Post-Graduate Students’ Society of McGill University
3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec
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Council Minutes
Unapproved
March 20, 2013, 5:46 pm

Executives

Jonathan Mooney Secretary-General, Michael Krause Internal Affairs Officer, Errol Salomon External Affairs Officer, Adam Bouchard Academic Affairs Officer, E. Cawley Member Services Officer

Councillors


Commissioners and non-voting Members

Gretchen King Equity Commissioner, Vikrant Bhosle Member Support Commissioner, Kelly Nugent Environment Commissioner, Sharon Gai Recording Secretary

Regrets

Maxim Bastarache, Alyson Parker, Matthew Rigby

Guests

Emma Windfeld Tribune, Amanda Winegardner, Benjamin Elgie
Call to Order 5:46 pm

Secretary General moved to nominate Daniel Simone as Chair.

Motion passed.

Council proceeded to announcements and nominations of several individuals in this Council meeting.

Helena from the Health and Wealth Committee said there are two positions to apply in this committee. Applications must be in by Thursday.

Council did a draw for the Appeals and Appointments board.

Two applications: B. Keith and D. Meadows.

Appeals board: Daniel Simone.

The Nomination of the Chief Returning Officer

C. Briggs gave a brief introduction of himself and his previous position in running the elections at Concordia.

L. Harvey said she had read in his statement that he was successful in achieving good voter turnout.

C. Briggs said that Facebook was part of the success. Online voting helped. The team of candidates was trained appropriately to stimulate people to go and vote. He will study how PGSS operates to make you want to vote.

External Affairs Officer asked C. Briggs what his plans are for this position in the long term and his plans to integrate people with PGSS culture.

C. Briggs said the nature of student unions is very transient, so there are problems. A rigid and easy-to-follow structure for elections can help ease the problems. In his previous position, there were clear and detailed procedures when he left. He would like to be here for more than a year. In the case of engaging people into the culture, he proposed to use PGSS as a network opportunity.

G. King asked if he read the bylaws, how he would render legal ambiguities and also asked him to speak to his experience in “hostility” in his statement.

C. Briggs said in his BA in Sociology, his specialization was in different minority groups. He gave an example of how his forms ensured that people who were third-gendered were included in everything. He has an academic understanding on how to be inclusive. In response to legal ambiguity, C. Briggs said he will base his decisions off of the constitution of the organization. In regards to “hostility”, he believes there is a judicial bar that looks over things.

Question called.

CRO approved.

Council adjourned at 6:21 pm.