Call to Order
5:15 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was amended to add 4.1 (Payment for Speaker and CRO) to beginning of the agenda in the form of motion M12-06-#001.

2.0 Announcements

No announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-06-#001 – Payment for Speaker and CRO (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the recommendations for payment of Speaker and CRO by the Society Affairs Manager be accepted.

Motion passed.

4.2 M12-06-#002 – Motion regarding transparency (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS transparency in the decision-making process is paramount to good governance;

WHEREAS PGSS members should be given a meaningful opportunity to observe the decision-making process of the PGSS Executive Committee;
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BIRT the schedule of all PGSS Executive Committee meetings be posted online.

BIFRT the minutes of all PGSS Executive Committee meetings be posted online within one week of approval.

BIFRT said minutes also be included in the PGSS Council package prepared following approval.

Amendment (Academic Affairs Officer / Financial Affairs Officer)
To remove the clause “BIFRT said minutes also be included in the PGSS Council package prepared following approval.”

Main motion passed as amended.

4.3 M12-06-#003 – Bylaw and Society Manual Amendments (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the executive committee has discovered several improvements that can be made to the Bylaws;

BIRT the following motion be submitted to Council:

WHEREAS several changes to the bylaws are necessary to facilitate meeting quorum at Council meetings and the calling special meetings to deal with urgent business;

BIRT the resolutions related to bylaw changes in Appendix A be approved.

Amendment (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT “PGSS” be replaced by “Financial Affairs Officer” in Bylaw 10.7 in Appendix A.

Amendment passes.

Amendment (Financial Affairs Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)

BIFRT any further by-law changes agreed to by the Executive by the council deadline be included in this Appendix.

Amendment passes.

Main motion passed as amended.
4.4 **M12-06-#004 - Budget Update (Secretary-General / ..)**

WHEREAS Society Bylaw 10.7 states, “The PGSS shall provide the Council, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors with a quarterly budget update within two (2) weeks of the close of each quarter”;

BIRT the Finance Officer be mandated by the Executive Committee to fulfil the requirements of Bylaw 10.7.

*Motion postponed indefinitely with unanimous consent.*

4.5 **M12-06-#005 - Internal Control (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)**

WHEREAS PGSS’ contract with the auditing firm Deloitte clearly places the responsibility for internal control mechanisms with the management of the PGSS;

WHEREAS proper internal control mechanisms are essential to prevent fraud, waste, and mismanagement;

WHEREAS pre-approval of expenditures will provide the necessary flexibility to implement society activities;

BIRT no expenditure be made from any Society Activities budget line, except by resolution of the Executive Committee.

*Discussion ensued.*

**Motion to recess (Academic Affairs Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)**

*Motion passed with no objections at 6:25 PM.*

Return from recess (8:45 PM)

On a point of order, the Financial Affairs Officer objected to the use of the recess to facilitate a two-hour meeting of the appointments board, which is other business, while the executive committee had met for only one hour, finding it disrespectful to those who are not on the appointments board.

Secretary-General noted that pan-executive attendance at the appointments board meeting had been previously discussed, though timing was not communicated explicitly enough in advance.

The agenda was by amended by unanimous consent to add motion regarding CSC, discussion on the budget, and motion regarding executive committee
meetings after discussion on council agenda and to move FEUQ conference above capital projects at TH.

4.6 M12-06-#005 - Internal Control (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS PGSS’ contract with the auditing firm Deloitte clearly places the responsibility for internal control mechanisms with the management of the PGSS;

WHEREAS proper internal control mechanisms are essential to prevent fraud, waste, and mismanagement;

WHEREAS pre-approval of expenditures will provide the necessary flexibility to implement society activities;

BIRT no expenditure be made from any Society Activities budget line, except by resolution of the Executive Committee.

BIFRT each member of the Executive Committee be mandated to submit expected expenditures for summer 2012 to the next meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Discussion continued.

Motion to divide the question to remove the final clause (Academic Affairs Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion to table the first section of the motion (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

Financial Affairs Officer raised a point of order, questioning whether the main motion is in order.

Motion to table passed (One objection by Financial Affairs Officer).

M12-06-#006 – Expected expenditures (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT each member of the Executive Committee be mandated to submit expected expenditures for summer 2012 to the next meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

Motion passes.
Agenda for June Council meeting (tabled by unanimous consent)

4.7  M12-06-#007 - Appointment of an Executive to the Council Steering Committee (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the External Affairs Officer be appointed to the Council Steering Committee.

BIFRT that Academic Affairs Officer be appointed as the alternate to the Council Steering Committee, to serve in the absence of the External Affairs Officer.

Motion passed.

5.0  Discussion

5.1  M12-06-#008 Scheduling of next Executive Committee meeting (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the next PGSS Executive Committee meeting occur on June 7, 2012 from 5PM-7PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

5.2  M12-06-#009 - Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal and Law 78 (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS Michel Leblanc, President and Chief Executive of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, has publicly welcomed Law 78;

WHEREAS the Board of Trade of Gatineau, in contrast, has written a letter harshly satirizing the content of Law 78;

WHEREAS the PGSS is a member of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal;

BIRT the PGSS advocate for the cessation of all public support for Law 78 by the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal.

BIFRT the PGSS investigate the decision-making process that led to the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal’s support for Law 78.
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Motion passed.

5.3 M12-06-#010 - Service de police de la Ville de Montréal and demonstrations (Secretary-General / ..)

WHEREAS the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal has typically allowed demonstrations which are illegal under Montreal Municipal Bylaw P-6 to take place if peaceful;

WHEREAS the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal also kettled made a mass arrest of over 500 people on May 23, 2012;

BIRT a letter be sent to the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal encouraging peaceful demonstrations to be allowed and discouraging the use of kettling and mass arrests.

Motion tabled by unanimous consent.

5.4 M12-06-#011 - Solidarity contribution to CUTV (Secretary-General / External Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS CUTV has consistently provided in depth coverage of demonstrations and student strikes;

WHEREAS this coverage has provided PGSS members with the critical, real-time information, allowing them to avoid and/or participate in these activities;

WHEREAS CUTV is a non-profit, campus community television station;

BIRT pending approval of the Budget up $200 be allocated from the budget line “Solidarity” as a donation to CUTV.

Motion passed.

5.5 M12-06-#012 - Executive Work Plan (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the following motion be presented to the PGSS Council.

WHEREAS the Executive Work Plan must be assembled over the summer;
WHEREAS Council input into this work plan would benefit the executive committee;

BIRT Council enter Committee-of-the-Whole for a period of 30 minutes’ to discuss the executive work plan.

**Amendment (External Affairs Officer/ Internal Affairs Officer)**

BIFRT The Executive recommend to CSC that this be placed at the end of the Agenda.

Amendment passed.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

6.0 **Discussion**

6.3 **Lotteries.**

*Discussion ensued.*

**M12-06-#013 Lotteries (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the lotteries for the Appeals and Appointments Board be held at Council.

BIFRT the Secretary-General draft the motion to submit to CSC.

BIFRT the Internal Affairs Officer coordinate the lotteries.

*Motion passed.*

6.4 **Library Improvement Fund.**

**M12-06-#014 - LIF Discussion (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)**

BIRT a committee of the whole (10min) be submitted to Council to discuss the future role of the LIF.

BIFRT the Secretary-General draft the motion to submit to council.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

6.5 **Updates from executives regarding transition and activities**

*Tabled unanimously.*
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6.6 Preparing agendas for meetings with Professors Kreiswirth and Mendelson

Tabled unanimously.

6.7 AGSEM: Response to concerns regarding loss of Council seats and planning a joint meeting

M12-06-#015 - AGSEM response (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT a letter be drafted apologizing for the fact that AGSEM was not explicitly reached out to inform them of the seat removal aspect of the SAM.

Motion passes unanimously.

6.8 Expectations regarding executive performance

Tabled unanimously.

6.9 FEUQ Congress

M12-06-#016 - FEUQ Congress

BIRT pending approval of the budget up to one thousand ($1000) dollars be allocated from the travel and conference line item for the FEUQ Congress.

Motion passed.

6.10 MSO elections

Tabled unanimously.

6.11 Capital Projects at TH

Tabled unanimously.

6.12 Solidarity budget

Tabled unanimously.
6.13 Demonstrations

Discussion ensued and tabled unanimously. FEUQ has asked about June 22nd attendance and planning. Newswire will be going out next week. We need to discuss further.

6.14 GSMG

Tabled by unanimous consent.

6.15 FEUQ Congress

Tabled by unanimous consent.

6.16 RAE

Tabled by unanimous consent.

6.17 BOD and EXEC

Tabled by unanimous consent.

6.18 Workplans

Tabled by unanimous consent.

6.19 Meetings

Next meeting: June 7th 5PM. Will include the creation of the summer schedule. We will also discuss the Commissioner committee as well.

6.20 Use of listserv

Discussion ensued.

6.21 Scheduling of Executive Meetings through the rest of the summer

Tabled by unanimous consent.

6.22 Scheduling of Exec+Commissioner caucus through the rest of the summer

Tabled by unanimous consent.
6.23 Our "retreat"

Tabled by unanimous consent.

6.24 Appointments Board attendance

(discussed after recess)

6.25 Executive payments

Discussion ensued.

6.26 Bill 78 and the government stopping negotiations with students

M12-06-#017 - Bill 78 (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the Motion at council May 23rd denounced bill 78;

BIRT the VP External be mandated to bring a motion to council June 13 that follows up with action items on the Motion denouncing bill 78.

Motion passed unanimously.

6.27 The PGSS security audit (the motion that was passed at the AGM)

Discussion ensued.

M12-06-#018 - the PGSS security audit (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Academic Affairs Officer be tasked with implementing the motions.

Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda was amended to add motion M12-06-#019

M12-06-#019 - Second Signing Authority for the Society (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Secretary-General be the second signing authority for budget year 2012-2013.

Motion passed unanimously.
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Motion to recess until June 7th 2012 at 5PM. (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion passed unanimously (10:42PM)

RETURN FROM RECESS June 7th 2012 at 5:22PM

Agenda amended to include discussion on transition payments.

6.28 Transition payments

Discussion ensued.

Society Affairs Manager invited to participate at 5:29PM.

Society Affairs Manager will be using submitted council reports as the proof that executives-elect accomplished their transition. She will be releasing the transition payments to all five executives. A policy needs to be made for standardizing the accountability process.

M12-06-#020- Motion to take first section of M12-06-#005 Internal Control (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer) from the table:

WHEREAS PSSS’ contract with the auditing firm Deloitte clearly places the responsibility for internal control mechanisms with the management of the PGSS;

WHEREAS proper internal control mechanisms are essential to prevent fraud, waste, and mismanagement;

WHEREAS pre-approval of expenditures will provide the necessary flexibility to implement society activities;

BIRT no expenditure be made from any Society Activities budget line, except by resolution of the Executive Committee;

Motion to take from the table passed with unanimous consent.

Motion does not carry (2 for/2 against/1 abstain)

M12-06-#021 - Motion to take M12-06-#010 - Service de police de la Ville de Montréal and demonstrations (Secretary-General / ..)

WHEREAS the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal has typically allowed demonstrations which are illegal under Montreal Municipal Bylaw P-6 to take place if peaceful;
WHEREAS the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal also kettled made a mass arrest of over 500 people on May 23, 2012;

BIRT a letter be sent to the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal encouraging peaceful demonstrations to be allowed and discouraging the use of kettling and mass arrests from the table.

**Motion to take from the table passes unanimously.**

*Main motion fails (2 against / 3 abstain)*

**M12-06-#022 - Motion to expunge previous motion (Finance Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)**

Motion to table motion to expunge (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

*Motion to table passed unanimously.*

**Motion to take from the table Discussion 6.5 Updates from executives regarding transition and activities (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)**

*Motion to take from the table passed.*

*Discussion ensued.*

**Motion to enter closed session (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)**

*Motion passed.*

**M12-06-#023 - Retention of proprietary information (Financial Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the Secretary General discuss retention of proprietary information with the Society Affairs Manager.

*Passed unanimously (6:41PM)*

**Motion to leave closed session (Internal Affairs Officer/ Finance Officer)**

*Motion passed.*
M12-06-#024 - Motion of thanks (External Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive extend deep thanks to Mariève Isabel for her extraordinary service to the PGSS and express that they would be delighted to see her continued involvement in the PGSS.

*Passes unanimously with great enthusiasm (6:49).*

Motion to take from the table Discussion item 6.6 Preparing agendas for meetings with Professors Kreiswirth and Mendelson

*Motion passes by unanimous consent.*

7.0 Discussion

7.1 Meeting with Kreiswirth See EC12-06-#01 Addenda

Motion to recess for 10 minutes (7:04 PM)

*Motion passed by unanimous consent.*

Return from recess at 7:54 PM.

Agenda amended to add M12-06-#025 Ratification of the decision of the Secretary-General (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the decision of the Secretary General to issue a letter appointing Errol Salamon as the PGSS representative to the FEUQ BoD be ratified.

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.17 BOD and EXEC

*Motion passes unanimously.*

*Discussion ensued.*

Motion to adjourn to 6PM June 11, 2012 in Thomson House (Financial Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

*Motion passed unanimously*

Adjournment

8:39 PM, June 7, 2012
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3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
EC12-06-#02
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June 11, 2012, 6:14pm

Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Pooja Tyagi, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon

Gallery and Guests

Call to Order
6:11 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to include discussion items “Campus Community Committee”, “DAR Recruitment”, “Bike Clinic”, “AFP”, and “FDS”

Agenda amended by unanimous consent to add discussion on grants.

Agenda amended by unanimous consent to add discussion item on “Phone allowance.”

2.0 Announcements

No announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

4.0 Business
4.1 Motion to take from the table discussion 6.21 Scheduling of Executive Meetings through the rest of the summer

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued.
4.2 M12-06-#026– Appoint Financial Affairs Officer to attend Grants Review Committee meeting (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion passed unanimously.

BIRT the finance officer be delegated to attend the meeting of the Member Services Committee while the Member Services Officer (MSO) position is vacant.

Motion passed unanimously.

M12-06-#027– Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.2, Agenda for June Council meeting

Motion passed unanimously.

M12-06-#028– Motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of COM

Motion passed unanimously.

M12-06-#029– Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.23 “Retreat”

Motion passed unanimously.

M12-06-#030– Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.8 Expectations regarding executive performance.

Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 M12-06-#031– Phone Allowance (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT $40.25 per month be approved from the budget line item “officer cell phone subsidy” upon approval of the budget, for each Executive for phone expenses upon submission of monthly receipt.

Motion passed unanimously.
5.0 Discussion

5.1 Member Services Officer Elections

Tabled.

5.2 Capital Projects at TH

Discussion ensued.

5.3 Budget Amendments

Discussion ensued.

5.4 Solidarity Budget

Discussion ensued.

5.5 M12-06-#032– Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.13 “Demonstrations.”

5.6 M12-06-#033– Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.14 GSMG

Motion passed unanimously.

5.7 M12-06-#034– Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.16 RAE

Motion passed unanimously.

5.8 M12-06-#035– Motion on RAE (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT Pooja Tyagi be designated as our representative to the RAE.

Motion passed unanimously.
5.9 M12-06-#036– Motion to take from the table discussion item 6.18 “Workplans”.

Motion passed unanimously.

5.10 Campus community committee

Secretary-General will request more details from the Campus Community Committee.

5.11 DAR recruitment

Discussion ensued.

5.12 Bike clinic

Discussion ensued.

5.13 APF

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment

10:25 PM
Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Pooja Tyagi, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon

Gallery and Guests

Call to Order
6:13 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda (Internal/Finance)

Approved.

2.0 Announcements
2.2 Financial Affairs Officer

SEDE – no pricing scheme, but won’t be buying food for Aboriginal Events

M12-07-#037– Aboriginal Event (Financial Affairs Officer/ Secretary-General)

BIRT up to $100 from the budget line “Executive discretionary spending” be approved to subsidize the cost of renting the ballroom on September 25 to support the Aboriginal event with an expiry date of September 1.

BIFRT this amount be used to subsidize only up to 50% of the cost of the room booking for the event.

BIFRT this motion take effect upon confirmation of SEDE’s budget to subsidize travel for speakers to PGSS events in the fall to diversify our events.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Tabled and sent to staff for formatting (Secretary-General/ Academic Affairs Officer)
4.0 Business

4.1 M12-07-#038 – Mobilization allocation (External Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

BIRT the executive approve up to $500 from the budget line "mobilization" for actions that arise from July 2 to August 31, 2012

Amendment (External Affairs Officer / Financial Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend and to divide the question into three separate motions. The first:

WHEREAS PGSS members voted at its Annual General Meeting to go on strike from March 20 to 22 to fight The Quebec government’s proposed tuition hikes

WHEREAS several PGSAs voted to go on strike at the departmental or faculty levels

WHEREAS two PGSAs, Art History & Communication Studies and French Literature, are still on strike

WHEREAS in 2011-2012, Ontario full-time students paid, on average, the highest tuition in Canada

BIRT the Executive authorize the External Affairs Officer to spend $500 from the budget line “Travel & Conference” to attend, facilitate workshops, and bring other McGill students to the Ontario Strike Workshop in Toronto July 27–29 in order to bring awareness about tuition fee increases as well as to build coalitions with, and mobilize graduate students in, Ontario to expire September 1, 2012.

Motion to amend passes.

Move to go into closed session (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

Motions passes (two objections by Finance and External).

BIFRT the external affairs officer reach out to event organizers in Ontario to determine the extent to which external organizations will be involved in the event and report back to the executive committee. (Sec-Gen / Internal Affairs Officer)

Amendment passes (2:1:2). Abstention by External Affairs Officer.

Motion to leave closed session (Sec-Gen / External). Passes unanimously.
Amendment

add “provided that at least 5 PGSS members, who agree to represent the position of the PGSS at the conference and attend a pre-meeting with the External Affairs Officer prior to the conference, attend” (Secretary-General / Internal Affairs Officer)

*Motion passes (4:0:1) Abstention by External Affairs Officer.*

Amendment (Internal Affairs Officer / Academic Affairs Officer)

to change line item from “travel and conference” to “mobilization”

Amendment (Academic Affairs Officer / External Affairs Officer)

to change the line item to $250 from travel and conference and $250 from mobilization)

Motion passes. 1 abstention (External Affairs Officer)

*Main motion passes unanimously.*

M12-07-#039- Training Camp

The second motion:

WHEREAS the success of PGSS mobilization efforts in fall 2012 must involve the active input, participation, training of PGSS members and the opportunity for members to build coalitions with each other

WHEREAS the FEUQ has offered to support a PGSS mobilization event

BIRT the Executive authorize the External Affairs Officer to spend up to $500 from the budget line “Events” to organize a mobilization orientation and training camp by August 31, 2012 to expire September 1, 2012.

*Motion passes (4:1:0) – Internal Affairs Officer objected*
M12-07-#040 - Death of Evidence Rally

The third motion:

WHEREAS the federal government passed Bill C-38, which will lead to cuts in science funding and science programs in Canada and will seriously hinder scientists’ abilities to monitor climate change and protect the environment

WHEREAS a majority of PGSS members are science students

BIRT the Executive authorize the External Affairs Officer to spend up to $200 from the budget line “Mobilization” to bus people to Ottawa to attend the “Death of Evidence” rally on July 10.

Motion to amend to add “provided 20 PGSS members confirm their attendance prior to the booking of a bus” (Secretary-General / Finance Officer)

Amendment passes unanimously.

Motion passes unanimously as amended.
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4.2 M12-07-#041 – Internal campaigns allocation (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the groundwork for any successful PGSS campaign for fall 2012 must involve aggressive lobbying of stakeholder.

WHEREAS several discussions have transpired among the PGSS representatives to the McGill Senate regarding bringing forward issues that will require support from the facility and other members of that body.

WHEREAS discussions with previous and current 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.

WHEREAS discussions have transpired amongst the PGSS executive committee regarding reaching out to various stakeholders over the summer months.

BIRT the Secretary-General be authorized to spend up to $450 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 organization over the summer months to discuss and promote PGSS’ planned campaigns for fall 2012.

BIFRT the Secretary-General be authorized to spend up to $300 from the budget line “Events” for the purpose of organizing potential summer workshop(s) on governance at Thomson House.

BIFRT this authorization expire on August 15, 2012.

Amendment (External Affairs Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)

BIFRT any meetings with external student organizations take place under the join auspices of the External Affairs Officer and the Secretary-General.

Amendment passes unanimously.

Main motion passes unanimously.
5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Secretary-General

Closed session by unanimous consent.

Left by unanimous consent.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Expectations of executives (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Debriefing of Meetings with FEUQ, Kreiswirth, Mendelson (Academic Affairs Officer / External Affairs Officer)

Motion to combine with 6.9 and 6.10 (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion passed with unanimous consent

Discussion ensued.

6.3 First drafts of our individual workplans (Academic Affairs Officer / Sec-Gen)
M12-07-#042 – BIRT by July 21 at 5:00 PM all executive committee members submit a draft copy of their individual workplan (Sec-Gen / Internal).

Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Corporate Operations Manual (Internal Affairs Officer)

(reMOVED External / Sec Gen)

6.4 FEUQ June conference follow up and booking for Feb/Mar 2013 conference at Thomson House (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.5 Town hall/GA regarding Bill 78 and tuition (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.6 External Affairs Officer mobilization events, 2012-2013 (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.7 Governance at McGill (closed session) (VP Academic / Secretary-General)

Entered and left with unanimous consent.

6.8 Student Code of Conduct (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.9 Work plan regarding Dean of Graduate Studies (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.10 Work plan regarding Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.11 MCSS update (Secretary-General)

Closed session by unanimous consent. Left by unanimous consent.
6.12 Minutes (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.13 Responding to e-mails (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.14 Follow-up on Office and Confidentiality Policies (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.15 Events Survey (Secretary-General)

Motion to enter closed session (Internal Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

Motion passed unanimously.

Closed session left by unanimous consent.

6.16 Implementation of motions passed (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

M12-07-#043 – (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT an ad-hoc committee to address the security audit be struck with a mandate of researching the implementation of the security audit motion passed at the general assembly).

Motion passed unanimously.

6.17 Procedure to approve spending from lines in the budget listed as "Determined by Officers" (Secretary-General / Finance Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.18 HMB’s requests (added by SG and Errol)

Discussion ensued.

6.19 PGSAs (Internal Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment (Financial Affairs Officer / Academic Affairs Officer)

11:10 pm
Call to Order
6:29 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda (Internal/Finance)

Approved.

2.0 Announcements

No announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

4.0 Business
4.1 M12-07-#044 – Hiring of researcher (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT a hiring committee composed of the Secretary-General, the External Affairs Officer, the Academic Affairs Officer, and the Society Affairs Manager be struck with the purpose of hiring a contract-based, part time (up to 15 hours/week) writer-researcher with a term beginning effective the decision of the hiring committee and lasting up to October 31, 2012 with the possibility of extension and a salary to be set by the Society Affairs Manager in consultation with the hiring committee that is in line with industry standards and based on the qualifications of the employee.

Discussion ensued.

Amendment (Finance Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend to include “the Finance Officer” after “Academic Affairs Officer” (Financial Affairs Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion fails (2/3/0)
Main motion carries (2/3/0) Financial Affairs Officer and Internal Affairs Officer opposed.

4.2 M12-07-#045 – Legal Opinion (Secretary-General)

BIRT up to $1000 be allocated from the budget line “Professional Consultation Services” to secure a legal opinion on Section 21 of the McGill Student Code of Conduct and its proposed revisions with an expiration date of September 1, 2012.

Amendment (External Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

To remove “Section 21 of”.

(Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer) To include “focused on Section 21 of” before “the McGill Student Code of Conduct” and “with the ability to expand to other sections” after “revisions”.

Sub-amendment fails (0/2/3)

Amendment fails (0/3/2)

Amendment (Academic Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

Motion to amend “to be spent upon the decision of the Secretary-General and the Academic Affairs Officer in consultation with the PGSS representative to the Student Code of Conduct Working Group”

Motion passes unanimously at 7:50 PM.

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer / Academic Affairs Officer)

7:50PM
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3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
EC12-07-#05

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July 23, 2012, 6:00pm

Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Pooja Tyagi, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon

Gallery and Guests

Call to Order
6:13 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda (Internal Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

Motion on minutes and approval tabled (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend agenda to remove second responding to e-mails (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion passed.

Agenda approved as amended.

2.0 Announcements

Association of Postdoctoral Fellows (10 min)
- Need to be better at sending postdoc reps to Kreiswirth when he needs them; GPSO Postdoc task force does meet
- Academic and non-academic career progress events; idea of all postdocs taking academic route
- Evening with people from non-academic careers
- PGSA issue; no funding; how do we get funding to put on these events; want to focus events on postdocs; PhDs could flood events
- Skill set workshops - academia and career development as PI (grant writing, lab management, finance)
- Including the words Postdocs in all events; reminding councillors to recall their postdoc members
- Internal affairs officer: what about splitting postdoc contributions to PGSLF between APF and departments; also, issue of double representation on Council
Sustainability Coordinator (10 min)
- Composting - Questions regarding timing, current practices, and effect on current waste services
- Sense that composting is a matter of corporate responsibility and should be dealt with at the Board
- Purchasing policy - To be addressed at the Board
- Question about involvement of McGill with changes to building
- Emphasis on the need for quantitative data and properly evidence and justification for recommendations; increasing community involvement
- Questions about communication (Facebook, etc.)

Marieve Isabel, PGSS representative regarding French Courses at McGill (10 min) (tabled Internal Affairs Officer / Academic Affairs Officer )

No objections

Point of order from Academic Affairs Officer regarding respecting speaking time.

Point of personal privilege from Internal Affairs Officer regarding food.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

EC12-06-#01
Motion to table 12-06-#01 (Financial Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)
Motion passed unanimously.

EC12-06-#02
Approved with the deletion of 7.7, 7.8, 7.8a, as these were not discussed.

EC12-06-#03
EC12-07-#04

The minutes are approved.
4.0 Business

4.1 M12-07-#046 – MCSS Memorandum of Agreement (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT the PGSS-MCSS memorandum of agreement be approved.

Amendment (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

To read "signed by the Secretary-General and Financial Affairs Office be ratified" for "be approved".

Discussion ensued regarding the difficulties of negotiating this agreement with the MCSS.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to take from the table the motion on the minutes and approval.

Motion on minutes postponed indefinitely with unanimous consent (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

4.2 M12-07-#047 – Motion to amend something previously adopted (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the PGSS now has a Member Services Officer

WHEREAS the PGSS would benefit from the experience and continuity provided by the Financial Affairs Officer in dealing with the grants program

WHEREAS Motion 12-06-#26 as passed did not grant voting authority on the grants committee to the Financial Affairs Officer

WHEREAS, per the Society Operations Manual, the Executive Committee shall “shall retain all the powers of Council in between Council meetings…”

Amendment

BIRT Motion 12-06-#26 be amended to read:

“BIRT the Financial Affairs Officer be appointed to the grants review committee”
Amendment (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to amend to read "Member Services Committee" (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to call the question (Internal Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion passes unanimously.

4.3 Minutes (Academic Affairs Officer/…)

BIRT Minutes approval is limited to 15 minutes.

Motion withdrawn.

4.4 M12-07-#047 – MCSS Fees (Academic Affairs Officer/…)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter closed session for 20 minutes to discuss MCSS fees

Motion to postpone indefinitely (Academic Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)
Unanimous.

4.5 M12-07-#048 – Executive Responsibilities (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS regular discussion occurs on the subject of executive responsibilities occurs informally.

BIRT (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer) the Executive Committee enter closed session to discuss executive powers in relation to their responsibilities for 10 minutes per executive position present.

Amendment (Internal Affairs Officer / Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend to 5 minutes

Amendment (Financial Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend to 3 minutes

Motion passed (3/2/0)
Objections from (Academic Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

Amendment (Secretary-General/ Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion to extend for 3 min to include general concluding comments.

(3/2/0)

All budget items tabled until 6.06 (Secretary-General/ Academic Affairs Officer) unanimous.

Motions arising from closed session (Academic Affairs Officer/…)

M12-07-#049 – Executive Responsibilities (Academic Affairs Officer/…)

BIRT up to $300 be allocated from the Events budget line for each of the University Representative meetings to occur in September, November, February, May. Each to expire October 1st, December 1st, March 1st, May 1st respectively.

BIRT up to $400 be allocated from the Meetings budget line for the Academic Affairs Officer to use in order to move forward work-plan oriented goals. Amount to Expire December 31st, 2012.

BIRT up to $800 be allocated from Campaigns for the Academic Affairs officer and Secretary-General to use for the advancement of PGSS goals in the review of the Student Code of Conduct in consultation with the PGSS representative to the Student Code Steering Committee. Amount to Expire May 31st 2013.

BIRT up to $200 be allocated from Campaigns and up to $200 be allocated from Meetings for the Academic Affairs officer and Equity Commissioner to use for the advancement of PGSS goals in the review of the Policy on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law. Amount to Expire December 31st, 2012.

Motion passed.
**M12-07-#050 – Reduction of PGSS Athletics fees (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the Academic Affairs Officer be given approval to work towards a reduction of PGSS members Athletics fees as he sees fit. Progress reports will be given to the Executive Committee.

**Amendment (Secretary-General/ Internal Affairs Officer)**

Amend to read "explore a reduction" and add "given the apparent disparity between PGSS member contributions and usage" after "Athletics"

*Motion passes unanimously.*

**M12-07-#051 – Pilot project (Academic Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)**

BIRT the Academic Affairs Officer be given approval to pursue a pilot project for the creation of Supervisor quality control mechanisms in two departments, one in the “sciences” and one in the “humanities” dependent on participation of Associate Deans and relevant PGSAs.

BIFRT if necessary the Academic Affairs Officer be given approval to create an Ad Hoc committee to accomplish the project.

Motion to call the question (Internal Affairs Officer / External Affairs Officer)

Motion passes unanimously.

*Main motion passes unanimously.*

**Motion to enter closed session (Academic Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)**

BIRT the Executive Committee enter closed session to discuss University Governance for less than 15 minutes

*Motion passes unanimously.*
M12-07-#052 – Review on Governance (Academic Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

BIRT (Academic Affairs Officer /…) the Academic Affairs Officer and Secretary-General be given approval to begin work on a review of Governance under the guidelines produced in Appendix A.

Motion to table until the following exec meeting (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion to table passes unanimously.

M12-07-#053 – Ad Hoc Security Audit Committee (Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS not a single person has responded to the newswire request to join the Ad Hoc Security Audit Committee

WHEREAS not a single person has followed through with the forwarding of information or data in support of the committee

BIRT the Academic Affairs Officer be given approval to change the format of the Ad Hoc Security Audit Committee to being an informal advisory caucus with regular public meetings. Progress reports will be given to the Executive Committee.

Motion ruled out of order.

Amendment (Academic Affairs Officer / Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the ad-hoc PGSS Security Audit Committee be changed to an ad-hoc PGSS Security Audit caucus to which appointment does not require a nomination to the appointments board but instead a notification to the Academic Affairs Officer. BIFRT reports be given to the Executive Committee regarding the work of this caucus.

Motion passes unanimously.
4.11 M12-07-#054– French Literature Strike (External Affairs Officer/Secretary General)

WHEREAS the Département de langue et littérature françaises (DLLF) is still on strike to fight the Quebec government’s proposed 75% tuition hikes over 5 years

WHEREAS professors in the DLLF have agreed to give students in the department a “K” (i.e., an incomplete) so that they won’t get penalized for not submitting their work

WHEREAS professors in the DLLF have also agreed to give students in the department a “KE” (i.e., a prolonged incomplete) to extend the deadline for students to submit their work

WHEREAS Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) must approve a “KE”

WHEREAS students in the DLLF fear that GPS will give students a “KF” (i.e., a failing grade)

WHEREAS PGSS members went on strike from March 20 to 22

BIRT the PGSS Executive support and defend DLLF students and generate support from other associations and individuals at McGill and elsewhere.

Discussion ensued.

Amendment (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to amend, to read "refer to council a motion to support…"

Motion to conference for 10 minutes (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to leave conference (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer)

Motion to call the question (Internal Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer). Motion to call the question on the motion to refer passes.

Motion to refer fails (1/2/0)

Call question on main motion (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion fails.
Amendment (Secretary-General / External Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend (Secretary-General / External Affairs Officer) to read "BIRT that the PGSS issue a letter to GSPO and other relevant McGill administrators by July 27, 2012 signed by the Secretary-General supporting the issuance of grades of KE to students in DLLF who have reached agreements with their professors regarding the issuance of such grades."

BIFRT the PGSS utilize such means as meetings with GPSO and other bodies to advance and support the issuance of such grades to its members.

BIFRT the PGSS support and defend DLLF students by generating support from other associations such as the FEUQ and individuals at McGill and elsewhere regarding this issue."

Amendment passes. (3/0/1) One abstention (Internal Affairs Officer)

Amendment (Financial Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

Motion to amend to read "by generating support" and add "such as the FEUQ"

Motion to amend passes unanimously.

Main motion passes (2/0/2) Two abstentions (Internal Affairs Officer/ Financial Affairs Officer)

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

- Report on Ontario strike workshop
- Report on conference of the FEUQ
- Report on July 22 demonstration
- Report on PGSS mobilization training camp

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.
5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

M12-07-#055 – Lead Negotiator LICM Fee (Financial Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Financial Affairs Officer be appointed as lead negotiator regarding the LICM fee

Amendment (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Financial Affairs Officer be appointed to explore our relationship with the McGill LIC and the LIC fee applied to PGSS members"

Amendment (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

to read "with a goal of ensuring that the services provide by LICM correspond to the needs of PGSS members"

Motion passes unanimously.

5.3.1 Report on GPSO contribution to grants

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

- Quorum in election, newswire communications should be minimized in next few weeks
- Orientation and invitations
- Masi and council meeting speaking time

5.5 Secretary-General

- Quorum at elections
- Administrative issues (workplans, minutes, etc.)
- Consultation fair
6.0 Discussion

6.1 Motion to remove item 6.07-6.09 (External Affairs Officer /Financial Affairs Officer)

Motion passed.

6.2 M12-07-#056 – Appointment of Executive committee chair in absence of Secretary-General (Secretary-General)

Motion to appoint Academic Affairs Officer as chair in the absence of the Secretary-General (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passes unanimously.

6.3 M12-07-#057 – Appointment to the Appeals Board (Secretary-General)

BIRT Financial Affairs Officer be appointed to the Appeals Board.

BIRT Noah Billick be contacted to gauge his interest in joining the Appeals Board.

Motion passes unanimously.

6.4 Society Staff (Secretary-General)

Motion to enter closed session (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

BIRT the Society Affair Manager be invited to next Executive Committee meeting if concerns about the staff are still relevant. (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion passed.

Motion to leave Closed Session (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

BIRT the Financial Affairs Officer be mandated to undertake a review of our current society staff structure and present a report to the EC by September 1 (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer).

Motion passed
6.5 Corporate Operations Manual (Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion to take from the table (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passes unanimously.

M12-07-#058 – Corporate Operations Manual (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT the legal concerns regarding the adoption of the Corporate Operations Manual be referred to the Board of Directors

Motion passed.

6.6 FEUQ Feb/Mar 2013 conference at Thomson House (Secretary-General)

Motion to postpone indefinitely (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed.

6.7 Executive Work Plans (Secretary-General)

Secretary-General - Plans overlap with work of other executives. Need to specify timeline for work. Specify other officers with whom campaigns will be executed.

Academic Affairs Officer - Question of approving budget and being able to start projects.

M12-07-#059 – PGSS Campaigns(Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT up to $150 be allocated from the "meetings" budget line for the Academic Affairs Officer to spend on meeting related to upcoming PGSS campaigns to expire September 30, 2012.

Motion to call the question (Internal Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer) (3/0/1)

Motion passes (2/1/1). One abstention (Internal Affairs Officer).

Question of working out budget lines and potential conflict after calculations. Financial Affairs Officer - Questions about clarity. Questions about including Society Staff review. Questions about thematic organization.
M12-07-#060– Final PGSS-SSMU MOA (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs)

BIRT the Finance Officer be appointed to negotiate the final PGSS-SSMU MOA.

Motion passes unanimously.

6.8 Internal Affairs Officer - CREPUQ and Orientation are really one-off events and not broad issues. Better involvement of PGSSas with policy/cultural events/better newswire. Challenge with cultural events. Will meet with Ubriety regarding newswire. Use of Thomson House and events survey. Budgets esp. regarding orientation discussed.

Budget discussed.

6.9 External Affairs Officer mobilization events, 2012-2013 (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.10 LIC (Secretary-General/Finance Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.11 GPSO contribution to grants (Secretary-General/Finance Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.12 Responding to e-mails (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.13 Procedure to approve spending from lines in the budget listed as "Determined by Officers" (Secretary-General/Finance Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.14 Quebec election plan (External Affairs Officer)
Motion to table - (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.15 Election of the Member Services Officer (External Affairs Officer)

Motion to enter closed session (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion passed. Discussion ensued. Closed session left by unanimous consent.

6.16 PGSS mobilization listserv (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.17 Responding to e-mails (External Affairs Officer)

Combined with 6.10

6.17 Science and policy exchange (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.18 SSMU

Tabled (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer)

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer / Academic Affairs Officer)

12:50 am, July 24, 2012
Call to Order
4:30 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

   Approved.

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-08-#061 – PGSS position on the upcoming Quebec provincial election
   (Internal Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT the following text be approved as the PGSS position on the upcoming Quebec provincial election:

“We welcome the chance for the population of Quebec to democratically engage in choosing the leadership of the province. No matter the outcome, we hope that there will be a strong participation of the student body. Further we anticipate a lively discourse regarding the undermining of civil liberties and the subversion of the basic principles of civil liability by loi 78 and the recent discontent about the rise in tuition fees.”

Several amendments were discussed (see below)

The upcoming election is an opportunity for the Quebec electorate to choose the future direction of Quebec society. Despite the annual lull (amendment doesn’t pass) Despite August being a downtime for the PGSS (amendment doesn’t pass), we strongly encourage the student body to participate in the democratic process—despite the timing of the election campaign (amendment doesn’t pass). Although the PGSS does not take a partisan stance in the election, we hope to see a lively discourse about the ways in which Loi 78 has undermined civil liberties and subverted the basic principles of civil liability as well as the discontent about the rise in tuition fees. The PGSS strongly opposes Loi 78 and the tuition increase.
Adopted Statement

The upcoming election is an opportunity for the Quebec electorate to choose the future direction of Quebec society. We strongly encourage the student body to participate in the democratic process. Although the PGSS does not take a partisan stance in the election, we hope to see a lively discourse about the ways in which Loi 78 has undermined civil liberties and subverted the basic principles of civil liability as well as the discontent about the rise in tuition fees. The PGSS strongly opposes Loi 78 and the tuition increase.

Adjournment
6:30 PM
Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomo, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Gallery and Guests

Call to Order
6:03 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

Approved.

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-08-#062 – Motion on Inter-Union Council letter (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT the PGSS sign the IUC letter promoting freedom of expression, provided

a) It includes a reference to the Quebec Charter and relevant jurisprudence regarding political expression in the workplace
b) It is made clear that the PGSS supports freedom of expression generally, not only specifically in relation to the red square

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

4.2 M12-08-#063 – Motion on Health Commissioner Resignation (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the resignation of the health commissioner be accepted.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

4.3 M12-08-#064 – Motion on Election Events (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT up to $500 from the budget line “campaigns” be allocated to fund election-related events.

Motion passed.
An objection was later registered from the Financial Affairs Officer. Since motions require unanimous consent in light of waiver of notice requirements, the motion does not pass.

**Motion to adjourn (Internal Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer).**

**Adjournment**
6:04 PM
Call to Order
6:18 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

Amendment (Internal Affairs Officer / Member Services Officer)
Motion to amend to add “Retreat + Vacancies” to the end of discussion

Motion passed.

Amendment (Secretary-General / External Affairs Officer)
Motion to amend to add “Freedom of Expression Letter”

Motion passed.

Agenda passed as amended.

2.0 Announcements

No Announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.
4.0 Business

4.1 M12-08-#65 – Paying of the Speaker (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT the Society Affairs manager pay the current Speaker for June and August Councils.

BIRFT the Society Affairs manager draft an interim contract with the Speaker until such time as Council fully approves of the appointment.

Motion passed.

4.2 M12-08-#66 – Response to Newswire Complaint (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive enter a 10 minute Closed Session to discuss the draft response prepared and circulated by the Secretary-General

Motion passed.

BIRT the Internal Affairs Officer and Secretary-General incorporate any edits and respond to the complaint.

Motion passed.

M12-08-#67 – Fee due date (Academic Affairs Officer /…)

BIRT the Secretary-General and Academic affairs officer contact the Deputy Provost to get information about the date changes specifically and globally the debacle that has been this year’s fees.

BIFRT the Executive confirm details and if this is different than other years send a special NewsWire with the following topic to be outlined:

Your fees are due on August 31st. Please defer the payments through …

Motion withdrawn by unanimous consent.
M12-08-#68 – Quebec election “how to vote” motion (External Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

WHEREAS the Quebec election is on September 4, 2012;

WHEREAS PGSS Council passed the motion on August 8, 2012 that “PGSS provide information to its members regarding voting eligibility and voting locations”;

WHEREAS the PGSS External Affairs Committee and the FEUQ held a mobilization workshop on the Quebec election on August 24, 2012, at which PGSS members suggested that the PGSS provide more information to its members about how to vote;

BIRT that the PGSS email its membership by August 28, 2012 with the following text:

You can register to vote in a Quebec provincial election from August 13 to August 30 at your local revision office.

In order to vote, you must be
Registered on the voters list no later than August 30;
18 years of age or older on election day;
A Canadian citizen; and
A resident of Quebec for six months prior to Election Day.

To check if you’re registered to vote, visit http://www.monvote.qc.ca/en/trouverBV_formulaire.asp

If your name didn’t appear on the voting card mailed to your address, if you didn’t receive a voting card, or if you changed address before August 30, go to a “Special revision office” to get on the electoral list (find your Special revision office here: http://www.monvote.qc.ca/en/trouverBV_formulaire.asp)

To register, you must bring two pieces of ID:
a document that states your name and your date of birth (birth certificate, citizenship certificate, health insurance card, etc.)
a document that states your name and current address (telephone or hydro bill, driver’s license).

Election Day in Quebec is September 4, and polls are open from 9:30 am to 8 pm.
To vote go to your polling station (find your polling station here: http://www.monvote.qc.ca/en/trouverBV_formulaire.asp)

Your employer, or whoever runs your lab, must release you from work for four consecutive hours between 9:30 am and 8 pm for you to go and vote.

You can vote even if you are away from your home residency (but still in Quebec). For instructions on how to do so, visit http://www.monvote.qc.ca/en/edv_votez_ou_vous_residez.asp

Amendment (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend to replace “email its members” with “post on the PGSS website and facebook group”

Motion passed.

Main motion passed as amended.

M12-08-#69 – Defer fee payment motion (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS McGill fall tuition payment is due by August 31, 2012, after which interest will accrue;

WHEREAS a tuition increase of $254 per year is included in the 2012-2013 fees;

WHEREAS the election of a new government in Quebec on September 4 may lead to a decrease in tuition;

WHEREAS McGill graduate students are entitled to defer their tuition payments until at least the end of October—after the Quebec election;

BIRT the PGSS email its membership and post on the PGSS website, urging its members to defer the payment of their fees on Minerva, particularly if they hold an external award (e.g., NSERC, SSHRC, FQRNT, FQRSC); will receive income from a TA’ship or an RA’ship or course lecturer; will receive McGill awards paid in installments (i.e., stipends or fellowships); and will receive government student aid (Canadian or U.S.)

Amendment (External Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend to replace “email its members” with “post on the PGSS website and facebook group” (External Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)
Main motion passed as amended.

M12-08-#70 – External Affairs Officer meetings spending (External Affairs Officer /Financial Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the success of any PGSS campaign depends on aggressive lobbying and long discussions with various stakeholders;

WHEREAS discussions with student leaders, the PGSS executive, and external bodies of which PGSS is a member have pointed to the importance of building coalitions and gaining support for proposals before they are disseminated publicly;

WHEREAS these discussions have only begun during summer 2012;

BIRT the External Affairs Officer be authorized to spend up to $150 from the budget line “Meetings” for the purpose of meeting with student leaders both external and internal to McGill as well as relevant PGSS committees, in September 2012, to discuss and promote PGSS external affairs campaigns and events for fall 2012, to expire October 1, 2012.

Amendment (Academic Affairs Officer /External Affairs Officer)

Motion to amend to include further authorizations based on the budget report presented by the Academic Affairs Officer in a previous Executive Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Motion to call the question on the amendment (Academic Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer).

Motion to call the question on the amendment passes (4/0/1). Objection by External Affairs Officer.

Main motion on the amendment fails (2/2/1).

Main motion passes.
M12-08-#71 – Motion from the floor on fund disbursements (Financial Affairs Officer / Academic Affairs Officer)

“BIRT approval of fund disbursements be made based on budget plans that are as concrete as possible”

Amendment

Motion to amend to add “at the time” at the end of the motion (IAO/EAO).

Motion passes as amended.

M12-08-#72 – Archivist Contract (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

BIRT the Society Affairs Manager negotiate a contract for renewal of archival services from Ryan Hughes under the conditions listed in Appendix A.

Motion to table (Internal Affairs Officer / Financial Affairs Officer).

Motion to table passes.

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.
6.0 Discussion

6.1 Appointments Board (Academic Affairs Officer).

Specifically that I believe that for Commissioner Appointments the AB should in a best case be vetting candidates and providing two for a vote to happen in Council. At minimum the one candidate recommended should be voted on by council in a secret ballot.

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Quebec election events (English debate at Concordia, Election Day event @ Thomson House) (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.3 Scheduling meetings with SSMU, AGSEM, and ASEQ (Secretary General) (tabled)

Discussion ensued.

6.4 Communications and responsiveness of executives (Secretary-General) (tabled)

Discussion ensued.

6.5 Communications with members (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.6 Approval of budgets for upcoming events (Secretary-General)

M12-08-#73 – Motion from the floor to approve the following expenditures:

$150 for election posters
$300 for walking tours
$300 for corn roast
$3000 for orientation
$750 for trivia night
$1,800 for wiggle room

Motion passed by unanimous consent
6.7 Pricing and cost recovery for Community Engagement Day (Secretary-General)

Tabled.

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer)
10:16 PM
Post-Graduate Students’ Society of McGill University
3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
EC12-09-#09
Executive Committee Minutes
Approved
September 10, 2012, 6:00 pm

Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Pooja Tyagi, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Guests

Society Affairs Manager Delia Pettit (from Discussion to Archivist Contract)

Call to Order

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

2.0 Announcements

Society Affairs Manager (Archivist contract; general communication)
- Westmount daycare contract still in effect - $3000 proposed for renewal this year
- SSAO is in limbo. Need to contact Kara.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-09-#74 - Archivist Contract (Secretary- General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Society Affairs Manager negotiate a contract for renewal of archival services from Ryan Hughes under the conditions listed in Appendix A.

Amendment (Secretary-General / Member Services Officer)

Motion to amend to add “conditional on a review of the former archivist performance, an outline of the timelines and milestones of the project, and a review plan for the position included in the contract.”

Motion to amend passes.

Motion passes (3/0/2)
WHEREAS SEDE’s Community Engagement Office has sought to rent the Thomson House Ballroom for two events

WHEREAS it falls within PGSS' mission to “promote the educational and cultural interests of members” (Bylaw 2.5)

WHEREAS the Secretary-General and External Affairs Officer discussed Community Engagement Week with the SEDE Office and noted the forthcoming PGSS policy regarding discounting rooms when food is ordered from Thomson House

WHEREAS the cost for these events has been quoted as $423.71 (Saturday, 4 hours) and 453.39 (Monday, 8 hours)

WHEREAS the PGSS policy regarding discounting room rental costs when food is ordered from Thomson House does not apply to non-members

WHEREAS the cost to PGSS members for such rentals would be $207.26 and $238.71, respectively.

BIRT the PGSS offer the member cost to SEDE for these events by allocating $216.45 + $214.68 = $431.13, of which $231.13 is from the budget line “solidarity” and $200.00 is from the line “executive committee discretionary”

Amendment (Internal Affairs Officer/ Member Services Officer)

Motion to amend to remove all references to a subsidy for Saturday so that the motion reads,

"BIRT the PGSS offer the member cost to SEDE for the Monday, October 1, 2012 event by allocating up to $214.68 from the budget line "solidarity" with the proviso that the subsidy apply only during business hours."

Motion to amend passes (2/1/2)

Main motion passes (3/1/0)
4.3 M12-09-#76 – Athletics (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 15 minutes to discuss the athletics report of the Academic Affairs Officer.

Motion out of committee of the whole:

BIRT the Academic Affairs Officer proceed with athletics plan as outlined in his report with the goal of producing a brief report to the fall 2012 meeting of the McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board. (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passes unanimously (5/0/0).

4.4 M12-09-#77 – Security Audit (Academic Affairs Officer/ Secretary- General)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 5 minutes to discuss the security audit report of the Academic Affairs Officer.

Motion tabled.

4.5 M12-09-#78 – MCGSS (Secretary-General/ Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 10 minutes to discuss the MCSS-MCGSS relationship.

Motion out of committee of the whole:

BIRT the Secretary-General develop a joint PGSS-MCGSS policy based on the SG's report and the draft MCSS-MCGSS report. (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion passed by unanimous consent.
4.6 **M12-09-#79 – Spending from Events Line (Secretary-General /Academic Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 7 minutes to discuss spending from the “Events” line in the budget.

Motion to enter Committee Of The Whole passed by unanimous consent.

**Motions out of committee of the whole:**

BIRT no expenditure be made from the budget line “CREPUQ Group Student Accident Insurance Admin.” except by joint decision of the IAO and the MSO.

BIFRT no expenditure be made from the budget line “PGSS Events” except by resolution of the executive committee.

BIFRT no expenditure be made from the budget line “Council Meetings” except by joint decision of the FO and the management.

*Motions passed by unanimous consent.*

4.7 **M12-09-#80 – Society Staff (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 7 minutes to discuss the review of the society staff structure.

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole passed by unanimous consent.

**Motion out of committee of the whole:**

BIRT the Financial Affairs Officer submit a detailed template regarding the society staff structure review with the Society Affairs Manager by October 10, 2012.

*Motions passed by unanimous consent.*
4.8 M12-09-#81 – LICM (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 7 minutes to discuss the LICM.

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole passed by unanimous consent.

Motion out of committee of the whole:

BIRT the Financial Affairs Officer present a timeline and milestones for different scenarios at the next executive committee meeting.

Motions passed by unanimous consent.

4.9 M12-09-#82 – Supervision project and upcoming meeting with Professor Kreiswirth (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 10 minutes to discuss the supervision project and the upcoming meeting with Kreiswirth.

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole passed by unanimous consent.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.10 M12-09-#83 – Upcoming meeting with Professor Mendelson (Secretary-General/ External Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 10 minutes to discuss the upcoming meeting with Mendelson.

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole passed by unanimous consent.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.
4.11 M12-09-#84 – Principal’s forum and barbecue (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the whole for up to 7 minutes to discuss the upcoming Principal's forum and barbecue.

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole passed by unanimous consent.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.12 M12-09-#85 – Service on Appointments and Appeals Boards (Secretary-General)

WHEREAS non-executive, unremunerated volunteer members have spent countless hours in difficult circumstances serving the Society on the Appointments and Appeals Board

BIRT $200 be allocated from the executive discretionary fund to grant the four non-executive members of the Appointments and Appeals Board each a $50 gift certificate to Thomson House

Motion withdrawn by unanimous consent.

4.13 M12-09-#86 – Council Orientation (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS, per the Society Operations Manual, the Secretary-General must “Organize an orientation in October for members of the Council”

BIRT up to $300 be allocated from the budget line item “Events” for the council orientation in October.

Motion to call the question (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to call the question passed.

Main motion passed by unanimous consent.

4.14 M12-09-#87 – PGSS Campaigns spending (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS continued meetings with faculty, other student leaders, and administrators, will be critical to PGSS’ fall campaigns
AND WHEREAS proper advertisement and promotion of said campaigns will be critical to building support
BIRT up to $500 be allocated from the budget line item “Meetings” for meetings with stakeholders related to PGSS’ fall campaigns, to expire January 31, 2013.

BIFRT up to $650 be allocated from the budget line item “campaigns” for the purpose of promoting PGSS' fall 2012 campaigns, to expire January 31, 2013.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

M12-09-#88 –

BIRT the concerns raised by the EAO be addressed at at FEUQ-PGSS meeting (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

Motion to enter closed session . (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General). Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion to take from the table security audit (Secretary-General / Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

M12-09-#89–

BIRT $1500 be allocated from the budget line “events” for the Halloween party.

BIFRT the allocation for paintball be struck (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion passes by unanimous consent.
5.5 Member Services Officer

M12-09-#90–

BIRT a letter be written to Adrian Micelicescu stressing the importance of the building audit (Member Services Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (3/0/1). Abstention from External Affairs Officer.

Motion to leave closed session (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Scheduling meetings with SSMU, AGSEM, and ASEQ (Secretary-General).

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Family Care Committee (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

M12-09-#91–

BIRT Laura Risk and Lerona Lewis be designated as PGSS representatives to ESAC’s ad-hoc workgroup on students caring for dependents to pursue the development of an accommodation policy for students caring for dependents.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

M12-09-#92–

BIRT the PGSS support the development of a Family Care Office at McGill.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.
6.3 Academic Freedom Conference (Academic Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.4 Scheduling of Meetings and Submission of Reports (Academic Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.5 Commissioner Attendance

Discussion ensued.

6.6 Grants Program

Discussion ensued.

6.7 Election Fallout

Discussion ensued.

6.8 Newswire

Discussion ensued.

6.9 Doorman

M12-09-#93–

Motion out of discussion (External Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

BIRT the Secretary-General work with management and the Board to express that the Executive Committee does not approve of the presence of a door person at TH.

Motion passed.

Adjournment
Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Pooja Tyagi, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Guests

Guillaume Lord, Leah Freeman

Call to Order

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion to bring 4.1 to top of agenda after approval and motion implementation motion to before discussion of FEUQ candidacy (Academic Affairs Officer).

Accepted without opposition.

Motion to amend agenda to postpone until exec retreat bylaw changes (External Affairs Officer /Financial Affairs Officer)

Motion fails (3/2/1) as it requires a 2/3 majority.

Motion to amend agenda to postpone until motions on Exec Retreat, November 10, elections (Academic Affairs Officer /Member Services Officer)

Motion passes (4/1/0)

Agenda approved as amended.

2.0 Announcements

Leah Freeman, candidate for FEUQ executive position (5 minutes)

The candidate gave a brief presentation. Questions were asked about work in the strike movement, priorities for the coming year, etc.
3.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion to divide the question (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion passes.

EC12-05-#35
EC12-05-#36
EC12-05-#37
EC12-07-#05
EC12-07-#07

All members of the EC voted to oppose to approving EC12-05-#35-#37.

The remaining minutes from meetings of the new EC (EC12-07-#05 and EC12-07#07) were approved (4/0/1)

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-09-#94 - Motion on Office Space (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss the motion on office space passed by the September meeting of council.

Motion passed.

Motions out of the committee of the whole (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

BIRT a survey of the membership regarding office space be conducted.
BIFRT the office space issue be raised with CGPS.
BIFRT an investigation be conducted regarding McGill policies with respect to office space.

Motions passed unanimously.
4.2 M12-09-#95 – International Student Caucus Events Budget (Member Services Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the International Student Caucus submitted a work plan and budget to the Member Services Officer for the 2012-2013 year;
Whereas the ISC is planning on holding the following events in the coming year:
- New Student Welcome October 2012 (up to $300)
- ISC Information Seminar April 2013 (up to $150)
- New Student Welcome January 2013 (up to $300)
- ISC Information Seminar July 2013 (up to $150)

BIRT up to 750 $ be given to the International Student Caucus for the projects outlined in the 2012-2013 ISC work plan.

Move to amend to remove July 2013 approval (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

Amendment (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to amend to add “from the events line” after “750 $” and to add “to expire two weeks into the month after which the event is scheduled to occur” at the end of the motion.

Motion to amend passed.

Main motion passed.

4.3 M12-09-#96 – Postdoc Conference (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT PGSS write a letter in support of Tourisme Montreal’s bid to have the National Postdoctoral Association host their 2014 or 2015 conference in Montreal.

Motion passes. (2/0/2).
4.4 M12-09-#97 – CIBC Run for the Cure Fundraiser (Member Services Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT $50 be allocated from the budget line “solidarity” for a Thomson House gift certificate for the CIBC Run for the Cure fundraiser event.

Question raised regarding conflict of interest by Internal Affairs Officer.

Movers were changed to (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

Member Services Officer will recuse self from the discussion.

*Motion passed.* (3/0/1)

4.5 M12-09-#98 – Bylaw amendments (Secretary-General)

BIRT the executive committee recommend to council approval of the bylaw amendments in appendix A.

Motion to table until after Executive Participation at Council. (Academic Affairs Officer /Financial Affairs Officer) (5/0/1)

*Motion to table passed.*

4.6 M12-09-#99 – SOM Amendments (Secretary-General /Financial Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee recommend to council approval of the SOM amendments in appendix B.

*Move to divide the question* (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

*Motion to divide the question passed.*

Motion regarding council seats was postponed indefinitely.

*Motion to amend the second amendment to add, “The CSC shall meet, at the latest, one day before the council package is distributed.”* (Academic Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)
Motion to postpone to exec meeting (Member Services Officer/Financial Affairs Officer).

No opposition

Motion to amend to read “the normally non-voting co-chair shall be granted a vote” (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

(4/0/1)

Motion to amend to read “meet within (48) business hours concerning any decision or actions of the CRO”

(Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to postpone to next exec (Member Services Officer/Financial Affairs Officer).

Motion to amend society affairs manual section 12.2.3.4

Motion passed

Motion to reconsider (4/0/1).

Motion to postpone amendments regarding Society Affairs Manual 12.2.3 both until next executive committee meeting (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed.

4.7 M12-09-#100 – Quebec Education Summit and McGill Education Summit (External Affairs Officer/…)

WHEREAS the newly elected PQ government will be holding a summit on the future of education in Quebec;

WHEREAS PGSS Council voted at the 12 September 2012 council meeting to hold a local education summit at McGill;

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of 15 minutes to discuss the McGill education summit.

Motion passed (3/1/1).

The executive committee left committee of the whole.
4.8 **M12-09-#101 – Motion implementation (Academic Affairs Officer)**

Move to before Leah discussion motion

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss the feasibility of implementing motions passed.

*Motion passed (3/2/0).*

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.9 **M12-09-#102 – Nomination of PGSS Members for FEUQ Exec Position (External Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)**

WHEREAS PGSS is a member association of the FEUQ;

WHEREAS PGSS member Leah Freeman is running for a vacant FEUQ executive position;

BIFRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss the nomination of electoral candidate.

Motion to enter committee of the whole passed (3/1/1)

**Motions out of committee of the whole to council:**

WHEREAS PGSS is a member association of the FEUQ;

WHEREAS PGSS member Leah Freeman is running for a vacant FEUQ executive position;

BIRT Council enter COTW for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss the FEUQ’s method of advertising vacant positions on their executive. (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT Council enter COTW for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss the candidacy of Leah Freeman. (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIFRT EC recommend to steering that the requirement discussion comes first (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

(2/1/2)
4.10 M12-09-#103 – U.S. Election Event(s) (External Affairs Officer/…)

WHEREAS the U.S. election is on 6 November 2012;

WHEREAS SSMU, CSU, GSA, and the Dawson Student Union have expressed interest collaborating again;

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss organizing a joint U.S. Election Day event with the above Anglophone student associations.

Motion postponed.

4.11 M12-09-#104 – Canada-Iran Relations (External Affairs Officer/…)

WHEREAS on 7 September 2012 the Government of Canada ordered the closing of the Canadian Embassy in Iran and expelled Iranian diplomats from Canada;

WHEREAS McGill International Student Services, the McGill Media Relations Office, and the McGill Daily have initiated contact with the PGSS regarding this issue and its impact on PGSS members;

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss a contingency plan in the event of future developments.

Motion passed (3/1/1).

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.12 M12-09-#105 – Misinformation at Council (Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss misinformation given by councillors and how to combat it, especially with respect to PGSS bylaws.

Motion to amend to 90 seconds (Academic Affairs Officer /Secretary-General).

Motion to amend passed.

Motion to enter closed session (Internal Affairs Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer).
Motion to enter closed session passed.

4.13 M12-09-#106 – Executive participation at Council (Member Services Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive committee enter closed session to discuss a policy on Executive participation in Council.

No opposition.

4.14 M12-09-#107 – Athletics Update (Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss updates regarding the athletics funding campaign.

Motion to enter committee of the whole passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.15 M12-09-#108– LIF Referendum (Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee of the whole for up to 5 minutes to discuss a possible LIF referendum.

Motion to enter committee of the whole passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.16 M12-09-#109 – LICM (Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee of the whole for up to 5 minutes to discuss updates regarding the LICM campaign.

Motion to enter committee of the whole passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.17 M12-09-#110 – Dean of Graduate Studies (Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee of the whole for up to 10 minutes to discuss updates regarding work with the Dean of Graduate Studies

Motion to enter committee of the whole passed.
The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.18 M12-09-#111 – Cooperation with CLASSE (External Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS discussions with the PQ government about the Quebec summit on higher education should be open to all student groups;

WHEREAS the PQ government has consulted only with the FEUQ and the FECQ;

WHEREAS CLASSE has been excluded from discussions about the summit;

WHEREAS CLASSE is one of the largest coalitions of students in Quebec;

WHEREAS PGSS Council passed a motion to encourage the FEUQ to cooperate with other groups of students;

BIRT PGSS lobby the FEUQ to get CLASSE included in the discussions with the PQ about the Quebec education summit

Motion passed.

4.19 M12-09-#112 – Other Referenda (Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee of the whole for up to 5 minutes to discuss other possible referenda.

Motion to enter committee of the whole passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.20 M12-09-#113 – Council Agenda (Secretary-General)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee of the whole for up to 5 minutes to discuss the agenda of the upcoming council meeting.

Motion to enter committee of the whole passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.
5.0

Section Removed.
Resolution passed by unanimous consent.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Montreal Summit on Innovation (Secretary-General).

Discussion ensued.

6.2 HMB Meeting attendance October 10 4:30 PM (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.3 SEDE-PGSS Relations (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer)
7:45 PM
Call to Order

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-10-#114 – PGSA

WHEREAS Society Operations Manual 10.4 states, "PGSAs shall be recognized by motion of Council"

WHEREAS Society Operations Manual 13.2.2.1 states, "All Recognized PGSAs are eligible to receive PGSLF funding"

WHEREAS Recognition is a require for funding

WHEREAS The Experimental Surgery Graduate Students Society has fulfilled the recognition requirements and has indicated that they urgently need PGSLF funding for upcoming activities

WHEREAS representatives of the Experimental Surgery Graduate Students Society attended the Council meeting of October 3, 2012 but the meeting was adjourned prior to the motion to recognize their society

WHEREAS Society Operations Manual 1.2.2 states, "The Executive Committee shall retain all the powers of Council in between Council meetings"

THEREFORE
WHEREAS the Experimental Surgery Graduate Student Society (ESGSS) wishes to be recognized by the PGSS as the official representative of their respective membership at the University;

WHEREAS their constitution has been submitted to the PGSS Student Life fund Coordinator and fulfills the PGSS requirements for recognition stipulated under Article 9 and Bylaw 11;

WHEREAS the membership of ESGSS unanimously voted to seek PGSS recognition in an executive committee meeting of duly appointed members held on July 9th 2012 and September 9th 2012.

BIRT the PGSS recognize under Article 9 and Bylaw 11, the Experimental Surgery Graduate Student Society (ESGSS) as the official representatives of their respective membership.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.
6.0 Discussion

Adjournment
10:40 AM
Call to Order

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved

2.0 Announcements

No Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

EC12-05-#36

It was noted that the approval for this occurred on May 31, 2012

Motion to table (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion to table passed.

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-10-#115 – Bylaw amendments (Secretary-General)

BIRT the executive committee recommend to council approval of the bylaw amendments in appendix A.

Motion to divide the question passed.
**Proposed bylaw changes – Appendix A**

### Naming of a President

WHEREAS, Section 89 of the *Quebec Companies Act* requires the President of a company to be articulated

BIRT Bylaw 6.3.3.2 be amended to read:

“The Board of Directors shall be chaired by the Secretary-General, **who shall act as President of the Corporation. In the absence of a chair, the Board may appoint a Director to serve as interim chair.**”

Approved unanimously.

### Composition of Appointments Board

WHEREAS the Appointments Board requires the expertise of members of the Executive Committee charged with both Internal and University representation

BIRT Bylaw 6.6.3.1 be amended to read:

“Six (6) members of Council from at least four (4) different faculties, as well as two (2) members of the Executive Committee, as set out in the Society Affairs Manual.”

(4/1/0) – Opposition from External Affairs Officer

### Procedure for Appeals Board

WHEREAS clarity in the process of convening an Appeals Board meeting is essential

WHEREAS members of the Appeals Board should be enabled to participate by electronic means

BIRT Bylaw 7.1.5 be amended to read:

“The Appeals Board shall meet within **three (3) working days** of notice of appeal being delivered, in writing, to one of the Officer or Director members of the Appeals Board. In the event that a meeting the Appeals Board does not meet quorum, another meeting shall be held within three (3) working days. The notice requirement for a meeting of the Appeals Board shall be twenty-four (24) hours.”

Motion passed (4/0/1) – External Affairs Officer abstains

BIFRT Bylaw 7.3.4 be amended to read:
“The Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Appointments Board, Appeals Board, and Committees of Council, may conduct business by electronic means, in the manner set out in governing documents.”

Conditional upon the COM being amended to bring electron participation in line with the Companies Act.

Motion passed (4/0/1) – Member Services Officer abstains

**Practical French translation**

**Proposed Changes**

WHEREAS PGSS members should be able to access the minutes of meetings of PGSS governing bodies in English and in French

WHEREAS French translation of meeting minutes is costly and should not be performed when no need for translation exists and no request for translation has been made

WHEREAS safeguarding the rights of PGSS’ francophone members remains essential

BIRT Bylaw 7.8.2 be amended to read:

“Minutes of general meetings and Board of Directors meetings shall be kept in English and French. Minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee, Council, the Appointments Board, and the Appeals Board shall be kept in English and be made publicly available in French upon written request of a ten regular members of the PGSS. In the case of a conflict on interpretation, the language of original drafting shall prevail. In the case of bilingually drafted minutes, the English version shall prevail.”

Motion to amend: BIFRT the option to request translation be broadly advertised to the membership (Financial Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer).

Motion to amend passed.

Motion to amend of a regular member of the PGSS. (Member Services Officer / Financial Affairs Officer).

Motion to amend passed. (4/1/0)

Motion to table. (Member Services Officer /External Affairs Officer)

Motion does not pass. (Financial Affairs Officer / External Affairs Officer/ Member Services Officer).

Motion to postpone until December 2012. (External Affairs Officer /Financial Affairs Officer)
Motion to postpone passed. (4/0/1)

Practical minutes

WHEREAS Robert’s Rules of Order specifies the appropriate content of minutes

BIRT the entirely of Bylaw 7.8.3 be repealed and replaced with, “The content of governing body minutes shall adhere to Robert’s Rules of Order”

Motion does not pass (1/2/2).

Practical signing authorities

WHEREAS requiring expenses to be approved by both a management employee and an officer or director is an appropriate internal control mechanism

WHEREAS the identity of signing authorities and provisions for alternative signing officers should be clearly articulated in the byalws

BIRT Byalw 9.2 be amended to read:

“The PGSS shall operate a separate bank account for each of its funds requiring the signatures of two signing authorities, one of whom shall be a management employee and the other of whom shall be an Officer or Director, for all debits.”

BIFRT Bylaw 9.4 be amended to read:

.The signing authorities of the PGSS shall be as follows:

9.4.1 Finance Officer

- Secretary-General
  - Two management employees, appointed by the Board of Directors. Either may be signatory to Shared Activities. One will have exclusive purvview over Business Activities, and other shall have exclusive purvview over Society Activities.

Withdrawn by unanimous consent.

Motion to recess for three minutes (Academic Affairs Officer /Financial Affairs Officer) (3:10)
Practical budget approval

WHEREAS the PGSS should not cease to operate entirely in the event that a budget is not approved

BIRT Bylaw 9.6 be amended to read

“The PGSS may not make any disbursement in a given financial year in the absence of an approved budget for the financial year, with the exceptions of operating expenses of regular PGSS services, and salaries of Thomson House employees. The Council must approve the budget for Society Activities and the Board of Directors must approve the budget for Business Activities and Corporate Activities. Both the Council and the Board of Directors must approve the budget for Shared Activities. If for any reason the above process has not taken place within two (2) weeks of the start of the financial year, then the Board shall be allowed by special resolution to approve the entire PGSS budget, which shall apply until the above process has been executed.”

Motion to postpone until COM is ready for presentation to the EC (Financial Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

Passed unanimously.

Practical contracts

WHEREAS it should be possible for temporary hiring to be easily effected

BIRT Bylaw 9.12 be amended to read:

“Any contract not related exclusively to Business Activities in which the value of the contract is in excess of $10,000 may be entered into only by special resolution of the Executive Committee, ratified by special resolution of the Board of Directors. Contracts not related exclusively to Business Activities in which the value of the contract is not in excess of $10,000 may be entered into based on guidelines outlined in the relevant Operations and Policy Manuals.”

Motion to refer, as a discussion point, the amendment of Bylaw 9.12 to Board of Directors (Financial Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer) noting that the text above was discussed by the Executive Committee and concerns were raised.
### Practical petitions

BIRT Council enter a committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss amending Bylaw 10.3.1:

“A regular member petition must bear the signatures of the lesser of seven (7) percent of the regular membership, or 525 regular members.”

*Withdrawn by unanimous consent.*

### Practical bylaw changes

WHEREAS the approval of bylaw amendments currently requires a 2/3 majority vote of both the PGSS Council and the PGSS Board of Directors

WHEREAS the current bylaws require confirmation of bylaw changes via referendum or general meeting before the changes take effect

WHEREAS the current process requires months to implement even minor or uncontroversial bylaw changes

WHEREAS section 91 of the *Quebec Companies Act* provides that bylaw amendments have effect immediately upon approval by the Directors

WHEREAS section 91 of the *Quebec Companies Act* also provides the the general meeting has the authority to confirm bylaws amendments, failing which they cease to be in force

BIRT the entirety of Bylaw 15.1.1 be repealed and replaced with the text:

“The bylaw amendment shall come into force *immediately upon ratification*; however, such amendment, unless in the meantime confirmed by special resolution at a general meeting of the corporation or by special resolution at a referendum duly called for that purpose, shall have effect only until the next annual meeting or annual referendum of the corporation, and, in default of confirmation by special resolution thereat, shall, at and from that time only, cease to be in force”

Motion withdrawn by unanimous consent.

#### 4.2 M12-10-#116 – Society Operations Manual amendments (Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee recommend to council approval of the Society Operations Manual amendments in Appendix B.

Motion to divide the question passed.
Appendix B

WHEREAS the restructuring of PGSA's has led to the emergence of a few very large PGSA's

BIRT a Society Activities Manual section 4.2.3.4 be added, reading, “A PGSA with over two hundred members shall be allotted an additional two council seats”

Motion withdrawn by unanimous consent.

WHEREAS Councillors should be afforded the maximum possible time to submit motions and documents while respecting the time required to assemble the council package

BIRT Society Activities Manual 4.12.1.3 be amended to read, “Documentation for regulation Council meetings (specifically Officer reports, motions and accompanying documentation to each motion) must be submitted to the Speaker by 5:00PM one (1) calendar days prior to the meeting of CSC

WHEREAS the current Society Activities Manual grants a tiebreaking vote on the Appointments Board to someone who is not even a member of the Appointments Board

BIRT Society Activities Manual 11.4.6 be amended to read, “All decisions of the Appointments Board shall be made democratically and documented. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair shall count twice.”

Motion passed. (2/0/1)

WHEREAS the Bylaws state that the Appeals Board must meet within seventy-two (72) (business) hours of notice of appeal

BIRT Society Activities Manual 12.2.1.1.1 be amended to read, “Hear and pass judgment on cases of appeal concerning any decision or actions of the CRO within three (3) working days of being notified of any such appeal;

Approved by unanimous consent.

WHEREAS the Bylaws state the the Appeals Board shall include two titled positions

BIRT Society Activities Manual 12.2.3.4 be amended to read “Members of the appeals board cannot hold a titled position, with the exception of the Secretary-General and the two (2) titled positions.”

BIRT Society Activities Manual 12.2.3.5 be amended to read, “Members of the appeals board cannot be any members of the PGSS with powers to make PGSS decisions that are subject to appeal, with the exception of the Secretary-General and the two (2) titled positions. In the
case that a decision of the Secretary-General or one or both of the two (2) titled positions is brought before the Appeals Board, the relevant party/parties shall recuse from the Appeals Board for the case.

Motion postponed indefinitely.

4.3 M12-10-#117 – US election event(s) (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

WHEREAS the U.S. election is on 6 November 2012;

WHEREAS SSMU, CSU, GSA, and the Dawson Student Union have expressed interest collaborating again;

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss organizing a joint U.S. Election Day event with the above Anglophone student associations.

BIRT out of the “Events” budget up to $200 be allocated to a US election event with an expiration of December 15, 2012.

Motion passed.

Motion to recess for one hour (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion to return from recess (Secretary-General/ Academic Affairs Officer) (5:47)

4.3 M12-10-#118 – Executive participation at Council (MSO/SG)

BIRT the Executive committee enter closed session to discuss a policy on Executive participation in Council.

Motion passed.

Discussion ensued.

4.4 M12-10-#119 – Athletics Update (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

(Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General) closed session
BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss updates regarding the athletics funding campaign.

*Motion passed.*

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.5 **M12-10-#120 – LIF referendum (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee of the whole for up to 5 minutes to discuss a possible LIF referendum.

*Motion passed.*

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.6 **M12-10-#121 – LICM (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee of the whole for up to 5 minutes to discuss a possible LICM campaign.

*Motion passed.*

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

Motion to leave closed session (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion passed.

4.7 **M12-10-#122 – Kids Toys (Secretary-General)**

BIRT up to $50 be allocated from the budget line “Executive Discretionary” to purchase toys for Thomson House for use by children, with an expiration date of November 31, 2012.

*Motion passed.*

4.8 **M12-10-#123 – Recording of Council meetings (Secretary-General)**

BIRT up to $350 be allocated for the budget line “Executive Discretionary” recording of Council meetings, with an expiration date of December 31, 2012.
Motion to refer to the management with a recommendation that equipment be purchased (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion to refer passed.

4.9 M12-10-#124 – Member Services Officer (Member Services Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS it has been 3 months since the election of the Member Services Officer

WHEREAS it has become apparent that some changes should be made to the roles and responsibilities of the member services officer and member services committee

BIRRT the exec enter committee of the whole 3 min to discuss bylaw and SOM amendments to the Member Services Officer position and Member Services Committee.

Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.10 M12-10-#125 – Flu Shot (Member Services Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the PGSS will be offering a flu shot clinic in conjunction with McGill Health Services

WHEREAS PGSS members who are covered under the PGSS Health and Dental Plan will have their $15 vaccination reimbursed through the HDIP vaccination coverage

WHEREAS we International students would benefit from a flu vaccination but have no vaccination coverage under the international health insurance plan

WHEREAS the PGSS strives to provide equitable services to all members

BIRRT the PGSS executive approve up to $200 to cover international student's flu vaccination at the November 2012 flu shot clinic from the budget line “Campaigns”.

BIFRT the Member Services Officer contact International Student Services regarding our previous advocacy in favour of coverage of vaccines on the international student health plan and a request be made to ISS for financial support for the clinic. (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)
Motion to amend to $1000 (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

*Motion passes.*

*Motion passed. (4/0/1) External Affairs Officer abstains.*

### 4.11 M12-10-#126 – Meditation (Member Services Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS graduate students have very high rates of anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns

WHEREAS the PGSS should aim to promote wellbeing through activities and courses

WHEREAS the Member Services Officer has developed a well-being and relaxation course to run for 8 weeks in Thomson House

WHEREAS the developed course could, if successful, be added as a PGSS leisure course in the following semesters

BIRT up to $1000 be allocated from the Campaigns budget line for the event "Lunch Time Relaxation and Meditation Sessions"

Motion to amend to “4 weeks” and “$500” (AAO/FO)

Motion regarding “4 weeks” passed (2/1/2).

Motion regarding “$500” passe (2/0/0).

Main motion passed. (3/1/1)

### 4.12 M12-10-127 – McGill Education Summit (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

WHEREAS PGSS Council voted at the 12 September 2012 council meeting to hold a local education summit at McGill;

WHEREAS the McGill administration, at a recent meeting with the PGSS Executive, offered their support of this event;

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of 10 minutes to discuss the McGill education summit.
Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole, noting the following possible topics:

- Space
- How do you define quality?

4.13 M12-10-#128 – Internal Communication (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

WHEREAS a request to include timely news about the McGill Education Summit, which stemmed from a PGSS Council motion, was ignored in the September 26, 2012 PGSS Newswire;

WHEREAS the same Newswire included less important information about a “free furniture give away”;

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of 15 minutes to discuss an internal communication plan.

Motion passed (1/0/3).

Motions out of committee of the whole:

BIRT submitted newswire items shall be prioritized as follows:
Based on a motion at council or at the executive committee

BIFRT Internal Affairs Officer confirm acceptance, decline, or request for resubmission of submitted items.

Motion failed (1/1/3).

Motion to reconsider (4/1/0). Motion to reconsider passed.

(2/1/2) Main motion passes.

4.14 M12-10-#129 – Consultation Fair (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss the consultation fair.

Motion passed.
The executive committee left committee of the whole.

Point of personal privilege. External Affairs Officer needs to take garbage out.

4.15 M12-10-#130 – Intercampus shuttle bus (Secretary-General)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 5 minutes to discuss the Mac Campus shuttle bus.

Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.16 M12-10-#131 – SMI QI (Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 3 minutes to discuss the SMI QI.

Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.17 M12-10-#132 – Appointments (Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 5 minutes to discuss recent appointments made.

Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss MCSS.

Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 5 minutes to discuss TH mailboxes (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)
Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

5.0 Executive Reports
5.1 External Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6 Secretary-General
   A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion
6.1 Montreal Summit on Innovation (Secretary-General).
   Discussion ensued.

6.2 SEDE-PGSS Relations (Secretary-General)
   Discussion ensued.
Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer)
12:05 AM
Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Pooja Tyagi, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Guests

Call to Order
6:21 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda
Approved Unanimously (Member Services Officer/External Affairs Officer)

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business
4.1 M12-10-#133 - Motion to amend a motion previously adopted (“French translation approach”) (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

BIRT the executive committee put the following motion to the December meeting of council:

WHEREAS the current PGSS bylaws provide for the translation of governing documents and committee minutes

WHEREAS PGSS’ 2012 translation budget is being consumed faster than expected and is predicted to be exhausted in early April 2013

WHEREAS PGSS has not yet established a language policy, unlike McGill, FEUQ, and SSMU

BIRT that a special committee of council, consisting of up to seven members, all of whom speak at least one language other than English, and chaired by the Member Services Officer, be struck to develop a PGSS language policy and bring a recommendation back to council by February 2012.
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Motion to divide the question to split the striking of the budget clause from all others (Internal Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

BIRT the other clause about the budget be withdrawn (Member Services Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion fails. (2/3/0).

Motion passes to remove WHEREAS $3K. (3/1/0).

Motion to amend to say “BIRT the executive committee move to amend the motion to council per the following text:” (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (3/1/0)

Motion to strike the final BIFRT (Academic Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer).

Motion passed (3/1/0). External Affairs Officer opposed.

Motion to strike “all of whom speak at least one language other than English” (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

(2/3/0). Motion fails.

(3/2/0). Motion carries.

4.2 M12-10-#134 - Motion to amend a motion previously adopted (“Online distribution of council recordings”) (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the following motion be recommended to Council:

WHEREAS a motion was passed at the September meeting of the PGSS Council mandating “online distribution of recordings of council meetings.”

WHEREAS the executive committee has expressed a concern that extracts speeches by councillors could be taken out of context and used for nefarious purposes

WHEREAS the potential for such decontextualization may inhibit free expression at council
BIRT the motion emerging from committee of the whole Motion R12-08-#018 - Recording of Council Discussion be amended to strike “and online distribution of recordings of council meetings pending legal consultation” and the following two clauses:

“BIFRT these recordings be accessible at Thomson House for any member of the PGSS to listen to”

“BIFRT these recordings be made available online, upon the implementation of PGSS’ new content management system, to members of PGSS members who sign in to the PGSS website and agree to the following statement:

1) This material is provided exclusively for personal listening by members of the PGSS; any other use is prohibited without the written permission of the Board of Directors of PGSS inc.
2) PGSS is tracking the number and composition of viewers and will report this information to Council and the Board of Directors on an annual basis.
3) A breach of these considerations may constitute a violation of the House Rules and may result in the revocation or suspension of the privileges of PGSS membership.”

Motion to amend to add “and pending legal consultation” (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion passes. (4/0/0).

Motion to amend to remove #2 (External Affairs Officer/ Member Services Officer).

Motion passed. (3/2/0).

Motion passes as amended. (3/1/1).

4.3 M12-10-#135 - Motion regarding council and executive photos (Secretary-General/ Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS Council and Executive photos are traditionally taken prior to the December meeting of Council

WHEREAS the cost for taking and framing these photos is approximately $1000
WHEREAS the Society Affairs Manager has enquired about the plan for this year with regard to these photos

BIRT the executive committee enter committee of the whole for a period of up to 7 minutes to discuss the taking of Council and Executive photos.

**Motion to not spend any money on taking the photo (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).**

*Motion failed (1/3/0).*

BIFRT the management be mandated to hang up all prior photos yet to be hung up before December council (Member Services Officer/External Affairs Officer).

*Motion passed.*

4.4 M12-10-#136 – Motion regarding executive tip pool (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS Executives spend a substantial amount of time at Thomson House and,
WHEREAS executives get free non-alcoholic drinks,

BIRT that $75 be approved from budget line "executive discretionary" to add to the tip-pool for service staff at TH.

*Motion passed. (3/0/0)*

4.5 M12-10-#137 – Motion regarding researcher report on underfunding (Secretary-General)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to ten minutes to discuss the report of the PGSS researcher on underfunding.

**Motion to postpone to the next exec meeting (External Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer).**

*Motion fails. (1/2/1).*

**Motion to amend to add up to three minutes (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).**
Motion passed. (2/1/1).

4.6 M12-10-#138 – Motion to mandate Academic Affairs Officer to create a dictionary of terms for the education summit (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion passed

4.7 M12-10-#139 – Motion regarding researcher report on PGSA council seats (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to ten minutes to discuss the report of the PGSS researcher on PGSA council seats.

Motion passed (4/0/0).

Motion to include the research report in the council package (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (4/0/0)

Motion to remove proposals and recommendation (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion fails (2/3/0)

Motion to reconsider (External Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer).

Motion passed. (3/1/1).

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole to discuss report 2 –

Motion passed. (4/0/0).

Motion to include the research report in the council package 2 - (3/2/0).

BIRT the recommendation of the executive committee be that council seat allocations remain the same (Academic Affairs Officer /Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion withdrawn.
M12-10-#140 – Motion that the executive committee recommend that the motion to change council seat composition be referred to PSAC with an invitation extended to PGAS to make presentations to PSAC. (Member Services Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed. (3/1/0).

Motion to leave committee of the whole

Motion passed. (3/1/0).

4.8 M12-10-#141 – Executive Work Plan (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the Executive is required to submit to PGSS Council in December a review and update of its work plan;

WHEREAS the External Affairs Officer has identified different priorities during the Fall 2012 semester;

BIRT the Executive approve the following amendments to the Executive work plan:

University Affairs section:

-University/Industry and University/Community partnerships, and Quartier de l’Innovation (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

Add the following paragraph from the McGill Education Summit proposal:

“Research demonstrates that universities are increasingly partnering with private industry. They are justified, for example, under the guise of lower cost and increased efficiency. However, outsourcing security and food services, for example, could illuminate problems about the “public” nature of Quebec universities. PGSS Council identified these partnerships as one of the five themes of the McGill Education Summit. The External Affairs Officer will expand on research about these partnerships at McGill.”

Add the following to the milestones:

• “Research project on public-private partnerships within the university”

Add the following to the timeline:
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-“Submit proposal for public-private partnerships project by February 2013 and complete research by May 2013”

Student rights and advocacy (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)
Remove the following paragraph—unless someone else wants to take the lead on this project because it is focused on student rights on campus, so it is more of an internal rather than external project:

“In response to the tuition issues, last year’s election, and the September 4 Quebec election, the External Affairs will organize events, distribute promotional materials, and participate in the electoral campaign of the FEUQ during the election period. Although it is unclear if most McGill students are aware of their rights and responsibilities as students, as per the Student Code, it is evident that McGill does not have a centre to promote and uphold students’ rights on campus. The External Affairs Officer will aim to conduct surveys and hold town halls with students about their awareness of their rights and responsibilities as well as conduct research on student advocacy centres to determine if a McGill advocacy centre, like the undergraduate and graduate student advocacy centres at Concordia, could benefit McGill graduate students. This project would complement the work of the Academic Affairs Officer and the Secretary-General on the student code.”

Remove the following milestone:
•“Submission of a research project on development of a student advocacy center”

Remove the following from the timeline:
•“Research on an advocacy center will be completed by April 2013”

External Affairs section

-Tuition and Ancillary Fees (External Affairs Officer)
Amend the following dates to
•The External Affairs Officer will complete the ancillary fees research by “January 2012”.
•A proposed ancillary fees policy will be presented to Council by “March 2013”

-Mobilization plan (External Affairs Officer)
Add the following:
“The External Affairs Officer will aim to increase the coverage of PGSS in McGill student media.”

Add to the milestones:
“Regularly contact the McGill Daily and the McGill Tribune throughout the year”
“Develop a potential story submission system similar to the one used for the PGSS Newswire”

Add the following to the timeline:
• “Proposal to create campus media news submission system for PGSS members in February 2013”

Remove the following:
“and External Affairs Officer Facebook account”

Remove the following paragraph:
“The External Affairs Officer communicates with media and several unique stakeholders: not only other student groups but also groups from different sectors—public, private, and community. However, a communication plan doesn’t exist to address them. The PGSS must also actively participate in the political discourse at the FEUQ and within the Quebec society.”

Remove the following milestone:
• “Development of a communications plan”

Remove the following from the timeline:
• “Proposal to create a communication and mobilization plan by February 2013 and complete this plan by May 2013.”

Accountability for student fees paid (Financial Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)
Move to Internal or University Affairs section

Remove the following sentence:
“This project will connect with the work of the External Affairs Officer regarding the development of a PGSS advocacy center and hiring of a lawyer.”

Motion to amend to state “campus media” in place of “the McGill Daily and the McGill Tribune” (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General).

Keep Accountability as external (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed.

Executive work plan (Secretary-General/..)
BIRT the following changes be made:

10. Policy Manual Review (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer)
The PGSS Policy Manual covers an insufficient breadth of topics and is infrequently updated. The outdated nature of the manual inhibits the organization’s ability to properly brief and orient its representatives to governing bodies internal and external to the university. The PGSS must undertake a review of its policy manual, paying specific attention to the development of a Policy on Direct Action and a review of its tuition fees policy, as well as the development of a second Thomson House on the moon open to undergraduates. These reviews will commence at the level of the Executive Commissioner Committee, with policies selected for reviewing coming to Council.

Milestones
Present at least four major policies in need of update to executive commissioner committee
Present at least two major policies for review by council

Timeline
A preliminary discussion of the tuition fees policy commenced in late October 2012 with the PGSS researcher.
A discussion at the executive commissioner cactus will occur in December 2012. With the publication of the Manfredi report, a preliminary discussion of a Policy on Direct Action will occur in late 2012/early 2013.
Proposed changes should come for a first reading at Council in early 2013.

Motion to remove “Direct Action” (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed. (2/0/1).

Motion passed.

4.9 M12-10-#142 – Safer Sex Bingo Night Prizes (Member Services Officer/External Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the Health and Wellness Committee is putting on a "Safer Sex Bingo Night" to raise awareness about sexual health

WHEREAS the committee is looking to give away prizes to attendees

BIRT two $50 gift certificates to Thomson House be allocated from the events budget line for HAWC to give away as prizes at Safer Sex Bingo Night

Motion fails (2/2/0).
4.10 M12-10-#143 – Purchase mini course materials

WHEREAS there are a number of courses offered by the PGSS which make use of yoga mats

WHEREAS there currently exists a surplus in the leisure course budget that can be used to purchase equipment

BIRT up to $400 be allocated from PGSS Mini-courses budget lines expiring January 30th to purchase yoga mats for Thomson House

*Motion passes unanimously.*

4.11 M12-10-#144 – PGSS Holiday Donation (Member Services Officer/External Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS previously, the PGSS and HAWC have supported local community initiatives and reached out to the greater McGill community

WHEREAS the PGSS has a large surplus of pink toques remaining from last year’s tuition hike protest

WHEREAS the Health and Wellness committee would like to use these toques and fill them with toiletries for women in need

WHEREAS the Health and Wellness committee's effort to get donations from local Pharmaprixs and Jean Coutus has been largely unsuccessful thus far

BIRT the PGSS allocate up to $575 from the budget line Executive Discretionary Spending expiring December 20th for HAWC to purchase toiletries to be used for the PGSS Holiday Donation to women in need at the local YMCA

*Motion to change to $200 (Academic Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer).*

*Motion passed (3/0/2).*

*Motion passed (2/0/2).*
5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Request to sponsor prize at INTRIQ (Institut Transdisciplinaire d'Informatique Quantique) (Secretary-General).

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Question regarding administrate salaries (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.3 Grants (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.
6.3 Education Summit Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer)
8:51 PM
Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Financial Affairs Officer Pooja Tyagi, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Guests

Society Affairs Manager Delia Pettit, Office of Sustainability Lilith Wyatt

Call to Order

5:28 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Amendment to add health and wellness event (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General)
Amendment to add discussion on retreat (Financial Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)
Amendment to add discussion on committee appreciation (Member Services Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

2.0 Announcements

Delia Petitt on Ubriety (10 minutes)
Lilith Wyatt on the Sustainable Projects Fund (10 minutes)

3.0 Approval of Minutes

EC12-06-#01 (Adam take from table; FO→FAO; agenda “was by amended”) (all ok; Elizabeth abstain; FEUQ EAO/SG were movers; seconds; include appendix); approved
EC12-08-#06 (Michael as mover; EAO seconded); approved
EC12-08-#07 (IUC EAO/SG); HC (SG/AAO)
EC12-09-#09 (EAO seconded SEDE; Delia not present; doorman (EAO/SG); define MARAB; Errol abstained from letter; note it; update to “Prof” before KW and M-dogg; SG/EAO campaigns spending). Approved.

Agenda amended to discuss SPF (AAO/MSO). No objection.

WHEREAS the composition of the Sustainability Projects Fund Review Committee is two members appointed by the Sustainability Projects Fund
Working Group, one member appointed by the central administration, and one student member jointly representing PGSS, SSMU, and MCSS

WHEREAS due to the timing of the nomination request, the student appointment was made outside the PGSS nomination process

WHEREAS a PGSS observer appointment to Sustainability Projects Fund Review Committee would not carry any authority at this point due to the composition of the committee and the nature of the review

BIRT no PGSS appointment be made to the Sustainability Projects Fund Review committee

(4/0/1). Abstention noted from External Affairs Officer.

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-10-#145 - McGill Education Summit (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

WHEREAS PGSS Council voted at its 12 September 2012 meeting to hold a local education summit at McGill;

WHEREAS consultation with the Executive and with PGSS members is essential to ensure that the McGill Summit is participatory, inclusive, and accessible;

BIRT the Executive Committee approve and recommend to Council the McGill Education Summit Proposal, as outlined in Appendix A.

BIFRT PGSS use this proposal to promote, consult, and organize the McGill Summit with other relevant internal and external stakeholders.

Motion to amend to add “with feedback form the executive committee included” after Appendix A (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer).

Motion to amend passed.

Main motion passed.
4.2 **M12-10-#146 - FEUQ Congress (External Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)**

WHEREAS PGSS is a member association of the FEUQ;

WHEREAS the PGSS is mandated to provide representation to external organizations of which it is a member;

WHEREAS the upcoming FEUQ congress from November 9 to 11 will be held in, and will require travel to, Rimouski;

BIRT the Executive Committee approve up to $1,000 from the budget line “Travel & Conference” to attend the November FEUQ Congress in Rimouski, to expire on January 1, 2013.

Motion tabled (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

4.3 **M12-10-#147 - Online distribution of council recordings (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the following motion be recommended to Council:

WHEREAS a motion was passed at the September meeting of the PGSS Council mandating “online distribution of recordings of council meetings.”

WHEREAS the executive committee has expressed a concern that extracts speeches by councillors could be taken out of context and used for nefarious purposes

WHEREAS the potential for such decontexutalization may inhibit free expression at council

BIRT the motion emerging from committee of the whole Motion R12-08-#018 · Recording of Council Discussion be amended to strike “and online distribution of recordings of council meetings pending legal consultation” and to add “BIFRT these recordings be accessible at Thomson House to any member of the PGSS to listen to”

*Motion passed (3/1/1). Opposition from External Affairs Officer. Abstention from Member Services Officer.*
4.4 **M12-10-#148 – French translation approach (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer)**

BIRT the approach to French translation outlined in the Secretary-General's report be adopted.

**Amendment (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).**

BIFRT the figures and history sections of the report be communicated to the media

Motion to amend passed (2/1/1).

Motion to amend the Secretary-General's report to replace last WHEREAS clause and final BIRT clause with:

BIRT a special committee of council of up to seven members and chaired by the Member Services Officer be struck to review PGSS' translation policy, and bring a recommendation back to council by February 2012.

Motion to amend passed (3/1/0). External Affairs Officer opposition noted.

Motion to divide the question (External Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer). (4/0/0)

Motion to divide the question passed.

Motion on the first clause passed (2/1/1). External Affairs Officer opposes. Member Services Officer abstains.

Motion on the second clause passed (3/1/0). External Affairs Officer opposes.
4.5 M12-10-#149 – Provost Meeting (Secretary-General/ Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of 5 minutes to discuss the agenda for the meeting with the Provost.

Agenda out of committee of the whole:

- Review of DPSLL position
- Family care (office; leave policies)
- Supervision and tenure
- International tuition and the montant forfaitaire
- Student code review

4.6 M12-10-#150 – Special meeting notice (Secretary-General /....)

BIRT the following motion be recommended to Council:

WHEREAS council passed a motion to modify the bylaws to reduce the notice requirement for special meetings to seventy-two (72) hours notice

WHEREAS the PGSS executive committee has taken note of the need to specify “working days” in PGSS bylaws

WHEREAS Francois Corriveau, LL.B. of la FEUQ has provided an impression regarding proper notice requirements in a private communication entitled, “Délais raisonnables pour un avis de convocation à une assemblée générale d’association étudiante”, which is available to Councillors in the PGSS office

BIRT Motion R13-06-#003 – Bylaw: Special Meeting Notice be amended to read, “BIRT a new Society Bylaw 7.4.4 be added, reading, “Notwithstanding Bylaws 7.4.1 and 7.4.2, special meetings may be called and the agenda may be distributed with three (3) working days’ notice” ”

Motion passed
4.7 M12-10-#151 – External Affairs Officer meeting spending (External Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer)

WHEREAS the External Affairs Officer is organizing a major PGSS event in November—a McGill Education Summit—and planning for the November FEUQ congress;

WHEREAS the success of any PGSS campaign and event depends on aggressive lobbying and long discussions with various stakeholders;

WHEREAS meetings with other student associations (e.g., SSMU, CSU), the External Affairs Committee, and external bodies of which PGSS is a member (e.g., FEUQ) have pointed to the importance of building coalitions and gaining support for proposals before they are disseminated publicly;

WHEREAS the External Affairs Officer was authorized at the 27 August 2012 executive meeting to spend up to $150 in September 2012 from the budget line “Meetings” to meet with relevant individuals and committees “to discuss and promote PGSS external affairs campaigns and events”;

BIRT the External Affairs Officer be authorized to spend up to $150 from the budget line “Meetings,” between October 30 and December 1, 2012, for the purpose of meeting with relevant internal and external associations, McGill Offices, the PGSS External Affairs Committee, and the FEUQ to discuss, organize, and promote PGSS campaigns and events.

Motion passed (4/0/0).

4.8 M12-10-#152 – PGSS Council Amnesty Motion (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion to enter closed session (IAO/AAO)

(2/3/0). Motion fails.

WHEREAS PGSS Council voted at its 12 September 2012 meeting to “advocate for amnesty for students charged with disciplinary offenses by their university related to non-violent political activity during the student movement”;

WHEREAS the External Affairs Officer and the Academic Affairs Officer met with McGill’s Dean of Students Linda Starkey to begin to advocate for amnesty;

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss a plan of action with regard to the amnesty motion.
Motion passed.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.

4.9 M12-10-#153 – Large PGSA council seats (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of 5 minutes to discuss council seats for large PGSA.

Motion out of committee of the whole

BIRT the PGSS researcher be tasked with conducting a study of PGSA sizes and appropriate voting allocations for council seats to be brought back to the executive committee within one month (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (4/0/0).

4.10 M12-10-#154 – PGSA info requests (Secretary/General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of 5 minutes to discuss requests for information from PGSAs.

Motion to enter closed session (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (3/2/0).

4.11 M12-10-#155 – McGill Daily (Secretary/General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the following motion be recommended to council:

BIRT a letter to the editor be written to the McGill Daily expressing concerns about the intellectual quality of its editorial selections.

Motion to postpone indefinitely (Secretary/General/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion to leave Closed Session (Academic Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer).

Motion to leave closed session passed.
4.12 M12-10-#156 – Budget

WHEREAS the Health Commissioner has submitted a budget for two health and wellness events for the month December
BIRT up to $500 be allocated from the events budget line for the two health and wellness events "Free HIV Testing and safer sex open house" and "safer sex themed trivia night" to expire on December 20th, 2012.

BIRT “trivia” be replaced with “activities” (IAO/SG).

BIRT “events” be replaced with “campaigns” and $300 be allocated for the HIV testing, while $200 from “events” be used for the activities night (IAO/MSO).

Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.
6.0 Discussion

6.1 RAE (Secretary-General).

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Meditation (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.3 Retreat (Financial Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer)
8:46 PM
Call to Order  
6:17 PM  

1.0 Approval of the Agenda  

Motion to amend the agenda to add equity social expense, international flu shot expense, appointment to Senate working group on student code of conduct, and expense for Dictionnaire de la révolte event.  

Motion passed.  

Motion to amend to add SSMU lunch discussion.  

Motion passed.  

2.0 Announcements  

No announcements.  

3.0 Approval of Minutes  

4.0 Business  

4.1 M12-11-#157 - McGill Education Summit (External Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer)  

WHEREAS the Executive Committee and Council approved the McGill Education Summit Proposal written by the External Affairs Officer;  

WHEREAS the McGill Education Summit will likely be one of the largest events that PGSS organizes during the 2012-2013 academic year;  

BIRT the Executive Committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 15 minutes to discuss plans for the McGill Education Summit (e.g., pre-Summit consultations, budget, format, presenters, promotion, Summit specials at Thomson House, post-Summit document, delegation of roles).
Motion passes (3/0/2).

Motion to extend for 5 minutes (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer) (3/0/2).

Motion to amend the agenda to consider the motion on the Security Audit caucus.

*Motion to amend the agenda passes.*

4.2 M12-11-#158 – Security Audit Caucus (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

BIRT the responsibility of chairing the Ad Hoc Security Audit Committee be transferred from the Academic Affairs Officer to the Secretary-General.

*Motion passed (3/0/0).*

Motion to amend agenda to move fee accountability campaign up (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

*Motion passed.*

4.3 M12-11-#159 - Fee accountability campaign (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive enter Closed session to discuss the following motion.
BIRT the Secretary-General and Financial Affairs Officer give brief presentations on the progress of the fee accountability campaign.

Motion to amend to include “(member fees paid to external groups)”. (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General). Motion passes.

Motion to enter closes session passes (3/2/0).

Motion to enter committee of the whole passes (4/0/1).

The executive committee left committee of the whole.
4.4 M12-11-#160 – Pursuit of student fees accountability project (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS there is a lack of clarity regarding PGSS members’ rights with regard to participation in some groups and services to which they pay fees

WHEREAS the Executive Work Plan adopted by Council on September 12 states, “The PGSS must take an active role to ensure that members’ needs are met by these groups and that the fees paid correspond to the services that PGSS members benefit from. For example, we hope to clarify members’ rights and relationship with Legal Information Clinic, collecting data on usage, PGSS member role and status within organization.”

WHEREAS the Legal Information Clinic Board of Directors, which meets only three times per year, will meet on Monday, November 19 and has requested that PGSS submit a statement outlining concerns and expectations with regard to member rights so that they may take action

WHEREAS it is imperative that this statement be absolutely legally sound in asserting member rights

WHEREAS the PGSS will require general legal advice in pursuing the entire project regarding fees paid

BIRT up to $2000 be allocated from the budget line “Professional services consultation” to expire February 1, 2013, to retain the services of a legal expert to consult in the process of determining member rights of participation in groups and services to which they pay fees.

Motion passes (4/0/1).

4.5 M12-11-#161 – Logistics of PGSS elections and referenda to date (Secretary-General/ Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee enter committee-of-the-whole for a period of up to 10 minutes to discuss concerns regarding the logistics of PGSS elections and referenda held to date.

Motion passes.

The executive committee left committee of the whole.
4.6 M12-11-#162 – PGSA event (Academic Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the Academic Affairs Officer will be hosting an event to invite two members from every PGSA

WHEREAS the topics of the event will include: Supervisor Relationships, Graduation Time and Funding. BIRT $600 be allocated from events to expire February 1th 2013 to be used to buy food and beverages for an all inclusive PGSA event to occur in January.

Amendment (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to amend to read “February 15”.

Motion to amend passed.

Main motion passed (5/0/0)

4.7 M12-11-#163 – Board of Governors election (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

WHEREAS the Academic Affairs Officer and Secretary-General will be hosting an event open to all McGill Senators.

WHEREAS the topic of the event will be the election of a Senate Representative to the Board of Governors

BIRT $500 be allocated from meetings to expire January 1st 2013 to be used for the Board of Governors election event.

Motion withdrawn.

4.8 M12-11-#164 – Incentive to complete council meeting business (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT $250 be allocated from campaigns to expire January 1st 2013 to be used to purchase drink tickets at TH to give to each councilor present at the end of the December Council Meeting IF all business is finished.

Motion withdrawn.
M12-11-#165 – Administrator survey template (Academic Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive approve Appendix A to be distributed to the members

Amendment (External Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer)

BIFRT the Executive approve the addition of a comments section for the survey.

Motions pass unanimously.

M12-11-#166 – Executive workplan (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

WHEREAS Society Activities Manual Chapter 3.2.2.6 requires that the Workplan “Be reviewed and updated at the December and April meetings of Council.”

BIRT the Executive solicit the membership for changes to the workplan.

BIFRT the Executive submit the following motion to Council in December

WHEREAS Society Activities Manual Chapter 3.2.2.6 requires that the Workplan “Be reviewed and updated at the December and April meetings of Council.”

BIRT Council approve the updated work plan.

Motion passed unanimously

M12-11-#167 – Equity social funding (Financial Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT $70 be allocated from the events line to expire in one week for the Equity Social event of November 14, 2012.

Motion passes unanimously.
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4.12 M12-11-#168– International flu shot funding (Member Services Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS $1000 was allocated from the events budget to cover the cost of international student flu vaccinations at the Exec meeting EC12-09-#09

WHEREAS following this allocation it was discovered that Blue Cross would cover the cost of international student flu vaccinations and the previously allocated funds was not required

WHEREAS a budget is needed to cover the other costs of the flu vaccination clinic such as lunch for volunteers, food/drink costs for students

BIRT the $1000 allocated to cover the cost of international flu vaccinations be reallocated to cover the costs of holding the flu vaccination clinic

Motion passes unanimously.

4.13 M12-11-#169– Senate working group appointment (Academic Affairs Officer/Financial Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Academic Affairs Officer be appointed to the Senate working group on the student code of conduct.

Motion withdrawn.

4.12 M12-11-#170– Dictionnaire de la révolte event

Motion to approve $340+tax (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion to amend to $254 including tax. (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion passed (3/0/2).

Main motion passed (5/0/0).

The agenda was amended by unanimous consent after Academic Affairs Officer report to look at translation, underfunding, SSMU.
5.0 Executive Reports
5.1 External Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer
   A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6 Secretary-General
   A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion
6.1 Revisions to McGill protocol regarding demonstrations, protests and occupations on McGill University Campuses (External Affairs Officer/...).
   Discussion ensued.

6.2 LIF MOAs (Academic Affairs Officer)
   Withdrawn

6.3 Supervisor-Graduate Student Relationship Survey - Update and Future
   Discussion ensued.
6.4 Updating the Workplan - 10 minutes for discussing potential changes and scheduling a timeline.

*Discussion ensued.*

6.5 M12-11-#171– Committee on translation policy (Secretary-General/…)

WHEREAS the current PGSS bylaws provide for the translation of governing documents and committee minutes

WHEREAS this year’s translation budget of $15,000 is lower than the 2011-2012 budget of $18,000

WHEREAS, nonetheless, this budget is being consumed faster than expected and is predicted to be exhausted in early April 2013

WHEREAS PGSS has not yet established a language policy, unlike McGill, FEUQ, and SSMU

Be it resolved that a special committee of council, consisting of up to seven members, fluent in English and in French, and chaired by the Member Services Officer, be struck to review PGSS’ language policy and bring a recommendation back to council by February 2012.

*Motion withdrawn.*

6.6 University Underfunding

*Discussion ensued.*

6.7 SSMU: 21st lunch/ 22nd lunch

*Discussion ensued.*

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer/ Academic Affairs Officer)
Call to Order
5:26 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to add discussion of December council to discussion (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion passed.

2.0 Announcements

No announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M12-12-#172 - Motion regarding funding to the McGill Education Summit (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT up to $3500 be allocated from the budget line “travel and conference” for the cost of the McGill Education Summit.

Discussion ensued about cost of event.

Motion to table (Member Services Officer/Financial Affairs Officer).
4.2 M12-12-#173– Motion regarding proposal on council seat apportionment reform (Secretary-General/…)

WHEREAS a motion was referred to Policy and Structure Advisory Committee (PSAC) to review the apportionment of Council seats to PGSSAs

WHEREAS PGSS’ largest PGSA, the EGSS, has indicated that it wishes to move forward quickly with a reform of the current seating arrangement

WHEREAS the Council motion as passed attempts to add additional member to PSAC to study this particular issue, which will require a recommendation of the Appointments Board and approval at council, delaying the process until late January at the earliest

WHEREAS the PSAC may still consider the issue in coordination with the EGSS, the MCGSS, the APF, and all PGSSAs during December and early January in an effort to develop a consensus on reform that could be presented to the January meeting of the PGSS Council

BIRT the Executive Committee endorse the proposed framework on council seat apportionment reform outlined in the report “A new vision of PGSS Council”

Motion to postpone (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer). (1/3/1)

\textbf{Motion to amend to change final BIRT clause to “BIRT the Secretary-General be mandated to bring a proposal to PSAC and disseminate the PSAC response to the executive and then all PGSSAs.”}

\textit{Motion carries. (2/1/2).}

\textit{Motion carries. (2/1/2).}

5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

\textit{A brief oral report was delivered.}

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

\textit{A brief oral report was delivered.}

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

\textit{A brief oral report was delivered.}
5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Report from meeting with Michael Di Grappa

- Athletics
- Administrative salaries
- McGill Writing Center
- Ombudsperson
- Chaplaincy
- Matched funding for LIF
- Top ups for graduate student awards
- Terrain / returfing
- Planning and institutional analysis
- Security
- Double dipping by professors (pension plus pay)
- Management and middle management academic ranks
- Heating – turn temperature down a few degrees
- Equipment?

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Letter regarding funding cuts

M12-12-#174-
BIRT the letter drafted by the External Affairs Officer and the researcher be endorsed by the Executive Committee with adjustments as necessary (Secretary-General/ External Affairs Officer).

Motion passed. (3/1/0)
6.3 Discussion regarding funding priorities for postgraduate students

Discussion ensued.

6.4 Discussion on underfunding report

Discussion ensued.

6.5 December Council

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment (Member Services Officer/ External Affairs Officer)
6:20 PM
Officers

Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Call to Order
1.0 Approval of the Agenda

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business
4.1 M13-01-#175 – Financial Affairs Officer Resignation

WHEREAS the Financial Affairs Officer submitted her resignation on December 17, 2012

BIRT the resignation of the Financial Affairs Officer be accepted.

Motion passed.

5.0 Executive Reports
5.1 External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion

Adjournment
Officer
Secretary-General Jonathan Mooney, Internal Affairs Officer Michael Krause, Academic Affairs Officer Adam Bouchard, External Affairs Officer Errol Salomon, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Guests

Call to Order
6:15 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Items added: Financial Affairs Officer duties, Staff reviews, Student services report

2.0 Announcements

There is a flood at McGill – (Member Services Officer)
The University is broke – (Academic Affairs Officer)
Sustainability coordinator cannot present – (Member Services Officer)
Need to bring the minutes up to date and should post meeting locations – (External Affairs Officer)

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M13-01-#176 - Sustainability action plan (Member Services Officer)

WHEREAS the Sustainability Coordinator has submitted a report on the sustainability project with an update on completed projects and a proposal for projects to be completed by April 2013

BIRT the exec approve the sustainability priorities presented by the PGSS sustainability coordinator for Jan 2013 to April 2013. (Secretary-General /Member Services Officer).

Motion Passed.
4.2 M13-01-#177 - Health events (Member Services Officer / External Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the Health and Wellness Committee has developed a schedule of events for the Winter semester.

WHEREAS the Health Commissioner has submitted a budget for 3 events (Graduate Health and Wellness Expo; HAWC Promotional Items/HAWC and Health Services Informational Materials & HAWC Committee Thank-you).

BIRT that Exec approve $1245 for three events to expire March 31st, 2013.

Motion to amend to $650 (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer).

Motion passed.

Motion to amend the expiration to May 31 (Member Services Officer / Secretary-General).

Motion passed.

Motion to amend to $475 and specify the budget line as “events” (Secretary-General / Member Services Officer).

Motion passed.

Main motion passed.

4.3 M13-01-#178 - Cuts to Faculty of Arts classes (External Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer)

WHEREAS Dean of Arts Christopher Manfredi recently announced that 100 classes with low enrolment in the Faculty of Arts will not be offered in fall 2013;

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts will try to increase the number of larger classes taught by full-time faculty;

WHEREAS some course lecturers who currently teach larger classes are PGSS members and will lose their jobs;

WHEREAS the McGill Administration decided to cut Arts classes without consulting AGSEM, the union that represents course lecturers;
WHEREAS McGill could cut low enrolment classes in other faculties without consulting the university community;

WHEREAS smaller classes are important because students across the University have a stronger opportunity to build intimate relationships with their instructors;

BIRT PGSS call on Dean Manfredi to discuss all proposed class changes with AGSEM and other relevant campus groups; to incorporate AGSEM representatives onto the Arts Faculty Council; and to reverse the decision to cut Arts classes.

BIFRT PGSS call on McGill to acknowledge the importance of smaller classes in all University faculties and to consult the university community regarding courses before making decision.

Motion to postpone until next meeting (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (2/1/1)

4.4 M13-01-#179 – McGill and Access to Information Requests (External Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS McGill University filed a motion on December 7, 2012 to the Commission d’accès à l’information, the Quebec governing body that oversees Access to Information Requests (ATIs), to exempt itself from fulfilling ATIs requests that McGill students file;

WHEREAS the University has grouped together 14 McGill students who have filed numerous requests due to their repetitive and “systematic nature”;

WHEREAS McGill’s request would empower the University to peremptorily dismiss requests;

BIRT PGSS call on McGill University to withdraw the motion filed to the Commission d’accès à l’information regarding its request for the right to peremptorily dismiss ATI requests as well as acknowledge that any McGill student shouldn’t be prohibited from submitting ATIs based on previous requests from other students.

Motion to amend to add “clauses of” before “motion” (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)
Post-Graduate Students’ Society of McGill University
3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
EC13-01-#18

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Motion passed (3/2/0)

Motion passed (2/1/1).

4.5 M13-01-#180 – Events Budgeting (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

BIRT $5100 be allocated from the events budget line for the upcoming events, to expire May 31st.

Trivia Nights: 5x$150 = $750
Snow Shoeing events: 2x100 = $200
Ottawa Trip: $200
Chinese New Year event: $350
Speed Dating: $100
Salsa Party: $100
Quebec City Trip: $200
Movie Nights: $200
Cross-Country Skiing: $100
Tubing: $200
St Patrick's Day Party: $500
Skiing Trip: $500
Sugar Shack Trip: $200
End of Year Party: $500
Wiggle Room: $1000

Motion to remove “wiggle room” (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)

Motion fails (1/3/0)

Motion to amend to extend the expiration date of funding for the PGSA event previously approved to March 1, 2013 (Academic Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

Motion passed.

Main motion passed.
4.6 M13-01-#181 – 3 minutes to change the world (Internal Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer)

BIRT $300 be allocated for the 3 Minutes to change the world event and the ballroom will be given for free for the event, to expire May 31st.

Motion to amend to specify budget line as "exec discretionary" (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion passed (3/0/1).

Motion to amend to $500 (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (3/1/0).

Main motion passed (3/1/0).

4.7 M13-01-#182 – Policy statement regarding education summit (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the upcoming education summit will address several issues on which PGSS does not have standing policies

BIRT the attached policy statement be put to the February meeting of the PGSS council

Motion to divide the question to vote separately on including each motion (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion to divide passed.

Policy statement regarding summit on higher education

WHEREAS the autonomy of Quebec universities is fundamental

WHEREAS universities receive public funding and thus must be accountable for their spending

BIRT the PGSS support the FEUQ in its call for the development of a Commission for the Evaluation of Quebec Universities (CEUQ) including
members of the university community to assess the attainment of objectives and the use of public funds by universities

Motion to include motion failed (1/2/1).

Motion to divide following motion to vote separately on each BIRT clause (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer). Motion to divide passed.

WHEREAS the PGSS researcher issues a report in November 23, 2012 regarding the alleged underfunding of Quebec universities which concluded, “The system must also take account of the unfolding deficit crisis in the university employee pension funds along with future infrastructure requirements. The Quebec university system needs to put on a more financially sustainable footing. This cannot be achieved without some increase in funding.”

WHEREAS several research reports in addition to that of the CREPUQ, including a report of the Council of Ontario Universities, have suggested that Quebec universities are insufficiently funded.

WHEREAS nevertheless, further investigation and an assessment of the absolute needs of Quebec universities is required.

WHEREAS additionally, an evaluation of the particular programs and sectors in need of potentially more funding must be carried out in order to properly direct funds to where they are needed rather than leave all decisions regarding the spending of funds in the hands of university administrators.

BIRT the PGSS recognize that there is meaningful evidence that the Quebec university system is underfunded.

Motion to include motion passed (3/1/0).

BIFRT the PGSS support the FEUQ in its call for the absolute funding needs of Quebec universities and programs/sectors in need of funding to be clearly identified in a process with participation from all sectors of the university community.

Motion to amend to add “academic” before “sectors” (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion failed (1/1/2).

Motion to include clause passed (3/2/0).

BIFRT the PGSS reaffirm its tuition fee policy.
Motion to include clause withdrawn.

WHEREAS the current funding model for Quebec universities is based primarily on enrolment weighted by sector

WHEREAS this grid is in need of constructive revision

WHEREAS other metrics, such as the attainment of university-specific objectives as evaluated by the CEUQ, ought to be considered in university financing

BIRT the PGSS support the FEUQ in its call for a review of the financing grid

BIFRT the PGSS support a broader financing model that incorporates as one factor the attainment of university-specific objectives as evaluated by the CEUQ

Motion passed (2/1/2).

4.8 M13-01-#183 – Motion from the floor on education summit (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS the FEUQ represents the PGSS at the Quebec level

WHEREAS the cuts to university budgets and particularly the cuts to the Trois Fonds have dramatically endangered higher education in Quebec and are directly damaging to students

BIRT the PGSS mandate the FEUQ to make the cuts to higher education a central topic of discussion at the upcoming education summit

BIFRT the PGSS mandate the FEUQ to walk out of the summit in the event that the government refuses to engage in substantive discussion with students regarding the funding cuts

BIFRT the PGSS call the FEUQ to account for the positions they will present at the education summit at the February meeting of the PGSS council

Motion passed (5/0/0).
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5.0 Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

Closed session (External Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer). Leave closed session (External Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

5.2.1 McGill Athletics and Recreation Advisory Board meeting debrief
5.2.2 Library Improvement Fund update

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer

- Leisure Courses, QI, Grants, Health Commissioner events planning will be the responsibility of the Internal Affairs Officer

5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Accreditation (Secretary-General).

M13-01-#184 - BIRT that a proposal be submitted to the Ministry of Education to pursue an accreditation polling between March 4-March 15, 2013 and that the February council meeting be scheduled for February 13, 2013. (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)

6.2 Education Summit (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.
6.3 Council Seating Arrangement (Academic Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.3 Financial Affairs Office duties (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.4 Staff Review (Academic Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment
Officers

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

Guests

Equity commissioner in attendance, Moksha Serrano, Jacob Sagrans (?), Ed Lee, others (?)

Call to Order

7:07 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Make discussion of husting item #1 on discussion (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Some discussion items repeated; only put them on retreat minutes
Sec-Gen seconded internal communication motion

4.0 Business

4.1 M13-02-#185 - Cuts to Faculty of Arts classes (External Affairs Officer/Member Services Officer)

WHEREAS Dean of Arts Christopher Manfredi recently announced that 100 classes with low enrolment in the Faculty of Arts will not be offered in fall 2013;

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts will try to increase the number of larger classes taught by full-time faculty;

WHEREAS some course lecturers who currently teach larger classes are PGSS members and will lose their jobs;

WHEREAS the McGill Administration decided to cut Arts classes without consulting AGSEM, the union that represents course lecturers;
WHEREAS McGill could cut low enrolment classes in other faculties without consulting the university community;

WHEREAS smaller classes are important because students across the University have a stronger opportunity to build intimate relationships with their instructors;

BIRT PGSS call on Dean Manfredi to discuss all proposed class changes with AGSEM and other relevant campus groups; to incorporate AGSEM representatives onto the Arts Faculty Council; and to reverse the decision to cut Arts classes.

BIFRT PGSS call on McGill to acknowledge the importance of smaller classes in all University faculties and to consult the university community regarding courses before making decision.

Amendment: Second clause: “consult with members of the McGill community in within the faculty” (Academic Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer)

Motion passed.

Amendment “to discuss the possibility of reversing the decision to cut Arts classes” (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

(3/1/0). Motion passed. External Affairs Officer opposed.

(4/0/0). Main motion passed as amended.

4.2 M13-02-#186- Letter drafted by the Equity Committee be signed (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer)

BIRT the letter drafted by the Equity Committee be signed (Secretary General/External Affairs Officer).

Equity Commissioner notes that committee took some of the points raised in council into account in drafting the letter.

Internal Affairs Officer noted that the letter is close to the motion that did not pass at council.

Academic Affairs Officer notes that letter should be sent by Executive Committee, Council or Board of Directors.

Member Services Officer asked if there was a discussion regarding specifically where funding is to come from.
Member Services Officer: Motion to CC Mendelson (Member Services Officer / Secretary-General).

Motion passed.

Main motion passed (2/0/2).

4.3 M13-02-#187 - Popcorn at Thomson House (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

WHEREAS popcorn is delicious

WHEREAS members who are thirsty from eating free popcorn buy more drinks

BIRT the PGSS Executive recommend to the business the purchase of a popcorn machine for Thomson House

Motion passed (3/0/1). External Affairs Officer abstains.

5.0 Executive Reports
5.1 External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.
5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 Election Hustling (Secretary-General).

Gretchen’s Document:

Member Services Officer – Would prefer Closed Session
Internal Affairs Officer - Can respect Member Services Officer and would tend to agree
Secretary-General – Leaves the room – Academic Affairs Officer takes the chair
Conflict of interest extends beyond Secretary-General
Internal Affairs Officer - Then why has it been brought to the executive?
External Affairs Officer – We should at least discuss the component regarding the policy
Member Services Officer – I would be comfortable in closed session with acknowledgment by Executive Committee
Internal Affairs Officer - Mirror Member Services Officer – leaving for experiment, call him in.

Motion to enter Committee of the Whole to discuss the document submitted by the Equity Committee.

(2/0/0) (External Affairs Officer and Member Services Officer)

Motion to split the question (External Affairs Officer / Member Services Officer)

Passes unanimously

Minutes need to be dealt with. Was motion moved and seconded? By whom? Was it a discussion about the motion?

Equity Committee – This is not a censure by the executive committee, but a recommendation to council.

Academic Affairs Officer – We are all in conflict of interest, but not enough to not consider it.
Equity Committee – It is about the combination of a lack of policy and being an incumbent. With multiple levels of conflicts of interest.

Member Services Officer recuses.

Loss of quorum

Calling of Michael Krause. He Recuses. Hangs up.

Motion in the document is tabled until it can be considered.

Moving on to part 2.

Secretary-General retakes the chair.

Second motion postponed until next exec meeting pending board input (Member Services Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

Discussion tabled to move to FEUQ motion.

6.2 Quebec Summit on Higher Education (External Affairs Officer)
M13-02-#188-
BIRT the PGSS advocate that the FEUQ remain at the conference and continue to represent the PGSS position strongly. (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion to amend: “noting that the PGSS will be advocating for street demonstrations in the event that the indexation position remain” (Internal Affairs Officer /External Affairs Officer).

(3/1/0). Motion to amend passes.

(3/1/0). Main motion passes.

6.3 Posting of Executive meeting times and minutes (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.4 Potential changes to CRO position in governing documents (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.
6.5 Draft of ancillary fees research in progress (see attached report) (External Affairs Officer)

Discussion ensued.

6.6 GU15 conference in Vancouver, April 12-14 (External Affairs Officer)
M13-02-#189 -

BIRT up to $4000 be allocated for travel expenses to the GU15 conference. (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

No objections. Motion passes.

6.7 Inter-union council labour conference (External Affairs Officer)
M13-02-#190-

Discussion ensued.

6.8 Comment on McGill Daily article (Secretary-General)
M13-02-#191 -

BIRT the exec in good faith draft a letter to the McGill Daily explaining our concerns with regard to the comments on an article on their website and request that the comment be removed (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer).

Motion passed (3/1/0).

6.9 Executive committee intrapersonal relations (Secretary-General)

Motion to enter closed session. (Secretary-General/Member Services Officer)

Motion to exit closed session (Secretary-General/External Affairs Officer).

Adjournment (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General)
Officers

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

Guests

Call to Order

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M13-03-#192 - Association of Postdoctoral Fellows (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT up to $500 be allocated to the Association of Postdoctoral Fellows for social events and travel costs to the National Postdoctoral Association General Meeting. (50:50 from events and travel)

Passed unanimously.

4.2 M13-03-#193 - Family Care Caucus Brochures (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT up to $1000 be allocated for the printing of brochures for the Family Care Caucus from the budget line “media”

Amendment to $500 (Internal Affairs Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion passed as amended (2/0/1).
4.3 M13-03-#194 - Letter regarding Motion Regarding Statement on Budgetary Priorities and Objectives (Secretary-General /Internal Affairs Officer)

Motion to approve and send the attached letter regarding Motion Regarding Statement on Budgetary Priorities and Objectives at McGill from the February meeting of the PGSS council

Motion to delete paragraphs 3 (Member Services Officer/External Affairs Officer).

Motion passed.

Main motion passed

4.4 M13-03-#195 - Purchase of Children’s Library Books (Academic Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

Motion to approve up to $1200 for the purchase of children’s library books as recommended by the Family Care Caucus.

Motion passed.

4.5 M13-03-#196 - Labour At Work (External Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

Motion to approve $500 to sponsor the conference “Labour at Work”

Motion passed. (2/1/2).

4.6 Point of personal privilege from Academic Affairs Officer

Discussion ensued.

4.7 M13-03-#197 - Motion to approve funding requested by HAWC. (Internal Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

Motion passed.

4.8 M13-03-#198 - Thank you note to la FEUQ and PGSAs (Academic Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

Motion to send thank you note to la FEUQ and PGSAs for help with accreditation and budget $200 for printing.

Motion passed.
4.9  M13-03-#199- FEQU AGM in Rouyn (Secretary-General /External Affairs Officer)

Motion to approve $2000 for FEQU AGM in Rouyn

Motion passed.

5.0  Executive Reports
5.1  External Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.2  Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3  Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4  Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5  Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6  Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0  Discussion

Adjournment  (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General)
6:04 PM
Officers

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

Guests

Call to Order
4:12 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

   External Affairs Officer moves to remove motion of censure. No seconder.

   Academic Affairs Officer moves to add budget for committee recruitment.

   Member Services Officer moves to add motion from environment commissioner.

   Secretary-General moves to add discussion with Provost and Kreiswirth.

   Secretary-General moves to add discussion about referendum questions.

   External Affairs Officer moves to remove motion to censure the equity commissioner. No seconder.

   Member Services Officer moves to change motions to discussion points (Member Services Officer / External Affairs Officer).

   Motion fails.

   Academic Affairs Officer makes a point of personal privilege.

   Agenda approved (4/0/1). External Affairs Officer opposes.

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes
4.0 Business

4.1 M13-04-#200 - Motion to April council #1 (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee submit to the PGSS council the motion in Appendix A.

Member Services Officer chairing.

Motion to call the question (Internal Affairs Officer/Secretary-General).

(4/0/1). Motion passes.

4.2 M13-04-#201 - Motion to April council #2 (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT the executive committee submit to the PGSS council the motion in Appendix B.

Financial Affairs Officer chairing.

Motion for a two minute recess (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer).

Motion passed.

Motion to strike the first, second, third, and fifth WHEREAS clauses and to include the full transcript of the February 20, 2013 husting and the Equity Commissioner’s statement.

Motion to divide the question (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer) to discuss WHEREAS clauses separately from the inclusion of the Equity Commissioner’s statement.

Motion passes (4/0/1). External Affairs Officer opposes.

Question called (Internal Affairs Officer) / Secretary-General) on first part (3/1/1). External Affairs Officer opposed. Member Services Officer abstained.

Motion to strike WHEREAS clauses fails.

Question called (External Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion to suspend the rules to allow for informal discussion.
Secretary-General moves to amend (“to include any other evidence on the PGSS website”) (Secretary-General / Member Services Officer).

Motion to amend passes (4/0/1). External Affairs Officer abstains.

Motion to return to normal rules.

Question called (Internal Affairs Officer) / Secretary-General).

Motion passes (4/1/0). External Affairs Officer opposes.

Motion to add discussion item on McGill Daily accusations. (4/0/1). External Affairs Officer opposes.

Recess

Meeting called back to order at 5:50 PM.

4.3 M13-04-#202 - Motion to approve budget expenditure for surveys (Financial Affairs Officer / Secretary-General)

WHEREAS the PGSS has committed to providing funds to provide incentives for participation in surveys carried out with Professor Kreiswirth.

BIRT $1000 be allocated from the budget line Campaigns to provide the full cost ($599) for an iPad as a reward for participation in a joint survey with Prof. Kreiswirth and half of the cost of an iPad for as a reward for participation in another joint survey

Motion passes unanimously.

4.4 M13-04-#203 - Motion to approve budget expenditure for PGSS Education Summit (Financial Affairs Officer /Secretary-General)

BIRT $4000 be allocated from the budget line Travel and Conference to reimburse costs incurred during the PGSS Education Summit of December 2012.

Motion passes unanimously.
Executive Reports

5.1 External Affairs Officer

FEUQ congress upcoming. Member Services Officer will write up a motion regarding insurance and international students. Also student-supervisor relations; daycare.

5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

Senate nominating will do terms of reference review (finally).

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

Reducing membership fee to $30.00 from $31.57.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

Attended QI consultation. Skeptical. Raised issues about postgraduate student space and publication rights.

5.5 Member Services Officer

Daycare: will apply for non-subsidized daycare with SSMU. Discussed RFP for international student insurance broker.

5.6 Secretary-General

MCSS issue ongoing. Had to deal with hustings at BoD.

Discussion

6.1 Executive committee intrapersonal relations (Secretary-General).

Financial Affairs Officer recuses himself for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion to recess for up to one hour (Member Services Officer/Academic Affairs Officer). Motion passes.
6.2 Leave for External Affairs Officer (External Affairs Officer)
   M13-04-#204 -

   BIRT grant the external affairs officer a leave until April 17 (External Affairs Officer /Member Services Officer).

   Motion passes.

6.3 Election Hustling (Secretary-General)

   Discussion ensued.

6.4 Budget for committee recruitment (Secretary-General /Member Services Officer)

   M13-04#205-
   $400 from events for committee recruitment

   Motion passes.

6.5 Motion from environment commissioner.

   Discussion ensued.

6.6 Discussion with Provost and Kreiswirth.

   • Budget cuts: Decannal level – how do we influence at the Decannal level?
   • Differential fee waivers
   • Ancillary services
   • Anatomy and cell bio guest will come to KW

6.7 Discussion about referendum questions.

   Discussion ensued.
6.8 Motion for Council Indexation and Tuition (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

   Demonstrators
   Lobbying
   Other
   Not respond

6.9 Discussion of McGill Daily Allegations

Adjournment (Member Services Officer /Financial Affairs Officer)
Post-Graduate Students’ Society of McGill University
3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
EC13-05-#22
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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 Errol Salomon, Member Services Officer Elizabeth Cawley

Guests

Call to Order
4:15 PM

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Add: Approval of Senate committee seats from APB
Add: Discussion of transitional period
Add: Opt out period for insurance
Add: Update on academic rights issue
Add: Printing for Family Care Brochures

Motion to table until 5 PM (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer).

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

4.0 Business

4.1 M13-05-#206 - Leave of absence for Internal Affairs Officer (Internal Affairs Officer/…)

WHEREAS the Internal Affairs Officer has worked very hard this year to make the PGSS the flourishing social club for its members that it is today,

WHEREAS the Internal Affairs Officer has suffered with the other executives through hard times of unfounded and vicious accusations,

WHEREAS the Internal Affairs Officer has the need to distance himself from the stressful environment created by some members of the PGSS,

WHEREAS the Internal Affairs Officer is a foreign national and would like to return to his country of birth for some time,

WHEREAS 1.1.14 of the Society Affairs Manual states: "Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, an Officer may be granted leaves
of absence for a period of up to thirty (30) calendar days during their term in office. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld."

BIRT the executive grant the Internal Affairs Officer a leave of absence starting on May 15 until the end of the current executive term.

_Motion passed._

4.2 M13-05-#207 - Library budget cuts activities (Academic Affairs Officer/Internal Affairs Officer)

BIRT up to $200 be allocated from campaigns for activities related to library budget cuts and to expire May 31st.

_Motion passed._

4.3 M13-05-#208 - Response to AHCS letter (Secretary-General/…)

BIRT the attached response to the AHCS letter be approved and circulated to the McGill Daily and letter signatories.

Motion to table (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer)

_Motion to table passed_

4.4 M13-05-#209 - Association of Postdoctoral Fellows fee remittance (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer)

BIRT the Executive Committee approve a remittance of 7.5% the PGSS fees paid by postdoctoral fellows to the Association of Postdoctoral Fellows for their activities in the coming fiscal year.

_Motion passed._
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4.5 M13-05-#210 - Motion to take from the table the letter (Secretary-General/Financial Affairs Officer)

Motion to add sentence on democratic decisions at the beginning of the letter (Secretary-General/Internal Affairs Officer).

Motion passed

Main motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Executive Reports
5.1 External Affairs Officer

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5.2 Academic Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.3 Financial Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.4 Internal Affairs Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.5 Member Services Officer

A brief oral report was delivered.

5.6 Secretary-General

A brief oral report was delivered.

6.0 Discussion

6.1 2013-2014 Budget (Financial Affairs Officer).

Discussion ensued.
Motion for a 10 minute recess (Secretary-General/Academic Affairs Officer)
Back at 5:05 PM
6.2 Motion to approved Appointments Board Recommendations (Academic Affairs Officer)

Motion tabled.

6.3 Executive Wellbeing (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.4 Communication with regard to misunderstandings on the part of PGSS members (Secretary-General)

Discussion ensued.

6.5 Thank you letters for Morton J. Mendelson and Heather Munroe-Blum (Secretary-General)

M13-05-#-211-
BIRT letters be written thanking Morton J. Mendelson and Heather Munroe-Blum for their service and invite to lunch.

Motion passed.

6.6 Friend of the Society Awards for Public Affairs Office

External Affairs Office (Susan Murley, Hoda T., Joel, Megan, Lissa Matays, Jennifer, Robyn, Diane Koen, Andrew Biteen, Gary Pekeles, Lili de Grandpre, PA Tessier)

6.7 Family Care Caucus Budget (Member Services Officer/Secretary-General)
M13-05-#212-
BIRT up to $750 be approved for printing Family Care Caucus brochures conditional on an RFP being conducted with at least three quotes and the results being forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Motion approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment (Internal Affairs Officer/Academic Affairs Officer)