



**Council Minutes
Education Undergraduate Society of McGill University
[October 18, 2011]**

1.0. Call To Order

Meeting started at 6:04.

2.0. Approval of the Minutes

The amendments by Vino and Negar were approved and will be added in the Minutes from the previous meeting, which will be resent.

3.0. Approval of the Agenda

Susy and Jordan approved it.

4.0. Announcements

Alexina mentioned an ultimate Frisbee game on Saturday, at 14h30, at Molson.

EBB is hosting a movie screening soon.

Beth mentioned that everybody should be aware that they do not need to repeat what was said in their report.

5.0. Meeting Reports

5.1. Representative to SSMU

Kady was not able to make it.

5.2. Senator

Kady is now senator. We can start to look for a replacement for her, but she is not stepping out of her position as Rep to SSMU. But we can start to look for good candidates, without necessarily advertising it.

5.3. President

5.3.1.SSMU Environment Committee

This committee needs a rep to sit on this council. Nikasha expressed her interest. We are not sure if they need more than one volunteer, but Sari assured that she thinks it's only one.

5.3.2.Career advisor funding

Some faculties do not have faculty advisors, Vanessa learned. Science and Arts, for example, do not have advisors. Management has a 40\$ fee per semester to have advisors, and Engineering charge 30\$ per semester, but are raising it to 40\$ per semester.

Vanessa asks if we should put this in a referendum and ask students if they would mind such a fee.

Nikasha asked how many advisors each faculty has. We heard Management has 8.

Susy mentioned that the fee should be lower and that we should also have

an emergency plan if it does not pass.

Alexina asked if we could get a second advisor, one for Elementary and one for Secondary.

Erica asked about the referendum process and if we need majority for that.

Guillaume mentioned that the questions have to be ready and approved by Council by February, since the Fall deadline to submit questions and amendments passed.

Taylor mentioned U0 students that might not need a career advisor and would not like to pay if they do not need it.

Susy mentioned we should have question sessions with students and make sure they know how useful a career advisor can be.

Latoya asked if the career advisor can actually give academic advice.

Susy said she can advise for post-university studies, but not for in-university advising. She helps mostly graduating/U4 students

Latoya mentioned that U1 and U0 might not be interested in such services.

Jordan mentioned that the career advisor can help with academic advice; it is not technically her job, but she can do it. She also helps for summer jobs, volunteering opportunities, which appeal to all students.

Lucia said it is a matter of how to make it valuable to U0-U1 students and how to make those students go to her and get help for her. She mentioned Andrea her current advisor came in her U1 class and talked about how to make a good CV; her job is also to help students achieve their goals and is much more than simple career advising.

Alexina mentioned how she also is involved in all the events (Career Fair, Open House, Welcome Back Barbecue.)

Erica said that when she went to see her to get help with her resume and she helped her with career advising, working abroad and masters program,

all at once. So she knows her stuff.

Negar mentioned that the term Career Advisor might be throwing people off and give them a false impression that Andrea only does career advising.

Jordan mentioned that we should move on and just remember that a career advisor is important.

Food Services

Vanessa mentioned that she is meeting with the Food Services people and all should email her with suggestions, complaints, etc.

5.4. Co-Vice Presidents, Academic

Vino made sure that everyone had the amendments and changes.

UCC meeting: Vino said that you can send them an email as a graduating student with all the courses you've taken and they can tell you if you are on the right track.

Susy mentioned that emails take a long time to get answered, that academic advisor give you advice but do not necessarily give concrete answers and that emails might not be the best option to get a personalized reponse.

Alexina asked if they could do such a thing earlier for U4.

Negar suggested they could do U4 in the first week, but then U1 and U0 in the second week.

Beth mentioned she had an advising meeting while she was un U0, during RezFest. She does not know about Quebec native students.

Negar said there are next to no U0 coming from Quebec, making it confusing to see all of this.

Nikasha thinks two weeks is too long.

Vino will take those concerns to the next meeting.

Letter of intent for admission

Vino says we can raise our scores to get in, since the Quebec law changed.

Vanessa has done some research and will consult with some professors about it.

Exceptional Students vs. Instruction for Inclusive Schools.

Vino mentions that most people think that those classes are very similar and encourage people to send their complaints/suggestions concerning those two classes.

Vino also talked about the field experience placement date; a lot of people complained about the date and the time. Vino is thinking about proposing other ideas and will also send a message with all the rest of the info. Email him if there is anything.

5.5. Vice President, Communications

Everything is in the report.

5.6. Co-Vice Presidents, External

Everything is in the report.

5.7. Vice President, Finance

Susy mentioned that she sent a message concerning the safe box; everyone has the password and should know how to use it/lock it.

Susy mentioned how the finances are still not handled correctly and that the receipts AND the tracking sheet should be both completed when a sale is done. She will make it a point at every meeting until it is done correctly.

5.8. Co-Vice Presidents, Internal

Make grad photo announcements in U4 classes, like Policy. Seminars are also good, since some students are in advanced standing.

Gavin mentioned there are 2 people, including her, graduating in Music Education.

5.9. Recording Secretary

Guillaume mentioned amendments templates. Two examples will be put on the Office Computer. People should send amendments before midnight on Sunday, with their reports. Amendments will be sent to everybody prior to Council to save time.

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

U1 Secondary.

The template for the survey for first year student is ready. Negar mentioned she would like to put it on the EdUS website and also that the email that they sent was erased by a lot of people, so mentioning it in classes would be easier, giving the address and all.

Shannon mentioned that it takes extra time, so we really have to push it and make sure everyone does it. She also suggested giving paper copies.

Latoya asked if we have access to all the U1 addresses. We do. She mentions the hard copies were also part of their idea, but since most are essay questions, it might take too much time.

Susy mentioned that asking teachers and classes to take 10 minutes to do it, and have the professor say it will make it sound more serious and mandatory and will lessen the chances of people leaving and not doing it. As long as you go ahead of time, it should be good.

Taylor asked if it is only for secondary students. It was mentioned it was for all U1 students.

Latoya mentioned that she wants the students to all know about it and also to use everyone's idea.

Talia mentioned using WebCT and discussion boards to get their message spread.

Vanessa said that if they want to make a powerpoint slide and send it to Joan Barrett (since the responsible person is on strike) to advertise any event or announcement, they can do it.

Susy mentioned Manuel got an award. We all applauded him.

Negar also talked about the Buddy Program and how she did not find anything about it. Vanessa mentioned how it is run by First-Year Office. Negar asked if we think it would be relevant for our Faculty.

Susy mentioned that the First-Year Office already has trouble with their program and that it is more trouble than it looks.

Lucia confirmed: "I have three buddies and it is hard". She mentioned that she did meet with them and help them, so she thinks that it is already in place and that it is a pretty big process.

Latoya: if she would not have got involved with EdUS, she would not know as much and think a buddy program would help. But she mentioned something else could be put together, like on-line office hours chat sessions.

Negar said she would contact the First-Year Office and try to help them improve it within the Faculty of Education. She knows that U3-U4 are not always on campus, but we could reach out to U1 and U2. Most people do not know about this system and it should be promoted.

Susy asked about a forum or such a thing on the site.

Aaryn said she thought that it should be more about telling people about faculty advisors and First-Year-Programs and such. We should spread the

word and talk to people about it

Nikasha mentioned that the teachable should not be a part of the debate, because the resources are not there, whereas the faculty advising and such ARE available. She talked about the fact that we are not faculty advisors and is not our job/authority at EdUS.

Taylor said we should make posters advertising such resources during our office hours.

Negar said the buddy program is not about academic advising, but about mentoring and helping out. We should help strengthen it.

Susy said that the issue of advising should be dealt WITH faculty advisors.

Negar said that it is social more than academic.

Vanessa said we should move on and just asked us to remember that it is our job to help improve such things.

U2 Secondary

The course evaluation group is back on track and she will let us know about that.

U3:

All is in the report.

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

U1

There is a new sign for Open/Closed on the door of the office.

U2

All is in the report.

U3

All is in the report.

U4

All is in the report.

5.12. Representatives for TESL/TFSL

Lucia: she is the EGSS liaison and asked if we were interested in being part of their meetings (for their Conference, they are trying to have more undergraduate students to come.) Vanessa and Talia are interested and will look into it, with Lucia sending them the message.

5.13. SAPEK Representative

No parties going on now.

Graffiti party on November 18th at Gert's.

Movember: Kegger somewhere by the end of November.

5.14. MEdUSA Representative

Nothing to report.

5.14.1. Request for funds

MEdUSA is asking EdUS to support them financially, to get some of their student fees. Music Education students are paying fees to Music and Education but do not get money from us.

Susy mentioned that we do give SAPEK all their student fees. The number of students in MEdUSA is smaller as well.

MEdUSA president is here; she talked about the request and mentioned that all music events could also involve some education students. She also talked about Education students who have a minor in Music.

Susy said that it is legitimate to give them their full student fees, since we

do it with SAPEK.

A motion was proposed and voted. It got majority and was passed. Motion is in Annex A.

David mentioned that is has to be put in the bylaws.

Guillaume mentioned that both the bylaws and constitution will be amended and passed through council soon.

6.0. Old Business

6.1. Spirit store and pancake sale

It will take place next week on Monday and Friday. We have a pancake grill. Vanessa asked to make sure that someone will make sure we have all the necessary food. Emma will do it. Susy mentioned we do not need cutlery and napkins.

Vanessa said that everything except the American Apparel (except the purple ones) should be sold. She asked for how much it should be sold. There should be a 10\$, 15\$ and a 20\$ table.

Erica mentioned she will be there during their office hours. Vanessa said that every person on office hours should be there, either on Monday or Friday.

Susy said we have to keep the prices the same for Monday and Friday.

Vanessa will make a doodle for volunteers.

We will sell pancakes 2 for a 1\$. It will start around 9AM, peoploe will set it up around 8AM.

Erica will write a message on the listserv for that.

6.2. Wine and cheese

It's in the report.

6.3. U0/U1 dinner

Catering is expensive, like 700\$. We could make part of it ourselves, but it is still expensive.

Susy said it could be pizzas and also we could go to Costco's (we could get the food there as well.) Since it is only one night, it should be under 500\$.

Taylor said it could be samosas.

Sari said SAPEK tried samosas and it was a fail. Pizzas are good and Pizza du Parc is cheap.

Negar said they did look into pizzas, but since they were told to look for something more upscale, they looked for sandwiches, which they could still sell the next day if not too many people come. Latoya mentioned also writing it down on their survey (only YES, YES answer, on Susy's suggestion)

Sari mentioned that they faculty is smaller, but they did a similar event and had 2 people show up.

Nikasha said she wanted to do professional posters to advise the event as well.

Susy said the budget, including the posters, cannot go over 500\$.

6.4. Movember

Beth and Talia are responsible. They tied in with the Events committee, where they talked about that. They will create a Faculty of Education team, where, in the beginning of November, we are going to have a bake sale, with a sign-up sheet for Movember. They want to get the moustache rings and sell them/give them for the ones who sign up. Rings are more appropriate since there are more girls in the Faculty.

Fundraiser: Talia said that they would want girls to draw moustaches on their faces and send pictures of them with the moustache and with a man

that is important for them. For every picture, EdUS would give a dollar. It could also be a contest and the best picture could get something. The kick-off would be the bake sale. We should all take pictures to give an example. The pictures will be on the website and could be silly and funny.

Event: We would have a Movember-themed event. All Education students would be included. We could do it at Gert's. Dates could include Nov. 25th. We could also have the event joint with Nursing, Law and Social Work. The theme would be Little Black Dress and a Moustache. It would be classy, with a moustache. Susy said we should call the event Moustachio Bash-io. Lucia mentioned we should get those tattoos that are all types of moustaches and that you can put on your face/arm, etc.

David mentioned that for such events, we should always write proposals and have everyone look at them with the ideas, the budget, etc.

The girls will enter the team and post the new Facebook Group on the EdUS page.



7.0. New Business

7.1. Subcommittee updates

Social events: See Movember.

Community Involvement: Had their meeting before the meeting. They discussed ideas on how we could get involved, within the school, the faculty and also outside the faculty.

One of them is an organism called Fusion, that work in various schools of Montreal with programs such as Tutoring, cooking classes, etc.

Another idea was to develop Education Beyond Borders (EBB) and help them with their workshop and have them in collaboration with EdUS. It would give EBB more power to have things such as announcements and publicity for workshops and events. Finding locations could also be a great way to help and EBB is also able to modify and adapt their workshops to shorter times of presentation or an elementary clientele.

We also discussed Promo Science, it was started last year and Shannon will be the responsible this year and will gather info.

Another idea was the Food Drive paired with Dans La Rue, that was done last year in the Fall and the Winter and was met with success. This year, we are gonna collect spaghetti; the slogan is Don't Forget-i your Spaghetti. It will start on October 23rd, until December 19th. They need EdUS to make classroom announcements; they are going to put up some posters, put donation boxes everywhere in the faculty and offices and talk about it at the Open House. We are also going to try to collect money from students to buy more spaghetti.

We will dress up as a spaghetti and talk in classes - Lucia

How do you dress as a spaghetti? - Everyone else

There will be a different jar for pancake sale at the Pancake sale, but also one for the Fodd Drive.



Constitution Committee

They met and are in the process of editing it. The bylaws and the handbook will also be reviewed.

8.0. Communications

8.1. Mass E-mail

Spaghetti drive: Alexina

Graffiti: Sari

Pre-Movember: Alexina

EBB Screening: Vanessa

SPEAQ: Lucia + Shannon

Pancake sale: Erica

Website: Aaryn

9.0. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8h10.

Respectfully submitted,

Guillaume Fecteau,

Secretary

