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SSMU Council Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Attendance: Pauline Gervais, Sarah Olle, Tom Fabian, Nick Drew, Annie Ma, David Marshall, Sarah Woolf, Sebastian Ronderos-Morgan, Joel Pedneault, Corey Omer, Joel Lightbound, Marco Garofalo, Nathan Goldstein, Quyen Su, Claudia Gucciardi, Joshua Abaka, Ivan Neilson, Jose Diaz, Myriam Desrosiers, Tania Rifai Archer, Emil Briones, Gloria To, David Whiteside, Mitran Mehta, Rebecca Dooley, Lorna Sampson, Alexandra Brown, Patrick Diez, Andrew Doyle, Lauren Hudak, Zach Newburgh, Janina Grabs, Billi Wun.

1. Call to Order 6.12

Newburgh: I would like to run through all of the documents before we start our business. Sorry for starting late and getting the documents in only by and by. I'm Zach Newburgh, this is Lauren Hudak, and we are both your co-Speakers. We'll switch off presiding the meetings and sending out documents, and the recording secretary Janina Grabs will take minutes of everything you say. First, we have the agenda that lists everything that will happen in the meeting, I'll give an explanation as we go through it. We have the different reports, that is Article 5 of the agenda, and once we have the reports of officers we will go to the reports of the committees. Since we don't have any old or new business, the last document you should have is the SSMU's Guide to Robert's Rules of Order. This is a compiled list of rules in the constitution, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us. I'd like to run through a quick overview of Robert's Rules. At the beginning of our meeting, we always designate a time of adjournment. Moving to change the time of adjournment needs a two-third majority. You can raise a point of personal privilege – if you can't hear a councilor, need some water or to use the bathroom, the point of personal privilege is an incidental motion and goes at any time. Then, there is the point of information – this can be a question to whoever moves a point of business, but it is not an incidental motion. Please tell me if you have a point of information and I'll add you to the speaker's list. There is also the Point of order – if I make a mistake, please tell me and I'll have to correct that. Are there any questions this far? As to designating a time for adjournment: The time that we determined is 11.15pm. Anyone who objects to 11.15? It will be 11.15 or extend it with a majority of votes.

Time of adjournment at 11.15 pm approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Newburgh: There are no minutes yet.



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3. Adoption of the Agenda

Newburgh: Can we have a motion to adopt the agenda?

President Neilson: Motion to adopt the agenda. (Seconded by VP Brown).

Motion to adopt the agenda approved.

VP Diaz: Motion to amend the agenda. (Seconded by President Neilson). I'd like to include announcements before the question period.

Motion to include announcements before the question period approved.

3.5 Announcements

VP Diaz: Hello, I would like to welcome you to the SSMU Council, and congratulate you on your elective positions. We will have a Meet and Greet with student leaders on September 23rd, so I hope you will all be there. And on September 24th is the Hot Tub Party at Gerts, and everyone is encouraged to come, it will be amazing.

VP Ronderos-Morgan: There will be a demonstration against the governance laws on October 1st at 12.30 in the Berri UQAM Parc. This law is not in the best interest of the universities of Quebec, and now it seems as if there will not even be a debate at the national assembly, so you should please get the word out on the issue of the demonstration.

Newburgh: Please use the microphones.

4. Question Period

Newburgh: This is your opportunity to ask questions to the executive. If you have questions for any particular exec, raise your placard, then we will take a list of names and call on you.

Garofalo: In regards to Activities Night, there was some confusion during the event about the amount of people allowed in and the lines. Although we understand that this confusion was due to fire regulation, what measures will be taken in the future to be more successful?

VP Olle: Actually, it was the most successful Activities Night we ever had, we managed to get 4,000 students through the building in 6 hours, some waiting time had to be expected, because it was physically impossible to get more people in there. We received few complaints from people waiting in line, most complaints came from club members without a pass. I guess improvements could be made



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to get more promotion out over the general listserve, and distribute information not just over the C&S listserve. However, it was the first 2 night - Activities Night that we ever had, and we got more people in faster with fewer problems. Of course, we are always looking back and trying to improve. However, fire prevention was happy with us, it is actually the first year that they sent us a letter of congratulation.

Woolf: I would like to speak to the Head of the Nominating Committee – is there anything about the process of appointing 2 speakers, especially in terms of club affiliation, that council should be aware of?

President Neilson: Could you be more specific with your question? It was a normal hiring procedure, which passed through nominating committee, it was a general process.

Woolf: Since the speaker is supposed to have an impartial position, do the speakers have any prior or current affiliation with campus groups that would be important to mention?

President Neilson: In the hiring, we scrutinized the impartiality of all candidates and would not have hired them if we had any doubts in their impartiality. I will refer the question to our speakers, but the exec team is very happy and confident in its choice.

Newburgh: I am serving as the president of Hillel Montreal, which includes the Hillels McGill, Concordia, Dawson, and John Abbott. Therefore, I'm not really a part of a campus club, but we did discuss this position during my interview and afterwards and decided that if any matters of particular interest come up, I would defer to the Co-Speaker. In general, if there is any particular point of interest that comes up, we will defer to the other speaker in consultation with the President.

Hudak: I was a member of Choose Life last year, because of the impartiality of this position, I chose to step down from the club. The point of a speaker is to remain impartial, and I do take this job very seriously.

Abaki: I have a suggestion to the executive – I understand that you already have great transition among yourselves. I don't see what would stop councilors from having a similar transition process. I suggest that one could introduce in the coming years as a standard procedure of council, that the council that was elected for the following year should be present at the 3 last meetings of the previous council.

President Neilson: Obviously, we encourage the individual faculties to transition as much as possible, and we strongly encourage incoming councilors to come to council meetings. There is an open gallery



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where any student can listen to council meetings. However, we will also be doing a formal council retreat to bring current councilors up to date.

Abaki: But how about obliging elected council members to attend the last 2 or 3 meetings?

President Neilson: I think that is a good idea, you could propose a motion to the floor in one of the next meetings.

Omer: Last year, there were difficulties to get funding for clubs earlier in the semester. What has changed, and what is the goal for this year?

VP Diaz: Finance committee is responsible for all the payments. We traditionally don't meet until the 5th week of any semester because the commissioners have to be elected, and this normally causes the delay. This week, we sent out a memo of the Finance Committee requesting councilors to run for this committee, so that we could start meeting right away. This means that this year the application deadline for club subsidies is October 1st, to allow clubs a period for formalizing their application, so if we can maybe get it approved by the beginning of October, we can get funding out in the middle of October.

5. Reports of Officers.....

A. VP University Affairs, Rebecca Dooley

VP Dooley: Hello. I am your New VP University Affairs, and you all received my summer report. I won't go through it word for word, but concentrate on my key issues. Most of my summer was dedicated to preparations for the coming year. Among my summer activities was that I commissioned three research projects. The first on technology and assessment at McGill– it was supposed to present the current education and assessment possibilities at McGill, and present a foundation for recommendations for improvement. This deadline has been extended to mid-October. I will circulate all reports to the councilors as soon as possible. Another project was on grade deflation, but that was not completed due to unforeseeable circumstances of the researcher. The final project on McGill's Use of Strategic Enrolment Management was initiated because McGill discussed new enrolment standards and strategies, and the project should show what strategies there were. This project has been concluded, and is very interesting. We also had some applied student research in sustainability at McGill. Then, I took on the task of drawing up a Conflict of Interest policy which will come to council soon, it has been coming a long time. It concerns mainly to maintain the integrity of decisions, especially in the fields of hiring and business decisions. Another interesting thing are the



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sustainable initiatives at McGill. The Office of Sustainability was involved in a positive participation by students and administration. With Jonathan Glencross and Jim Nicell, I have been planning the possible creation of a sustainability fund. We are waiting for the response of the university on their

perspective and whether they might be matching the funds. Then, I also tried to provide support to other student associations and issues. The first senate meeting took place on September 16th, please attend Senate, the meetings are lengthy but very interesting. I have listed your student senators for this year. I will discuss issues that came up later on. The new course packs have been a topic of discussion for most of the summer and fall. McGill terminated its agreement with Eastman Systems and planned to print them internally through ancillary services. Eastman adopted and compiled the coursepacks, made sure that copyright issues were attended, and much more. At the end of last year, the university assured that it was only an administrative change that would not affect the level of service. Unfortunately, many course packs were late, so the professors brought forward a question on the floor of Senate. In Senate, Jim explained that the lateness was due to contractual complications. As students, we addressed several issues, for example concerns of students having to go through material that they got late and being tested on it, the price of course packs, and whether or not the money would be going back to student services. H1N1 was another issue I have been working on over the summer. I sat on the pandemic contingency planning group, where we raised and addressed concerns about student life and academics at McGill and how H1N1 would affect it. Please stay updated, you can come and see me or all documents produced at any time. Then, there was the issue of the Secretary General who resigned at the end of June, at which time an interim SG was selected. It is an impartial office that oversees governing bodies. Another SG was selected without consultation despite attempts to be included. I asked a question at Senate about that, and the Principal answered the question. However, attempts at asking her to consider widespread consultation was refused, and the discussion was shut down. I will work on that issue further. Then, I have listed other small goals and projects here. I will soon send out a memo to the university asking for an early release of the exam schedule – for many students, scheduling flights home early is important. Over the summer, I also met with several people including Morton Mendelson, Jim Nicell and Jana Luker regularly. I also met with the Provost's Advisory Taskforce on Economic Uncertainties – there, we looked at the efficiencies of academic programs, and how we can save money. Finally, I have an assistant researcher this year, so please tell me any information you would like to look up, right now he is working on an examination of student services. I stand for questions.

Marshall: Since resources have undoubtedly been invested in the Gradeflation project, will it be continued?



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VP Dooley: Actually, there have been very few resources spent, but it is an interesting area, so I would like to continue it and will do a call-out.

B. VP Finance, Jose VP Diaz

VP Diaz: You all have the detailed report in front of you. I worked on different sections over the summer – the budget was approved by last Council, and we did not make any substantial changes, but later on, we will be revising it with the Budget committee as soon as possible. For the investment portfolio, we are only \$20,000 away from our initial investment, and we also changed the risk ratio of the port-folio, so that we now have 76% bonds. Also, we checked and everything is in line with our ethical policies, we do not have any mining stocks, that was a question 2 years ago. About the financial ethics over the summer, the only substantial contracts approved has been the beer contract. Since FERC wasn't meeting, we hired 2 researchers to do the financial ethics research for the companies. Both results are very positive, they both have sustainable initiatives. Then, we dealt with the Campus Life Fund, Space Fee and Green Fund. We set up some guidelines, and put summer caps of \$4,000 for CLF and \$3,000 for GF to avoid spending too much over the summer. None of these caps were reached. We also decided not to fund food or drinks for events out of CLF, and not to give money out of GF for things printed on recycled paper. Also, trips to other places will not be paid out of CLF in the future. I worked along the Comptroller, the Bar Manager and the General Manager for Gerts – we decided to leave it open until the second week of July, in which I took over the management since the manager was on holiday. It was worth it, Gerts made a profit during May and June, the main reason is that we had a manager that was paid anyway and the costs of operations are otherwise pretty low. We have also been working on different things we wanted to implement. We tried to get as many faculties to stop at Gerts during their Frosh events. Nursing, AUS, SUS, MUS and MUSA had events during Frosh, so students out of 6 faculties were getting exposure to Gerts. Another project that I was trying to implement was to get a terrace outside of Gerts. We worked on it, measured the area, made sketches, but the idea fell through because McGill got permission to have McTavish as a pedestrian street, and wanted to have a pilot project for this summer. Since there may have been noise complaints, they were very apprehensive about the terrace and didn't give us permission. I will work on it to get it done next year. Also, we did several renovations at Gerts, I compiled a list of the major projects here. The minor ones already happened, and the major ones will come before consultation by the Operation Committee. We have the vision of getting booths for the area where the hideous couch was, we already exposed the wood from the bar, got rid of the metallic tables that hang from the ceiling, and also operated and fixed the sound system. We want to replace the bar, which will be changed to increase the shelving space and better display the liquor, right now it is not very



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functional for the bar tender. We also considered redoing the floor to get a tavern feeling, and we

already got rid of the old pool table and got two new ones, and started charging for pool. It now costs 6\$/hour with a deposit of \$20, and Tuesdays are free pool nights. We are also starting a strong marketing initiative – we want to give Gerts a facelift. We want to move away from the disco feeling to more of a pub. We invested in promo-items, got several thousands of pens with the slogan 'Gerts till it hurts', the bar staff have Gerts shirts with Moosehead ads on them, we made them in

collaboration with MacAuslan, and we are currently playing with the logo to change it, but as of yet, no one is totally for one or the other. We are again serving food, so after the cafeteria is closed, you can get food at Gerts! There will be a trial period to ensure that it is all successful, and we will be changing the menu to adapt it. Haven took up a lot of my time. During the last year, the former Haven manager resigned, then we decided that a former employee would stay on as manager, so that we managed to leave it open for the summer. It was a very short-term contract idea, but now, we employed a new manager that is in charge of the store, and things are going pretty well, I have decided to give the more detailed report on Haven next meeting. For the Health and Dental Plan, we outsourced it to the company ASEQ years ago, and I went over the plan with the ASEQ representative over the summer. We decided not to increase the benefits for this year, since the amount of additional resources are not that substantial, and it is very likely, that during winter term, we might engage in a tendering process. Then, it is better to have a cushion in the reserve funds. We discussed to submit a joint proposal with PGSS to manage the international health plan for students. Currently, ISS and Blue Cross are managing the health plan for international students over McGill, but the coverage is not quite the same as if ASEQ were managing it, and there are a lot of things that are lacking, the costs could decrease substantially. We will be continuing the plan for students who graduate - they are eligible to continue to receive supplementary health coverage at a very low rate. As for the Mini courses – we got 3 new managers this year, so we were a bit apprehensive how that would work, but so far, it has gone extremely well, we already broke the record of revenues, and are still counting the money out, so it is looking really good. For the building, we finally finished all the negotiations with Al-Taib, and who will serve food from 9 to 5, after which Gerts will serve pizza with Al-Taib's oven. Gerts gets to make a small margin off of that. For the beer contracts, the negotiations already took place, led by our VP Internal, and include events inside and outside the building. Both companies Boreale and MacAuslan will be present on our campus for the next years, both will have 2 lines in the ballroom, and in the bar, there will be 4 lines for Boreale and 6 for MacAuslan, we got contributions from both for the Gerts Student Life Fund. Another issue was that the students voted to make SSMU move away from bottled water, and we tried to implement that. A lot of tenants were very cooperative, and are now replacing bottled water with pitchers of water with lemons. Then, Café Supreme is open, so go check it out. Some other hirings are listed on there. Faye used to work at Haven all last year, so she was hired as a coordinator to help with revamping the inventory. We hired 3 new coordinators for the



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Minicourses, Raimi, the previous manager, was hired to provide transition training, and others of my projects included trying to improve the relations with faculties, groups and clubs by going to their events, and planning to work jointly on different things. For Transparency, we will put a lot of documents online, all financial statements since 1992 can be found on the website now, and the budget soon placed on website as well. For my long-term plan for Finance and Operations, I envisioned to cooperate with FinCom. WE have also been working at the visibility of ourselves, so we

did a lot of tabling whenever possible, and to distribute as much information as possible. I Would like to yield the rest of my time to questions.

Pelneault: Can we ask questions now?

Newburgh: We have to follow the constitution and bylaws. Unfortunately, this means that we will have to leave questions to the end.

Omer: Is there a way to suspend that by-law?

Newburgh: I will entertain a motion to suspend the rules.

Omer: I motion to suspend the rules. (Seconded by Garofalo)

Motion to suspend rules and accept questions after every report passed.

Pedneault: For the investment portfolio, since there was talk about changing the strategy of portfolio investment, have you considered adopting an ethical investment portfolio for SSMU? Desjardins has a portfolio for social justice, where they put great emphasis on environmental practices.

VP Diaz: It is interesting to know about it. Traditionally, the investments are decided by the investment committee, and each member gets a certain section of portfolio, where the members are involved in researching companies, and involve FERC whenever it is about a greater amount of money. The investment manager is very aware of SSMU’s policy of ethical investment, but those portfolios are something I have to look into.

Abaki: I think it’s great that in the investments, SSMU is so aware of ethical practices.

C. VP External Affairs, Sebastian Ronderos-Morgan.....

VP Ronderos-Morgan: This is your opportunity to find out what I have been up to this summer. For external representation, TACEQ is our new student lobbying organization. SSMU was a founding member of it, together with 3 other student organizations. They are all former members of the FEUQ, and since we got the mandate from last Council to go ahead with it, the institution has grown over the



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summer. Currently there are 4 organizations that are regrouped: AELIES, CADEUL, REMDUS, and

SSMU. Some other organizations seem interested in joining. Over the course of the summer, the table has been meeting three times and one meeting of the Board of Directors. The by-laws were finalized in July. The organization consists of the Board of Directors (that oversees financials, but has no political power), the Table des Associations which sets policy, the Executive which right now only consists of 2 people, that is enough to fulfill the necessary work for now. There are no fees, which is a unique feature to TACEQ, it is also stipulated in by-laws that the organization is not partisan, that

there exists easy exit, and in-kind contributions towards the budgets. For now, we made an interim cost-sharing formula. The by-laws stand in French on the SSMU website. TACEQ is a research and lobbying organization that regroups various student associations. We all put forward some money into the TACEQ to stipend the executives to write a brief to be submitted to the National Assembly. It is going through consultations with different stakeholders right now about the governance laws, it is a very interesting document, very well informed and well written. In June, we also published a timely press release addressing a leak that the tuition defreeze will continue after 2012. Every semester, there were tuition hikes from 2007 to 2012, and they said it would stop after 2012, but they may be backtracking. TCAEU as a name was very cumbersome, so wanted to readjust the name, and agreed on the ultimate name TACEQ. Table de consultation is hard to translate, but there is a round table Idea, so the unofficial English is Quebec Student Round Table. I volunteered to develop the content of the website, and thus also hired a person who will put together the website. As for funding and recognition –provincial government recognition is important to get funding. There is a provision in the Education Act that requires the government to make funds available to a student-wide lobbying organization, but the organization has to be recognized by the province officially. We began the process last spring, and then received a response by the ministry that they would review the criteria. FEUQ is the only organization recognized as such, and we are very similar to them in many aspects. We went well prepared to a meeting with Minister's political attaché, she recognized that we had a good case but that nothing would happen over the summer time. We are still waiting on recognition and funding, but it is a very interesting process in challenging FEUQ's dominance as sole student voice. Then, to collaboration with the PGSS, we had numerous meetings with them, and are looking into public transit initiatives. However, the PGSS external and I have very different views and agendas, though we are still in good relations. I also participated as a scrutineer during their FEUQ affiliation referendum. As for CSU, they are our counterpart at Concordia, we had a great meeting with their executive, and could potentially be collaborating with them in several fields. We decided to revive the CREM, a Montreal informal coalition of students. Through that, the coalition against the governance law, and the growing TACEQ, SSMU has had a strong presence in the Quebec students' movements. As to our opposition to bills – we are against the governance bills 38 and 44, which are right now in the process of going through consultation. The bill creates a cookie-cutter formula for the



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composition of the BoG of Quebec post-secondary institutions. This is an issue on the education realm in Quebec. At TACEQ, we provided funds to have a memorandum to be submitted to the Ministry of Education, we have also created a multi-stake holder, and are trying to gain attention to the goals of the coalition through flyers, buttons, etc. We also have a website: www.quigereleducation.com. SSMU gave its own brief of its position to the Education committee. Then, for the Community and Governance, we are having a municipal election in Fall, so in collaboration with the FAECUM, we called

a meeting of the CREM to attempt to bring more student issues to the municipal election and create a collaborative election platform will be made and published in a press release. Issues include housing, public transport and environmental issues. We are also beginning with consultations with different campus interest groups to make a SSMU election platform. Then, to the Milton-Parc Citizens Committee – I have collaborated a lot with them over the summer in order to try and mediate the effects of Frosh and other events and encourage greater awareness. We tried to promote community sensitivity at Frosh and StreetFest, and ensured the presence of community organizations at tables. We want to bring the students and community members together. At RadFrosh, I helped coordinate a RadFrosh tour of the Milton-Parc community. Then, for the Community Action Toolkit, specifically, Anurag has been working a lot on that issue at McGill. The toolkit provides an opportunity for First years to develop projects in the community. It promotes outreach, gives credit and a great community experience as well. SSMU contributed money and HR to this project. The community relations research project is going very well, I have been there to help the individual with some research and editing, and he produced a 40 to 50 page document. Then, the Burst Your Bubble – Project by the SEDE office gives the students tours of local community and cultural locations, it provide students with opportunity to get out of the McGill bubble. Then, the PGSS initiative wants to establish a U-pass system at McGill. All university students would pay a mandatory ancillary fee and would get a yearly pass. Students above the age of 25 suffer because they don't get the reduced fare, the PGSS was especially hurt. The SSMU exec and I are not entirely favorable of this initiative, our initial impressions were that it won't be an ancillary fee that would be good for SSMU. The age discrimination issue is an important and blatant injustice, though, since students are definitely not more well-off over 25 than 25. The arbitrary age of 25 doesn't make sense, so I will conduct some research into this, and will pressure authorities to change this. At SSMU, I was very interested in reorganizing my office, I wanted to organize what I had, in order make it more accessible to me and students, so I ended up throwing out a lot of papers that are irrelevant, which made my files now very organized and accessible. I want to have as much information as possible that relates to education. Then, for communications – I will revamp the tuition



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truth site, which started in 2007 when my predecessor fought the defreeze. I also printed out an external brochure. I sit on the board of CKUT, where last year no undergrad reps were elected yet, so I will fix that, add bylaw so that doesn't happen again. Some of my projects next year are on my report, it includes to revamp and update the internal office glossary. Revamp and update it.

VP Olle: Can you give more details how portfolio is relevant for students on this campus?

VP Ronderos-Morgan: It is hard to put the finger on, since it is not particularly related to one particular issue. It's much to do with advocacy, especially in Quebec, where the student movement has always been very strong. In 2005, students went on a strike to repeal a government law, so I

would be the primary person at SSMU who works on that level. In many issues like tuition, underfunding, and the huge funding crisis in postsecondary institutions in Quebec, the decisions came from the top. Tuition is very important for McGill since we have many tuition refugees, tuition is \$15,000 for international students. Personally, I wouldn't go to university for that much, but I believe a lot in accessibility of education in society, if tuition is high, postsecondary education is not as possible for many people. The relations with the community are also very important, there is an incredible history of the Milton-Parc community, it is a dynamic community that we have to work with, and we have to pay attention that it doesn't degenerate or becomes less diverse.

To: You said that you disfavored the idea of the U-Pass since not as many students would be interested in the idea. Did you base that on inputs from student body?

VP Ronderos-Morgan: This was my response, I don't think it would pass as referendum question, but I don't have any data to back that up. PGSS in their negotiations are looking to get a survey rolling to get data back.

Woolf: Who are the TACEQ executive positions are filled by?

VP Ronderos-Morgan: At the beginning of my mandate, there were 4 executive positions, but the definition was a little hazy as to what their task was and we realized that we needed only 2. We got nominations from 2 individuals, from Olivier Jegou, and Philippe Verrault-Julien, they are both former executives of CADEUL, we decided to keep the organization functioning it would be disjunctive to keep 4 executives.

VP Dooley: What was the outcome of the PGSS affiliation referendum?



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VP Ronderos-Morgan: It took place in the end of August, they decided with 58% for an affiliation with FEUQ. They had a 10% voter turnout, but their quorum was 5%, so they were way over it.

Abaki: How much has SSMU been jumping from one organization to another?

VP Ronderos-Morgan: We exited the FEUQ in 2006, and had an agenda to act as an independent player, but we came to work with 3 players more closely and intimately over the years. We aren't jumping from one organization to another one, TACEQ has grown from something informal to something more institutionalized, I can later outline in detail our reasons to exit FEUQ if you are interested. The provincial recognition since the beginning of the 90s has been owned by FEUQ, the other players don't receive funding but have still played an important role in their effect on the

provincial stage. The missing recognition won't hinder us from acting, but I would like to get the grants at the end of my mandate and will push for that.

President Neilson: Motion to amend the agenda. I would like to insert a guest speaker, the Environment Commissioners, as item 7. (Seconded by VP Diaz).

Motion to amend the agenda to include Guestspeaker section adopted.

D. VP Internal, Alex VP Brown

VP Brown: I am your VP Internal for this year. I will make this quick. The first section in my portfolio are communications – every week we send out a listserve, and I am trying to make it more effective, I am dealing with technology issues etc. For your information, all briefs must be received by 4 pm on Friday, in order to be sent out the following Monday. We hired 2 translators last year, one translator is Clelia, she does the listserve and internal documents. I am hoping to build up a whole translation team as well. For Frosh week – I apologize to all who saw me during that week, it was very stressful. However, we got few complaints during SSMU Frosh, although there were some issues at Faculty Froshes. The only issues at SSMU Frosh were the weather and attendance, the 2 things I could not control. We instituted mugs with all the Froshes, so we didn't use all the cups that we ordered, and we tried to institute a waste management program, so that we were able to recycle. Challenges for next year include underage drinking, leaders (there was a continuous problem of Frosh leaders because they are people who are chosen to be role models, but rather take the opportunity to party and get drunk), community relations (I spent parts of the summer meeting with members of the Milton-Parc community and the Frosh coordinators to improve relations. However, a lot of information didn't get relayed to faculty leaders) I will be meeting with faculties to see what we will do during the year.



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Street Fest was well attended, the First year office and SSMU cooperated on this initiative. This year,

Movies in the Park had a Food and Feast event, there was a short and funny film on where our food came from, and there was some education on local food. Movies in the Park showed 3 movies, we got an excellent turnout on Tuesday, but Wednesday and Thursday had some cooler weather and less attendance. This is an easy and fun event, I am considering doing other movie screenings, since students seem to like it. 4Floors is happening on October 29th, so whoever is interested in helping plan this event or others, go on SSPN. Other internal responsibilities include Athletics, I have been working a lot over the summer with them too, there was a home opener football game which was great, tomorrow will be Fill the Stadium, and they will be tabling at the Shatner kiosk this year to advertize their events. Also, we included a Varsity Fair as a part of SSMU Frosh, all varsity teams were there, and all those athletes are an excellent bunch, so make friends with the varsity teams! I sit on the

Senate advisory committee on alcohol policy as well, so we talked about Frosh and responsible drinking at other events as well, so if any of you have interest in that, come talk to me. They have also talked about monitoring student safety after an event ends, but McGill has a very different student community than America, it is harder to babysit students if they don't all live on campus. Then, the beer contract took up so much of my summer, there was a lot of consultation with the different parties, but it came together well in the end. I think we made a creative proposal, which works very well, so all parties are equally pleased. Again, if there are any questions, come talk to me. SSPN is starting up soon, and we had many signups at Activities Night by interested students.

Garofalo: In the Committee on alcohol policy – did you also talk about the new alcohol policy in residences?

VP Brown: Yes. This policy was written internally and was not distributed in the Committee before wider distribution, unfortunately. However, it's not very strict, although students are held more accountable. It puts much responsibility on the individual, and says that students should behave responsibly. As for parties in residences, they are not allowing kegs (which are illegal in Quebec), they say it should be in a common room and server-trained people should be serving. These are the same guidelines like any other party on campus, I think trying to have more safety was a goal with the policy. It will be revised by residences, I also sit on the Senate Subcommittee on residences, so we will look into that.

Wun: You mentioned community relations during Frosh? What kind of difficulties did you have?

VP Brown: We tried to institute community relations and respect in the leadership training of the first year office. However, their program was already full and they weren't able to include that. One of the biggest issue was the rowdiness and disrespect of leaders, especially during the pubcrawls. Students



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screaming profanities during every time of day and night throughout the city doesn't cast a very well image, I will try to work harder on leader education. We will also try to increase the presence of Walksafe, and First Aid, we want to concentrate harder on a first-response strategy. We were understaffed with volunteers this year, it will require more prior planning next year.

Ma: In the leader training, I made the experience that the Frosh leaders were trained together with Discover McGill leaders, which was difficult since their tasks are very different. Would it be possible to reduce that problem by separating the groups?

VP Brown: The program is planned and run by the First year office, but I will mention it in my recommendation report.

Ma: As for the Varsity team – is there a second chance to get in touch with recruitment if you missed the first call-out?

VP Brown: That is all run through athletics, I would recommend you speak to the couches. Since it is extremely competitive, few teams have open call-outs, but if you have friends interested, the best thing would be to speak to the couch directly.

E. VP Clubs and Services, Sarah VP Olle.....

VP Olle: I will keep my report very short. Please ask me what to elaborate on. My portfolio has 4 parts, which are clubs, services, publications, and the building. I am responsible for office allocations, I normally answer about 50 e-mails a day and 6 phone calls, and during the summer I have also initiated some projects to make our procedures more efficient and easier. As for Publications – I oversee the yearbook and the SSMU handbook. For the building- I am 1 of 2 building managers, the other one is our General Manager. The building is a major service that we offer to students. This summer, we worked on interior and exterior signage, on installing flat screens, improving student space, we are planning to create another meeting room, and have been collaborating with McGill on the McTavish pedestrian street project. For Visibility and Communications – I created the Engage McGill website, where you can find a summary of different volunteering and job positions offered, I have put out a lot of publicity for SSMU, and have also been trying to improve the bylaws that talk about things in my portfolio. I will likely bring them to council in the course of the year. Room booking will go online, that site will be launching on Monday, and after speaking with Mendelson, we are organizing a Town Hall on controversial events on October 8th. As for my longterm plans and goals, I am planning a referendum question to make a fund for the support of students travelling to conferences etc, I would like to establish a fee for that because we currently don't fund it. I am also



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trying to promote dialogue about our plans, I am very much into the 10-year-plan for the building

idea, it would be great to set priorities and goals for the Shatner building to be implemented on a more long-term perspective. I want to work closely with you guys, I want to be a resource to all councilors, so I hope all councilors are engage, because I am planning to devote a lot of time to the councilors. I want to clean up even more processes, I am trying to clear up the bureaucratic nightmare that students are faced with, and finally, I would like to put more jokes in my exec reports because I am a very funny person.

Mehta: Would the website for the online room booking be sent out on listserv?

VP Olle: We will do a big publicity campaign, and put it on the clubs and services listserv.

Wun: Since FYC is neither a club nor a service, do we retain our office?

VP Olle: FYC do not have right to consistently maintain an office, it is a student group like any other one. You would have had to apply for an office again.

Briones: In the Music Faculty, there was an ongoing issue about our rehearsal space. Because the space for rehearsal is very limited in the Shatner building, Effusion was taking over the rehearsal space for course-related student groups, but we were not able to compete with them since they were already booked. Would there be the possibility of having more rehearsal space at SSMU?

VP Olle: Any club under SSMU has the right to book up to 10 hours a week in the Shatner building. Of you want to establish a policy where course-related groups get priority on rehearsal space in the Music building, that would be your decision. You can set whatever policies you like in your building. .

E. President, Ivan Neilson.....

President Neilson: I will take a similar approach to Sarah, I will elaborate on some points too. I am reporting on the Daycare as well, we have one and last year we opened up a nursery that should target undergraduates. All 8 spaces created last year were filled by undergrads. In Quebec, nurseries are highly regulated since they are funded by the government, so they need to fulfill certain requirements. 3 executives should also sit on the daycare board, but they need to be Canadian, and we are currently searching for a third member because we only have 2 Canadian execs. If any council members would be interested, I'd encourage you to come to talk to me. Otherwise, the summer went well, we revued the financials for the nursery, and the start-up costs should sink by year end. Another issue is that there are a lot of PGSS students on our waitlist, but they are second in priority to undergrads. We are considering collecting a flat amount of money from the PGSS since they are taking



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up spaces. We should also be receiving our subsidy soon. Over the summer, some environment

projects figured prominently in my portfolio. The McGill Food Systems Project found out where the food in residences was sourced from? I was very impressed on how much they were able to find, it was an onerous task to take on. Then, there was also the Gorilla Composting project, they wanted to have an industrial composter on campus, but this project is now on hold, because there were problems on who would transport it. As we mentioned, a sustainability fee is looking to come to referendum this year, and will be hopefully matched by McGill. I hired the new Environment coordinators, and also met with CSU execs who would be ready for a collaborative project. Also, bottled water for sale is being phased out bit by bit. The next step would be my hirings – I hired the entirety of J-board, Francophone and Environment Commissioners, Elections McGill, Speakers, etc. For the Shatner building – we currently lease the building, and our current lease is set to expire at the end of next year. It would be great to start negotiating soon, so that we can extend the lease to our

tenants as well. Right now, it expires at the same time at the Memorandum of Agreement, so we have to negotiate them simultaneously. Then, I would like to introduce the idea of looking at the committees of Council to make them more effective. Hopefully, the presidential affairs committee will look at that. Then, the Council handbook was updated and more detail added. There are also some of the people I have been meeting regularly, mainly Vaughn Dowie, Sylvia Franke, the main IT resource person, Mathieu Laperle, the new director of McGill's food and dining services, and I highlighted some of the referenda that will be coming next year. The Legal Information Clinic has an MoA with McGill that tells them to go to referendum every spring. Then, there is the Tribune independence, a Cultural Services Fee for non fee-funded services, the SSMU Ambassador Fee, and maybe plebiscites. Then, I was involved in other portfolios as well, I have been meeting with some student groups opposing the governance bill and coordinating our memo, and I have worked on other portfolios also very closely. You can also see my meeting schedule of the year, there are Senate and BoG meetings, we just had a BoG meeting last Tuesday. We didn't discuss very significant business, the VP Research IR said that some of our award-funding has slipped, and he is trying to make up for that.

Questions

Marshall: For the composition of Elections McGill – was there consideration at how the Council body will oversee the Elections?

President Neilson: That is a good question. When we were hiring these positions, it was a consideration to us, and certainly all of them are comfortable with the fact that they are under high scrutiny. Our relationship is difficult to navigate, it is important for them to remain an independent body so that they can remain impartial, but I offered my support to that office, and think it is



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important to do as much as possible to leave them independent. They will still have any support that they need.

Newburgh: I would like to underline that Council is open to all, so please, members of the gallery, ask questions if you have any.

Pedneault: Can you elaborate on the Controversial town hall?

President Neilson: This was an idea brought to us by Professor Mendelson. McGill campus has seen its fair share of controversial events, and there does not seem to exist a consensus of what McGill students would like to have or not, and if they do, how sheltered it should be. We would like to invite as many student groups as possible to discuss the issue.

Pedneault: Would the outcome of the Town Hall be binding?

President Neilson: It is planned to be mainly consultative, to flesh out some points all can agree on before policy suggestions are created. These recommendations will presumably be part of Mendelson's thought process in creating a guideline.

Omer: I was interested if you could elaborate about the PGSS daycare issue. What would be possible solutions?

President Neilson: Our MoA that was signed in June covers purely clubs and services, so we could perhaps sign another MoA for the daycare. I think that they would have to consent to that, since they are on our priority list. The amount that we can charge is regulated by the government. But the PGSS is okay with starting a discussion about it.

Doyle: VP Dooley, in your investigation on learning technologies, did you encounter the IT Student Task Force that produced a report that sounded very similar?

VP Dooley: I am familiar with the Task Force, but since the final research project isn't finished, I do not know how similar it will be to that report. It will involve extensive surveys of the student population, and the researcher will have input of other universities.

Abaki: Could you elaborate on the Life and Learning Center? What is that?



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VP Dooley: It would be a new service point for students services. They had a review completed and came up with some recommendations, I will closely be observing that development.

Ma: Do you think lobbying for an early exam schedule would be effective for this term ?

VP Dooley: Of course, ideally, it would work for this semester, but they made fine ways to explain how it will not be possible for them. So I am hoping for next semester for sure.

Whiteside: Could you explain your portfolio again?

VP Dooley: I am the VP University Affairs, but a better name would probably be VP McGill/Political. My role is to represent students to the university administration, to senate, I oversee students sitting on administrative committees, and I have regular meetings with the Deputy Life and Learning and the Provost. I am all over the place in the university, trying to represent the student opinion on things. I'm the person who is representing you to university administration and governance. I can either answer question for you or point in direction to student specialized in that region.

Shee: Quelle est votre vision de travailler avec CAF? Est-ce que examens en francais sont une priorité?

VP Dooley : I am very interested in working close with the Francophone commissioners, and in holding open discussion sessions with students. I have heard concerns expressed that course outlines hadn't included the clause that French submissions were permitted, I don't understand why that didn't happen, and am going to investigate on that. I am open and willing to represent the concerns of francophone students.

4. E: Environment commissioners:

Knight: Hi, my name is Maggie Knight, and this is my co-commissioner Ari Jaffe, we will give you the short version on our portfolios. We are working on SSMU policies, we have made a 5 year plan for sustainability last year, in which the execs have specific roles for each portfolio, so you should be pestering them about that. We also coordinate volunteers. We generally support sustainability initiatives on campus, we run a website, help groups get access to funding, and we represent environmental concerns on our seats on the senate subcommittee of environment and finance committee.

Jaffe: We started off on a really good foot, we already have 30 students interested in sustainability projects. We provide open space discussions for faculties, and want to have faculty round tables on



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sustainability policies, to talk about what we can do with each faculty. We will be reporting to you once per semester, and our meetings are every Wednesday from 5.30 to 6.30 in the SSMU conference room. We always end on time and have free vegan food. Also, please check out our website and contact us under environment.ssmu@gmail.com.

Knight: We would love to hear what is going on in terms of environmental initiatives in faculties, it would be great to know what is going on in smaller faculties. We hope to have a very successful semester and year.

5. Reports of Committees.....

A. Executive Committee Report.....

President Neilson: We have approved several things in the summer. We will go over the decisions, they are described in brief in the report. We will go week by week to go for approval. Firstly, William Vanderbilt was hired as an Assistant Researcher from the University Affairs budget.

Hiring of William Vanderbilt approved.

President Neilson: Then, the next week, we gave approval for 24h building access for SACOMSS volunteers, and approved the contracts for the Farmers Market coordinators.

Garofalo: I would like to motion to combine them all and vote on them once.

Motion to combine all decisions of the Executive Committee over the summer approved.

President Neilson: There were generally administrative things happening over the summer. We approved several large purchases – the flat screens downstairs and signage in the building, we changed the opening hours for the bar, we approved the proposal for our audit, we approved several clubs, and deliberated on CLF and Green Fund applications, we approved a new sound system for Gerts, we also gave approval to the research contracts, we gave the bar manager access to the beer inventory for efficiency purposes, and gave her the possibility of having an open purchase order of \$5,000 in the interest of simplicity, and also approved the 47th Street promotion contract.

VP Olle: I have a motion to amend: Ghetto Shul was approved as an independent student group, not as a club.

Motion to amend `club` to independent student group `as definition of Ghetto Shul approved.



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President Neilson: Then, we approved that the 100 years of SSMU project was shrunk to 30 years, we bought 200 chairs for the ballroom, and also approved minor changes to the by-laws. We approved a modification of the job description of the Legal and Political Affairs Advisor, in order for him to split his attendance at the office and at his lobbying locations in Quebec.

VP Dooley: I would like to motion to strike the decision of July 14th. (Seconded by VP Olle)

Decision of July 14th is no longer included in the document.

President Neilson: Then, we hired Fernando Serrano as a replacement for some of our porters, we approved phase 1 of our interior signage project, we approved the interim cost-sharing structure of TACEQ, and approved many of the decisions by VP Ronderos-Morgan about the stipend of the TACEQ executive. We bought the flat screen software, and approved of the hiring of Raimi for transitioning the bookstore manager position. We reduced the stipend of Lorna Sampson as Frosh coordinator, and reduced the stipend of the grade deflation project. Then, we had to approve possible losses of stolen or damaged books at Haven, and approved Buddhist Meditation and World Vision as clubs and an advertisement contract of the Bank of Montreal. We approved interim club status for Students supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We also approved the Drivesafe contract. We got a fast food deep fryer for Gerts, approved the parking space exchange offer of McGill, and approved the

cleaning contract for the building for next year. We also approved the invoice from Josten's, the approval of Dragonboat-Z as full club, and the approvals of the Charmanga Club, and Students for initiatives in free software as interim clubs, we gave the mandate to create a new corporation for the liquor permits, because since our board of directors has international members, it is not in line with Quebec regulation. We decided on the selling prices of beer, and approved the purchase of the Scanabar system for Gerts. Then, we decided on 2 Green Fund applications, several CLF application and the approval of a part of Ghetto Shul's budget from the Space Fee – we were working with Ghetto Shul to help them start up an alternative food service. We also approved increasing the stipends of the speakers. Then, we discussed a statement of universities which related underfunding to governing issues, an extension of the Legal and Political Affairs Coordinator's work schedule, and the approval of some clubs. Finally, we approved a change in the 100 Years of SSMU contract, and an HF Photo contract.

Marshall: There is a discrepancy, because on June 2nd, it says that SSMU will not be financially involved in the Ghetto Shul project. But we still funded them?

President Neilson: This was just the original proposal in which it said that it would be a student-run facility, in which SSMU has no influence in the management. We still decided to support their start-up costs.



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VP Diaz: I would like to appeal to the chair to have unlimited question period (Seconded by Garofalo).

Unlimited question period approved.

Abaki: For the TACEQ cost-sharing measure, it says that SSMU will take on 40% of expenses, but how many expenses are we planning to have?

President Neilson: That depends on the projects for the coming year. Maybe we could ask VP Ronderos-Morgan for an estimate?

VP Ronderos-Morgan: There are different expenses that have come up over the course of forming the organization. The ultimate plan is to get the government funding in order to provide a budget. The by-laws say that all 4 of the organizations will provide in-kind contributions of resources they have, and all costs for the time-being will be divided through that formula. In 4 months, we got a \$345 bill, for the future, I can't give you an exact figure, but all expenditures will be brought to executive committee, and I don't think that it will be much more than what you have seen over the course of the summer. Those are also start-up expenditures that won't be repeated.

Abaki: How did you gauge the 40% contribution by SSMU?

VP Ronderos-Morgan: It was hard to make up a good ratio, since SSMU has a much higher base fee, but we have a higher expenditure as well since we have to lease our building. It is a very roughly cut estimation of the different relationships of the organizations. Before October, I would like to come up with an amendment to the by-laws to outline the cost-sharing arrangement more clearly.

Abaki: Were there any changes to the cleaning contract?

GM Gervais: No. The amount was exactly the same as last year and the one before that.

Abaki: What is the Scanabar system?

VP Diaz: The Scanabar system is used to control the inventory of the bar. It consists of labels for the bottles and a laser-scanner. Once it recognizes the bottle, you scan the filling height and it tells you how many ounces are left in the bottle. This will give us total control over the alcohol inventory. The money would be used to buy the equipment of Scanabar.

Lightbound: Do you have the total cost of what has been approved?



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President Neilson: I don't have the exact numbers, but it certainly didn't surpass the numbers we set as caps.

VP Diaz: A lot of these decisions were only rubberstamped, since they were already budgeted for like the cleaning contract or Scanabar. It is hard to estimate the costs of things. Most hirings have been budgeted for as well, and research budgets are there as well. These budgets were approved, so people can use them more or less how they like it.

Lightbound: It would be interested to have a full number to see the full amount of expenses.

Garofalo: How many Old McGills did we sell last year?

President Neilson: We did a lot of work to revitalize it, it was the first year in a long time to try to produce an actual yearbook. The result is quite stunning. A lot of the work was done over the summer trying to promote it.

VP Olle: It will be under my portfolio this year, although Julia Webster, the VP Internal, bottomlined the yearbook last year. Unfortunately, our yearbook isn't as widely accepted and we have a hard time selling it, we printed 400, and didn't sell all of them. It is not widely embraced, people don't get their photos taken, I am still getting lots of feedback, but there is the feeling that campus is disjointed and

people don't identify as much with their graduating class. I would love to hear ideas of yearbook strategies if you have them.

President Neilson: Alumni has a strong presence at homecoming and convocation, so there were some problems for us getting permission to sell Old McGills.

Sam, Editor of Daily: How did you come to the decision to allow BMO tabling in the building?

President Neilson: We have a strong policy of commercial activities in the building and they have strict guidelines what they are allowed to do.

VP Diaz: I would like to move the question.

Newburgh: According to the by-laws, you have to use "move to previous question". If that happens, I will take a straw poll, then I would ask for a second, and if there is a 2/3 majority, we will vote on it.

VP Diaz: I would like to move to previous question.

Move to previous question approved.



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Newburgh: I will now approve by general consent. Please say "dissent" if you do not agree.

Executive Committee Report approved by general consent

B. Internal Audits of Council

President Neilson: This will be handled by the presidential affairs committee, it will be an exciting year, so anybody who is interested in reforming the council committee structure or changing the by-laws tell me.

VP Olle: Motion to recess for 10 minutes. (seconded by Neilson)

Motion to recess approved. Resumed at 10.04

Committee Elections

President Neilson: I sent around a memo on committee elections, every councilor has to sit on at least one committee, I sent around a list of all of them. I'll run through a couple of them - there are the committees on presidential affairs, general assembly, university affairs, library improvement fund, student equity committee, then, the awards of distinction committee gives out scholarships, the external affairs committee mainly deals with TACEQ, there is the finance committee, the Tribune board of directors, the operations committee, and the budget committee.

VP Brown: Why am I not in here? My committees are missing.

President Neilson: Everyone is able to join SSPN, there is no appointment mechanism for councilors.

Newburgh: SSPN is a committee which VP VP Brown would like you to join.

VP Olle: The purpose of SSPN is to organize 4Floors, the Faculty awards night, reoccurring Gerts events, and other events which are advised, given logistical or organizational support, or funded by the students society.

President Neilson: Here, we highlighted committees whose membership required election.

VP Dooley: I wanted to make a few points. Firstly, in the UA committee, we have space for 3 councilors and 2 members at large. The caucus members already very involved, but I would definitely encourage you others to join this committee, especially if you are interested in research and things to do with the students' experience at McGill and other aspects where we can make some change. If you



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have friends, encourage them to join the committee as members at large. Then, for the Equity committee, we need 1 member, and please encourage others to join that committee as well.

VP Olle: The building committee hasn't met in recent years, but I am calling it this year since we are negotiating a longer lease with McGill for the Shatner building, because if it is only 5 years again, there is no time to pour money in for long-term renovations. It is a cycle – if we put more money in, they might give us a longer lease. We need to act on the Deputy Provosts recommendation of compiling a plan of what would we do with the building. What are the things we prioritize in this building? Do we think that the tenants in the cafeteria would be worthwhile? Is Gerts bar too big? We have a lot of authority and possibilities to influence decisions, you don't have to know anything about buildings to join, just have opinions, I would appreciate your input and thoughts on this committee.

VP Brown: Il y a aussi la Commission des Affaires Francophone, ou il y a une place pour un Councilor. La commission parle en francais pendant toutes ses sessions, c'est sous mon portfolio, c'est plus interessant si vous parlez le francais. Je crois qu'il y a une position libre pour un Councilor.

President Neilson: It is also formally a committee of council, so I encourage you to get involved, that was an oversight on my part because they are not necessarily contested positions.

VP Ronderos-Morgan: I only have 1 committee, in the past there were sometimes 2, but I decided to centralize it this year, but if the workload of government and community issues is too big we could revise that. You can be there and support and advise me in all affairs, the purpose of the committee

will be to brainstorm the future course of action. It should be a place to participate in student movement, have meetings with other representatives, sometimes even outside the city. It will certainly be an interesting committee.

President Neilson: The presidential affairs committee has its work cut out, it will probably be a good working group, students as members at large are also already interested. The nominating committee is also interesting if you have a particular vision for students on SSMU. The General Assembly committee is one of the committees that people were most interested in at Activities Night. The format has not been optimal the last years, but we will hopefully change that.

VP Diaz: Finance Committee deals with all of the funding requests. We talk about the allocation of the Green Fund, Campus Life Fund, Club's Fund etc, and one of the councillors has to be a Clubs and Services Rep. It meets every week for a huge number of requests. The Investment Advisory Committee reviews our portfolio, does research on our stocks, and gives recommendations on possible investments. Operations Committee is the most fun committee in my portfolio, here you can provide any input on the operations management that you have. It will meet often to review financials, but



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also to hear input. The budget committee decides on the priorities in which SSMU should be putting its resources. And FERC meets whenever the society engages in transactions over \$15,000 to make sure they are ethically responsible.

VP Dooley: Don't fret if you don't get onto all committees, you can still communicate with us, and be involved in those areas, it's very important that you give your input.

President Neilson: Now that you have heard the descriptions of all committees, if you are interested in any of these committees, please submit your blurb and by the Monday after next, it will be known which Councilor sits on which committee. Finance Committee will be elected now since it's pressing to be formed.

Drew: Barbara Dourley would like to run for Finance Committee.

VP Diaz: In the beginning of semester, it's a rather great time commitment, but after that we review applications on ongoing basis. It does slows down in exam period, and peaks up in the beginning of the winter semester, and after that slows down in March.

VP Olle: For finance committee especially, and all others, please be wise about what you run for and don't overcommit yourselves.

Newburgh: Tom Fabian and Barbara Dourley seem to be interested to be on the Finance Committee.

Goldstein: I will go as well.

Tom Fabian, Nathan Goldstein and Barbara Dourley acclaimed for Finance Committee.

7. Old Business

No old business

8. New Business

No new business

9. Confidential Session

GM Gervais: I would like to ask permission of council to have Steven Tamas, our Comptroller, present.



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Permission granted to have Steven Tamas present at confidential session.

10. Adjournment at 12.56.....