2

Amended motion approved 3 - 2 – Member Services Officer and Internal Affairs Officer opposed.

BIFRT up to $600 be allocated from executive discretionary fund to be dispersed to the McGill Writing Centre for used Tutor Wages between September 19th and October 2nd inclusive if the Council Motion on October 2nd fails.

Approved 3 - 2: Member Services Officer and Internal Affairs Officer opposed.

Meeting Adjourned.
The Post-Graduate Students’ Society of McGill University Inc.
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Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Erik Larson, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Navid Khosravi Hashemi, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Discussion

- CFS update

**SG/IAO BIRT** up to $3500 from the budget line “campaigns” be allocated to develop a public relations campaign with regard to PGSS’ efforts to have its members’ vote to leave the Canadian Federation of Students recognized.

*Motion passed*

- Sustainability action plan

A discussion ensued regarding the feedback of the executive committee.

Meeting adjourned
2013-11-15 - Minutes - November 15 2013 meeting -
Unapproved

Erik Larson
Adam Bouchard
Michael Krause
Elizabeth Cawley
Jonathan Mooney
Navid Khosravi-Hashemi

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Post Graduate Students Society of McGill University
3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
Call to order

1 Approval of the agenda

Motion Passed.

2 New Business

2.1 Funding for PGSS Meditation Hour

The budget and motion are pending

Postponed until Meditation Hour provides attendance figures

2.2 CSS Meeting Funds

WHEREAS the Committee on Student Services has historically been an under utilized committee but has great potential due to its design (parity between faculty/staff and students);

WHEREAS this year the MSO has invited key units within Student Services to present issues related to service delivery, underfunding and discuss the changes they would need to operate effectively and sustainably;

WHEREAS it is difficult to mobilize a large and diverse group of students from across the campus to work towards a joint goal;

WHEREAS previously we have allocated sums of money for meetings with friends and allies of PGSS to further our workplan goals and objectives of the Society;

BIRT up to $200 be allocated from the meetings budget line for meetings with CSS student members, including an introductory student lunch that is being hosted at Thomson House on November 21st (the day before the CSS meeting and presentation by the mental health service units).

Motion Passed.

2.3 Motion for PGSS support for the Speed-friending Event on November 21, 2013

WHEREAS graduate student isolation was identified in nearly 25% of PGSS members in the January 2013 Wellness Expo Mental Health Survey (40 participants).

WHEREAS the previous two speed-friending events hosted by the Health and Wellness Committee were successful, with 20 and 40 PGSS members attending, respectively.

BIRT $250 be allocated from the PGSS Events budget line to support the 3rd speed-friending event on November 21st, 2013.
Motion for PGSS support for the Speed-friending Event on November 21, 2013

Motion Passed.

2.4 Motion for PGSS support for the Peer Support Network 2013-2014

WHEREAS the PGSS represents all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, working to advocate, outreach, and provide services to its members.

WHEREAS the wait times of the McGill Mental Health Services (MMHS) and Counseling can be long.

WHEREAS the Peer Support Network is a student-led initiative aimed to support all McGill students, including graduate students, to decrease stigma of mental illness and bring more awareness to mental health issues.

WHEREAS by proportion, more graduate students use MMHS in comparison to undergraduate students.

BIRT $800 be allocated from the Campaigns budget line to support the implementation and maintenance of the Peer Support Network for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

BIFRT the Peer Support Network be promoted through our media streams and be integrated into our student society.

Motion for PGSS support for the Peer Support Network 2013-2014

Motion Passed.

4:00 PM 2.5 HAWC Holiday Meeting Fund

Whereas in previous years the executive has approved a budget to allow for an appreciation event for active committees

Whereas HAWC has been engaged and successful in their duties

Whereas the Health Commissioner has requested funds to host a holiday appreciation event for HAWC members

BIRT $200 be approved from the events budget line for a HAWC appreciation event

Motion amended to include all internal committees.

Amended motion passed

Motion Passed.

3:59 PM 3 Approval of the minutes

None to approve
4 Floor Items

4.1 Winter Appreciation Event

BIRT the amount of $600 be allocated to the event with an end date of January 30th, 2014.

Motion Passed.

4.2 6.4 Student Services - MSO

Writer/Researcher time to be spent comparing student services at McGill vs similar universities. Will refer Tyson.

Discussion ensued

4.3 Discussion 4

Sec-Gen- update on MOA with the University, specifically that the PGSAs should not be under the authority of PGSS

Discussion ensued

5 Discussion Items

5.1 Budgeting for PGSS events/services

I’d like to have a discussion on the cost of hosting events at Thomson House, especially for smaller student initiatives

Discussion ensued

5.2 Libraries

- Update on the Library Improvement Fund and timelines moving forward
- Update on meeting of Association of Research Libraries

5.3 CFS

Discussion ensued.

4:11 PM Adjourned

At 10:14am
2013-11-29 - Minutes - November 29 executive committee meeting - Unapproved

Erik Larson  
Adam Bouchard  
Jonathan Mooney  
Navid Khosravi-Hashemi  
Michael Krause  
Elizabeth

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Post Graduate Students Society of McGill University
3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
9:37 AM  Call to order

5:13 PM  1  Approval of the agenda

2  Announcements

2.1  I-Week 2014: McGill Without Borders

Should PGSS have an i-week event - Internal Affairs Officer?

I-Week 2014: McGill Without Borders

MISSION

I-Week is designed to highlight, and celebrate, the international and multicultural nature of the McGill community. Specifically, it is an opportunity for our community to engage in meaningful dialogue on international and intercultural relations; to develop an appreciation for the diverse forms of cultural expressions on campus; and to broaden intercultural awareness and understanding.

GOALS

Celebrate the significant contributions of international and internationally-minded students at McGill
Provide a platform for students to share their international experiences
Raise campus awareness of some of the challenges and surprises faced by international students
Celebrate the rich multicultural and multilingual environment that is the McGill community
Reflect on McGill's international footprint

DATES

Events & exhibits can occur on any date and at any time between:
Launch: Noon February 17, 2014
Close: 6pm February 21, 2014
(N.B. I-Week GALA event will be held Friday, Feb. 21 from 6pm onwards - please schedule your event before this date/time)

FORMAT

Format to be determined by the participating organizations

May include academic events, socio-cultural events, community-building events, etc.

Examples: student panels on international issues, guest speakers on international/intercultural relations, international leadership workshops, mini international film-fest, international food fair, “International Idol” talent competition, etc.

3 Discussion Items

5:17 PM 3.1 Ubriety

Update on testing Ubriety

5:29 PM 3.2 Grad photos

Discussion on Graduation photo contract

3.2.1 Motion to Accept the Graduation Photo Contract

BIRT the proposed graduation photo contract be approved and any money obtained from it be allocated to the events budget line to be used for a celebratory event.

Motion passes 4 in favour, 1 abstain

5:33 PM 3.3 Meditation mini-course

Discussion about creation of permanent "Meditation Tuesday"

Meditation mini-course

Is an announcement.

5:50 PM 3.4 APF Student Services Fee Advocacy

Now that the Student Services fee has been passed by PDFs, how can we advocate with the University/GPSO to shift the fee to supervisors. What are possible next steps and what can the APF help with.

5:53 PM 3.5 CSS Contingency Fund

Olivier wants to move CSS funds to operations budget lines.

See Bessie for further details

No action to be taken.

5:53 PM 3.6 Board Game Discussion

Purchasing board games - $200

Planning Settlers of Catan night (how many sets would we need? What is expected turnout?)
3.6.1 Purchasing Board Games

BIRT $200 be allocated from the Events Budget Line for the purchasing of board games by the Internal Affairs Committee

Motion Passes Unanimously

5:58 PM 3.7 CFS Petition 2013

A response has been sent by the CFS regarding the petition by GeSa. A plan moving forward should be discussed

Discussion ensued.

6:05 PM 3.8 CFS Protest and Project Management

Debriefing of the protest in Ottawa and project management for the remainder of the 2013-2014 executive term.

Discussion Ensued.

4 Floor Items

5:34 PM 4.1 Motion to Recess 15 minutes

BIRT Meeting reconvene at 5:50 PM November 29th.

Passes Unanimously

5:58 PM 4.2 Motion to Enter Closed Session

BIRT the Executive committee enter closed session.

Passes Unanimously
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Post Graduate Students Society of McGill University
3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
Call to order

1 Floor Items

1.1 Ubriety announcement

Internal Affairs Officer notes his recent frustrations with the Ubriety interface.

1.2 FEUQ 25h Anniversary

External Affairs Officer notes the upcoming celebration of the FEUQ’s 25th anniversary.

1.3 Selection of new ombudsperson

Member Services Officer noted that selection is underway for the new ombudsperson of the university.

1.4 Updates from Academic Affairs Officer

Athletics is requesting a building improvement fee.

Library Improvement Fund project will create locakable space in McClennen.
2 New Business

5:50 PM 2.1 Budget for Financial Awareness week

BIRT $2500 be allocated from the "Events" budget line for Financial Awareness week

*Finance Officer motivated the motion, noting that the budget was in line last year's budget.*

*External Affairs Officer noted that helpful external speakers would be attending the event.*

*Internal Affairs Officer inquired about the status of our Events budget.*

*Member Services Officer asked about who would be speaking at the event.*

*Finance Officer notes that there is significant demand for the event. He notes that there is $5000 remaining in the events budget line.*

*Internal Affairs Officer proposes an amendment to allocate $1800.*

*Finance Officer notes that the amount should be sufficient.*

*External Affairs Officer notes there may have been some inflation since the prior budget.*

Amendment Passed.
Motion Passed.
Motion Passed.

5:59 PM 2.2 CSS student meeting budget

Renewal of the meeting fund ($200) for continued lunch pre-meetings. This has been super beneficial and allowed for big wins at CSS this year (woo hoo, we rock)!

*The Member Services Officer motivated the motion, noting prior successes.*

*The finance Officer recommended using the executive discretionary line because it has been underutilized.*

*The executive committee resolved to allocate $200 from the "executive discretionary" budget line for pre-meeting lunch prior to the next Committee on Student Services meeting.*

Motion Passed.

6:02 PM 2.3 Spending authorization discussion

Need for greater clarify regarding process to obtain spending authorization moving forward

*Spending authorization discussion January 29, 2014*

*The CMA was tasked with investigating the issue and reporting back to the executive committee.*
2.4 Tabled - Funding for PGSS Meditation Hour

The budget and motion are pending.

Member Services Officer noted increased interest in the event.
External Affairs Officer requested a budget breakdown.
Member Services Officer provided a budget breakdown.
Internal Affairs Officer asked why the Mediation Hour is free but Yoga is charged.
The executive committee resolved to approve $583.50 from the budget line "leisure courses".
Motion Passed.

3 Reports

3.1 Board of Directors update

A brief update was made.

3.2 Board of Directors update

It was noted that the needs-based bursary criteria should be discussed at council.

4 Discussion Items

4.1 Legal Advise about Student Services

The following question is being proposed to the DP (SLL), however, a number of students feel that an outside legal opinion is warranted:

"Is the application of the two overhead charges on Student Services revenue which is added to the university central operating budget permitted under the MERST regulations related to tuition and fees, and what is the basis for the central (2.5%) and Student Life and Learning (1%) levels?"

Member Services Officer motivated the motion.

Executive committee resolved to allocate up to $700 for the budget line "professional services" to obtained a legal opinion with the understanding that the Student Society of McGill University (SSMU) will pay for half the cost of the opinion.

Executive committee also mandated the Secretary-General to request a second lunch with the SSMU.
Motion Passed.
4.2 MSPN

Where the MSPN has run out of the Chaplaincy office of McGill University

Whereas Chaplaincy does not have the resources to run the MSPN at full capacity or reach the large graduate student parent population that exists

Whereas PGSS would like to expand our services to student parents in an effective way

BIRT discussion take place about PGSS taking on the MSPN, the financial costs of doing so and arranging an agreement with McGill Student Services outlining the details of responsibility.

*Member Services Officer outlined the discussion.*

4.3 Commissioner titles

A executive subcommittee has been struck including the Internal Affairs Officer, the Member Services Officer, and the Academic Affairs Officer, will review the commissioner positions.

*Motion Passed.*

4.4 HDIP Renewal discussion

Update on HDIP renewal

*HDIP Renewal discussion January 2014 (1)*

*HDIP Renewal discussion January 2014 (2)*

*Member Services Officer will attempt to gain approval for a multi-year referendum question.*

4.5 Request to intervene in case involving medical residents

After a discussion, the PGSS resolved not to intervene.

4.6 Family care commissioner and press release

The executive subcommittee will consider the request to rename the commissioner.

The executive resolved to write a press release and e-mail it to local media.

*Motion Passed.*

The family care survey will be approved for Friday, with a request to delay its being sent out to not conflict with the current survey.

4.7 Tabled - Libraries

- Update on the Library Improvement Fund and timelines moving forward
- Update on meeting of Association of Research Libraries
The Academic Affairs Officer noted the substantial inflation in the cost of academic journals and a project to validate the quality of open source journals.
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Attending

Amy Vincent
Erik Larson
Michael Krause
Elizabeth Cawley
Jonathan Mooney
Navid Khosravi-Hashemi
Adam Bouchard

6:41 PM Call to order

1 New Business

7:07 PM 1.1 SAM Changes - Commissioner Titles

Whereas the Executive Sub-Committee on Integration of Sustainability to Titled Positions has made the following recommendations;

BIRT the PGSS Executive move the following Society Affairs Manual amendments, with corrected grammar and formatting, at March Council, following the consideration of feedback from the Equity and Environment Commissioners, and the Sustainability Coordinator.

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Chapter 2, Commissioners
Section 1
2.1 Equity -> Social Sustainability
2.2 Environment -> Resource Sustainability

Section 2
Change references to “Equity” to “Social Sustainability”, including the Committee Title
Except 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 (references to Joint Board Senate Committees on Equity)
Add sitting on Internal Affairs Committee

Section 3
Change references to “Environment” to “Resource Sustainability”, including the Committee Title
Except the 1.1.4 (reference to SSMU Environment Commissioner)
Add 1.1.6 - Sit on the Committee on Monetary Affairs
Add sitting on Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs

Chapter 5, Section 7
2. Composition

2.3. Resource Sustainability Commissioner

Chapter 14: Equity \rightarrow Social Sustainability

3. equity \rightarrow sustainability

Chapter 5, Section 8

2. Composition

2.3 Resource Sustainability Commissioner

Chapter 3

1.1 and 1.2

Add “and commissioner” after “executive” and before “reports”

1.1.1 Motion to amend from "March council" to "April council"

Motion passed.

*Motion Passed.*

6:44 PM 1.2 MSO Leave of Absence

Whereas the MSO is working on her comps and,

Whereas leaves of absence shall not be unreasonably withheld,

BIRT the MSO is on leave from her duties beginning Thursday February 27th until March 11th (inclusive),

BIFRT responsibility for the duties of the MSO during this time be discussed and agreed upon amongst the Executive.

*Motion Passed.*

6:41 PM 2 Approval of the agenda

*Motion Passed.*

3 Announcements

6:41 PM 3.1 Conseil Superieur de L'Education

Julien Ouellet was put in contact with the Associate Provosts Office to be the McGill Student representative.
3.2 Referendum Chairing

Update on Chair positions:
The document has been submitted. Erik and I are going to MacCampus on Tuesday so that Jon, Elizabeth and Nikki do not need to.

Athletics Yes - Adam
Athletics No - Elizabeth + Erik
Fee Changes Yes(3) - Erik + Nikki
Midnight Kitchen No - Jon
Health and Dental Yes - Elizabeth + Adam

All fee increases are likely to fail.

MSO asked whether all questions were approved.

4 Floor Items

4.1 Announcement re: Three minutes to save the world

They will speak to Dean of Graduate Studies.

4.2 FEUQ election platform

Finance officer inquired about platform.

4.3 CFS

An update was presented.

4.4 Lease

A brief update was presented.

4.5 Student Services

Frustration with DPSLL approach.
4.6 Provost and Principal meetings

- Executive wishes to meet without Dean of Graduate Studies.

Provost:
- Lease
- Student Services

Principal:
- Lease/MOA
- Student Services
- Enrolment

5 Discussion Items

5.1 Scheduling of Council Meetings

The Council Meetings are Scheduled for:
March 12, April 2, May 7
Will this let us finish all projects before the end of the term? Would moving everything one week back line everything up better?

5.2 Open Source Journals

How does the PGSS want to contribute to the Open Source Publishing / Copyright Education initiatives of the McGill Library.

5.3 Library Improvement Fund Update

Update on the motions that will be going to Council for expenditures from the Library Improvement Fund
Total cost $120,000 - Lockable space
We are waiting on details of Bathrooms, but nap space would be
Library Improvement Fund Update February 2014

Will ask council to vote by division.
Motion Passed.

5.4 Ubriety Reporting Structure

Demonstrating the setup for the executive and asking for feedback. ( 
5.5 **Update on Supervisor Quality Control Initiative**

We are in the final approval stages before the recommendations of CGPS go to Senate.

5.6 **Financial Awareness Week**

Internal Affairs Officer inquired about events.

7:54 PM **Adjourned**
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**Secretary-General** Jonathan Mooney, **Internal Affairs Officer** Michael Krause, **Academic Affairs Officer** Adam Bouchard, **External Affairs Officer** Navid Khosravi Hashemi, **Member Services Officer** Elizabeth Cawley

**BIRT** that $60 will be allocated from the campaigns line for a poster for the Sustainability Coordinator, to expire May 31st, 2013.

*Unanimously approved*

Meeting Adjourned.