



**Council Minutes
Education Undergraduate Society of McGill University
[October 4, 2011]**

1.0. Call To Order

Meeting started at 6:02. Vanessa changed the hour on her computer. Good job.

2.0. Approval of the Minutes

Talia approved of the minutes. Kady too.

3.0 Announcements

1. John and Heather Godard – Reps from Movember McGill

Fundraiser for Prostate Cancer and other issues related to men health. They are trying to have everyone involveld. They had success last year (25.000\$) and want to do it again this year.

Heather Godard acts as the Faculty Rep; she is the liaison between Faculties and Movember. The way to register is going on the website (ca.movember.com/register. French: movember.com then choose French) and filling the required documents.

Using social media is useful to have people join and get involved in Movember.

What they are asking is to register an Education team. There is no need to actually

fundraise; it is to provide a team to students from Education so they do not have to do it by themselves or on their own. If you do wanna get involved, you can do a Council team. If you have a team, you can put it on the listserv. It is the first step and it is easy.

What kind of fundraising?

You do not have to fundraise here at McGill. You can reach out to families, friends, etc. We can make an EdUS event a Movember Event to raise money.

Growing a mustache is a good idea. Also, they are selling pins and rings with a mustache (awesome.) If you do an event and need promotional goodies, we can ask and do stuff.

movembermcgill@gmail.com is the email for info.

Once we get ideas we can reach them but this address is good for info.

We would also need someone to be responsible for our team.

If we do an event for Movember, it should be at least related to Movember (men's health.) It is about talking about those issues, such as prostate cancer.

After they left, Beth and Talia said they would like to take care of that idea and we pitched ideas later as well.

2. Kady

Samosas sale tomorrow at Burnside. Also, Saturday is a hoedown party 10\$ includes booze and

4.0. Approval of the Agenda

Kady approved the agenda

5.0. Placard use explanation

Instead of raising your hand, you just turn your placard and then wait for your turn. It is to help with names and taking turns. Everyone on council has their personalized placard.

6.0. Meeting Reports

6.1. SAPEK Representative

October 16th, a run in the memory of a recently deceased professor. You can volunteer for an hour or two and get a lunch. Contact Sari for info. A message will also be sent soon.

Graffiti party, November 18th. White shirts and markers. Best party of the year. Check it out!

Sari also asked for possible Grad Ball locations. Beth answered her questions.

6.2. President

6.2.1. Funding Career Advisor position

Vanessa met with Ron Morris and discussed the Advisor position. It is not a permanent position, and there was a threat that it would be removed. Kelly and Jordan wrote a letter that saved the position.

Ron Morris suggested that EdUS helps with funding the position, either with the EdUS fee or the Education Improvement Fee (15\$, we do not know where this money goes, but not to us directly.)

Ron Morris asked if we could get more info about this fund and know if it is possible to fund this position for future years.

If we can't, we could put together a referendum to add a fee to keep the position (10\$ or 20\$,) as he suggested.

Vanessa let him know that she thought it would be hard, because students might not approve.

Susy mentions the money we received from the Fall fees, which was a lot higher than we thought. She thinks the extra money might be coming with the Education Improvement Fund.

Vanessa mentions that she thinks that it goes to McGill that then gives us checks out of this fund but not the whole thing.

Jordan mentions how much we should pay her. Will we always have to pay her? She thinks it is necessary and should be part of the McGill fees. It is not an ADDITIONAL thing, it is necessary, as is Career Fair. She suggested we look into other faculties; for example: management has career advisors. How do they pay them? We should first try a different route than directly funding her with EdUS money and student fees.

Kady: Management, Science and Engineering do have advisors, and the Societies are not paying for them. The advisors from these faculties have offices. We used to have advisors, but apparently were removed because the follow-up of an education degree is usually to just apply to a school board. She thinks it is not our role to pay for this.

Since this is a new fee, the referendum would have to be approved by McGill, and it might be complicated because it would give extra fund and might cause problems.

Lucia: She thinks that if other faculties are doing it, it should be the same thing. However, if they are not, we should at least get an advisor and approval of MELS.

Kady: Other faculties do pay more.

Jordan: She asked if we can see where do our money goes.

Negar: Once you make a position permanent and not contract-based, it would have to be renewed every other year and it might frustrate the students.

Felice: We need to not be pushed around and not do it if we are the only ones doing it.

Erica: We definitely need to look into how other faculties do it.

Emma: Student fees are constantly raising and we need to know where this money goes.

Lucia: If they say, it is not a permanent position; if the whole faculty thinks we have to have an advisor, the faculty needs to vote. We can still write a letter to MELS.

Nikasha: Is Andrea Taylor able to help students in choosing post-graduate options? or is it the advisors' thing? Answer: she is able to do it, it is part of her job

Latoya: She thinks some students do not know her, and should get to know her better and what her job is about.

Vanessa: If we have to pay her, we will tell students about it and give them more info on why she is so useful.

Kady: McGill Budgets are public. If we request it, they have to give it to us. If we do have to pay a fee, Kady talked to a Management person saying that they thought they paid a separate fee that has nothing to do with their society.

What do we do now? Vanessa will talk to Ron Morris about it and try to at least see the budget. If other faculties HAVE a separate fee, we need to do that, too. It is just fair.

Michael Di Grappa: VP Finances, involved with MUNACA Strike. We have to e-mail him and ask about the fee.

Jordan: Before we do that fee, we should negotiate with MELS; they need to know how important it is; they can pay part of it, and we can pay part of it, too.

Vanessa: Making it permanent would make our fee being the permanent salary to ensure that if MELS do not give us the money.

Susy: It secures the position in light of is MELS decline the money. If the back out, we have this account.

Kady: The Education Improvement Fee is new (from 2010) and will continue until 2015.

Vanessa: Will meet with Ron Morris.

Everyone agreed that it is an important issue and that we all have to look into it.

6.2.2. Camera situation

Camera was stolen last year. We had to look through insurance. We were not able to look into that, yet.

Vanessa and Susy did buy a device that can connect any camera to the computer. We could just design someone to take pictures of events and all.

Susy said that the camera was barely touched last year. We need to make sure that we do have pictures, so we will delegate people to take the pictures.

6.2.3. Entrance requirements revision

No special criteria are required to get into Education and you can get in even with a low GPA. Vanessa went on Faculty Council with VP Academics Vinorthan Joseph and suggested we would at least ask potential students to submit a letter of intent when they want to enter the Faculty. Without it being extensive, it would at least up the standards a bit.

Fiona Benson suggested EdUS be involved in this and be responsible to take out the really terrible ones.

We should form a sub-committee including Vanessa and two professors. The goal is to research other entrance requirements in other faculties and set us up to par.

Kady: She thinks we should look into people that get into McGill in Education, and then switch to Arts or another faculty, to make sure that Education is not a "backdoor".

Vanessa mentioned that the intent is to lessen class sizes. They already accept too many people, just because they do not get enough requests.

Talia: she mentions that if we want to switch from another Faculty to Education, you have to write the letter. Also, the requirements in terms of marks should be higher.

Erica: she wants to get involved and know more about admissions.

Latoya: she thinks it is unfair that some people work harder to get in and that Education lets people with lower marks in.

Kady: she wants to hear what other people have to say and suggests forming a committee to read those letters and help us with this task in case we actually do it.

Lucia: mentions that it does vary from year to year. It is relative. The letter has to be a filter, not necessarily a breaking point. Having good marks does not mean everything, but the same thing applies to the letter/experience. It is a good thing, but it has to be nuanced.

Negar: she agrees, but says that people do have time to work and see what they want to do in UO. Also, the Education classes are not everything: students have to take Electives and Subject Classes that are more difficult and might not be easy for someone with a 65 average.

Susy: If we do read the letters, there needs to be a clause of confidentiality. The letter of intent is not about bragging about teaching skills, but more about why someone wants to progress and want to be a part of it.

Nikasha: Purpose of the letter is to show interest.

Guillaume: Concordia is also hard to get in and asks for a letter of intent but also proof of previous work with children or teenagers. An interview is also conducted.

Gavin: Music needs a letter of intent.

6.3. Co-Vice Presidents, Academic

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Vino: everything is in the report. Vino and David did a lot of PR in the past two weeks, including meeting important people.

UCC Meeting: If any of the proposals come to fruition then they will be discussed in a further meeting, otherwise you can get the proposals suggested by reading the reports.
MART McGill Academic Round Table: Library Fund and the need for adequate representation from all the faculties.

Vanessa: Last year, an inappropriate message was left in the office and it was about that Fund. We have to send emails and messages if we want to get money or responses. Follow Vino's stellar example and always do follow-ups when you send e-mails.

Susy: Do send the messages, do not write them on stickers.

Back to Vino on MART Meetings: Academic Amnesty, a proposed form and right which will allow students to take a position towards a particular on-going strike, and not go to class for their personal standing. Certain conditions apply and proposal still has to be passed by Senate. More details to come.

6.4. Vice President, Communications

Jenn has everyone's t-shirt sizes. She will order all our shirts + 10 extras.

We have a new microwave. We used it today and it works wonder.

6.5. Co-Vice Presidents, External

Look in the report for info.

Meeting with Andrea Taylor and the Career Fair Goddess Gene. Usually, there are 2 people that help with Career Fair, taking phone calls, making sure e-mails go to the right people, etc. Because of the Strike, Gene has a lot of extra work to do. Also, for Career Fair, it means that Jordan and Alexina might have to contact sub-committee earlier.

The SSMU Building is lacking porters on weekends because of the Strike, so extra rooms might be booked instead of taking down the stage.

Jordan mentions a few things she wants to mention.

Jordan and Alexina want to eliminate presentations from the Career Fair. Everyone agrees with that. People will have the right to do presentations during the week if they want. It might be better to have people prepare themselves during the week (CV building, how to make a good impression in an interview.)

They also want to eliminate random sheets to schedule an interview. Students should be

put in a schedule that has a place for everyone.

Also, we are not charging anything to present at Career Fair. Charging a minimal fee of entrance for vendors would make it easier to have extra stuff such as guest speakers, workshops, etc. A cancellation fee should also be instaured. The presentation fee might not be put into action this year, but will be soon.

We are one of the only Career Fair who does not charge and also one of the only one that does give breakfast (which is always good.)

Susy mentions that the money needs to go to EdUS and will need to have a serious follow-through. The money would also go to the next year and permit to do more things.

Alexina mentions that the fact that we only have one Career Advisor is sad and that we do need to offer more tools for graduating students.

Kady mentions that VP External does not have to pass a motion to have vendors pay. She also mentions that bylaws need to be created to make sure that in following years, VP External will manage this money properly.

6.6. Vice President, Finance

The tracking sheet is now in the Spirit Store and the lockers boxes.

You have to write a receipt for everything, even if the student does not want it. There is an example in all of the receipt booklets.

Susy also created a Finances Binder. We can keep track of Finances and also information on step-by-step procedures on how to take care of our money and use it.

Safe boxes are there: they will be there for any event where we need funding and have to keep it somewhere safe.

There is a passcode on it. When there is cash overflow, we have to put the remaining money in the safe box. Everyone will have the password.

(25\$ float - Lockers. 50\$ float - Spirit Store.)

Meeting with the auditor will have to be done soon, by someone else (probably Vanessa.)

6.7. Co-Vice Presidents, Internal

6.7.1. Grad photos

Meeting was at 4pm today. From Oct. 24th to November 5th: photos will be taken. Beth and Talia need the adresses of all graduating students. They will send the adress and the dates, and want everybody needs to make sure they fit in the schedule.

It will be in a e-mail and also the listserv. The fee is 55\$ for the photos.

Vanessa thinks it is a bit much and asks if they went to other places. Beth mentions that SAPEK went with a different photographer last year and their mosaic did not match. They do most McGill Faculties and know how it is done.

November events: we should do an opening event or a mid-event (SAPEK would be closing.) The event would be mustache-themed and would also be an occasion for the Education team to get together and talk about fund-raising. We talked about ideas (inviting profs, making it a formal dressed event.)

Beth will send an e-mail and they will get started soon.

6.8. Recording Secretary

He talked about the new e-mail address (secretary.edus@gmail.com)

Also mentioned how important it is to send reports on time. Also make sure that they are in a readable format; if not, copy/paste them in the message and he will take care of the formatting.

6.9. Representative to SSMU

Student Services Fees, Kady learned at a meeting last week. We need to be aware of what is going on.

CKUT Radio: they are an independant student services, they go into a referendum every 5-year. This year, the vote will take place. If we are voting yes next week, it will be part of the Referendum later in the Winter.

The new thing is that CKUT Radio Fee would be taken out of Minerva, making it harder to opt-out. You would have to actually go to CKUT and ask for your money. You have to go up the hill and give reasons to get your money back, which not a lot of people would probably do.

Guillaume asked if minutes and reports should be put online, as it is for SSMU Council. Aaryn says it is easy and can be done easily. It will be done. The constitution, bylaws and handbook will also be put there.

6.10. Representatives for Secondary Education (U0, U1, U2, U3, U4)

U0

Idea of writing something to all U0's giving them ideas on which courses they should take and how it should be done.

Jordan suggests making a U1-higher and U0 buddy program.

Negar says she could play a role in organizing that idea.

Vanessa suggests it could be all Reps' task to put together this idea. Everyone nods and agrees.

Drew wants all the U0 all in the same room for an event.

Taylor said she felt like she was not invited to anything last year: "It will be fun next year!"

Beth said they will extend to all U0 in future events.

Latoya talks about the informal dinner event where all the older students can talk with younger students and give them good advice.

U1

Latoya talks about doing a survey on registration and access to info. The survey would include a question on attendance at the informal dinner.

She mentions having 2 people there being there for 3 hours, who will help Andrea advising students on their choices.

Negar asked about discussing the 4-year overview, for permission or anything. The document is public so it should not be a problem.

Negar mentions that the informal event would take place before stage and would not necessarily imply alcohol or big partying.

Susy says they do not have to think small and that they can have a small catering area and find a better place than the lobby.

U2

Nikasha talked also about the email she wants to send to everybody about the 4-year program and info. She also talked about the informal event.

The first Evaluation Council Meeting was cancelled because of MUNACA, apparently. Kady mentioned that the people putting things together are on strike.

6.11. Representatives for Elementary Education (U0, U1, U2, U3, U4)

All in the REPORTS!

6.12. Representatives for TESL/TFSL

SPEAQ Meeting 2: Speaker was chosen. It will be kept a secret until he/she accepts.

6.13. MEdUSA Representative

Props to MEdUSA for being represented. Snap Snap Snap! The rest is in the report.

7.0. Old Business

7.1. Picture Talking Workshop

It would be incredibly cheaper and in January. We discussed venues and where the money would come from. We mentioned creating a fund to invite a guest speaker/do a workshop and repeat the experience every year.

Motion: written by Kady Paterson. My fingers are saying: THANKS.

Motion supported by Kady. Supported by Alexina.

7.2. Subcommittees

Vanessa would like to have an update of each subcommittee at the next meeting. Heads of each committee should contact/know who are in their committee.

7.3. Wine and Cheese with EGSS

Erica will contact the EGSS lady and will tell us more about it soon.

8.0. New Business

8.1. Motion on Frosh Subcommittee

Kady read the Motion that was sent to us. Jordan motioned it and Negar approved it.

This Council will include:

- Kady (SSMU Rep)
- Talia and Beth (VPs Internal)
- Susy (VP Finances)

- Guillaume and Taylor (2 members of Council who were designed by a secret vote between interested parties)

2 members at large will also be picked in EdUS members of the Faculty

8.2. Merch and Pancake sale

We need to have a merch sale ASAP. Monday and Friday are good. Very simple.

We should also sell pancakes. It will take place on October 24th and 28th.

Alexina talks about making signs talking about Coffee in the office as well.

Jenn talked about personalized merchandise and putting a link on the website. We should talk about that during the sale.

Aaryn will bring the pancake grill and will take pictures and put them on the website.

Susy worried about displaying our merchandise. We have tons of keys that do open something, but we do not know if the display glass key is in there.

Vanessa says we should not worry, since we are being asked a lot about it.

8.3. Exit reports

Vanessa wants feedback from everybody concerning what would have been CRUCIAL to know before entering our position. Send her that, she will send us an e-mail.

8.4. Member list

Someone requested a COMPLETE list of SSMU members (all undergraduate of McGill.) He could mail something to everybody. People thinks it would be Zach Newburgh, vice-president of Jobbook and former president of SSMU would advertise his new company.

Kady explained the whole issue. We discussed, asked questions.

Kady encouraged everybody to contact her with questions, comments and strongly suggested that we come to council.

Next SSMU meeting: Thursday October 13th, 6 PM in Lev Bukhman. Show up!

8.5. Masi

Reps from QPERG and Anthony Masi (Deputy Provost Admin) will be also at the next meeting. They never met each other and do not really like each other. They will ask questions about topics such as tuition raises and MUNACA Strike. The Provost will have to answer all questions.

Students have to come! ASK QUESTIONS

8.6. Carnival

MUS asked if we want to put together a team. Captains are meeting on Thursday. It is in January. The team needs 50 members.

Kady cannot be captain.

Beth mentioned we should pick between Faculty Olympics and Carnival.

We all agreed we CAN participate, but will not put together a team because it is a lot of work and need too many people.

9.0. Communications

9.1. Mass E-mail

Merch Sale and Pancakes on the 24th and 28th.

Beth: Grad Photos

Kady: Member List.

Masi.

Frosh Subcommittee

10.0. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Guillaume Fecteau
Secretary.**