

SSMU Legislative Council

1) Call to Order 18:07

2) Attendance

A motion passed to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to include item 8c. New Business: McGill Fist Aid Service Name Change.

3) Report by the Steering Committee

President Knight Presented the following report:

Report of the Steering Committee of Council

Convened on 12 September 2011-09-13

1.0 Approval of Minutes

Given this is the first council meeting of the academic year, no previous minutes were reviewed.

2.0 Speaking Rights

The Committee requests speaking rights for the following:

- Rebecca Tacoma, CEO of Elections McGill
- Ryan Thom and Cassandra Zawilski, Equity Commissioners
- Representative of AGSEM (individual to be determined)

3.0 Business Items

- Committee Terms of Reference Review

As per last year's commitment to this year's council to continue the review of the Committee Terms of Reference, the Committee decided a motion be brought forth by the President and VP UA to authorize committees to review and submit recommendations for reform of mandate by December. The recommendations will be compiled and brought forth in a motion in the winter semester.

- Equity Officer Appointments

The Committee discussed the process of appointing the Society's Equity Officers from amongst the Executive.

- Final executive member on Committee

Steering Committee mandates required a third executive member and will be accepting nominations at Council.

4.0 Review of Motions for 09-15-2011 Council

- Motion RE: MUNACA Strike

Made suggestions on semantics, grammar, and clarity and re-submitted to movers. Approved and re-submitted for council on 09/13/11

- Motion RE: PGSS and SSMU MOA Regarding Clubs & Services

Reviewed and edited for grammar, approved for review at Council.

- Motion RE: Election and Referenda Calendar

Edited for clarity and approved for review at Council.

5.0 Other Business

- Reminder of General Assembly date change to Monday, September 26th over conflicting holiday.
- Details of in-camera session, to be explained at council.
- Decided that Speaker Nizam will write Steering Reports and President Knight will stand for presentation and questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nida Nizam

Speaker of Council

The report of the Steering Committee was adopted.

4) Guest Speaker

4a. Rebecca Tacoma, CEO Elections McGill

Ms. Tacoma gave a brief outline of Elections McGill as an independent entity of SSMU. A deputy returning officer and elections coordinator have been hired. The schedule for next year includes a nomination period of ten days minimum, a campaign period, eight electoral days, and two days of debate before three days of polling. Ms. Tacoma read out all election and related dates, then stood for questions. All of the dates as approved by the Legislative Council are printed below under item 7a. Resolution Re: Election and Referenda Dates. She stood for questions. Seeing none, Chair Nizam thanked Ms. Tacoma for coming.

4b. Cassandra Zawilski and Ryan Thom, Equity Commissioners

Ms. Zawilski's co-commissioner Ryan Thom was unable to attend today. Ms. Zawilski explained that the equity commissioners will be assessing and monitoring recommendations about equity on campus and foster dialogue about equity.

Questions:

Councillor Stettin asked about the process by which Coyote Ugly was dealt with by the Equity Committee.

Ms. Zawilski ceded her time to Vice-President Clare, who said that nothing was submitted to the Equity Committee about that event. However, the outreach chair will be meeting with the Gerts manager to make sure that the management of the bar on an everyday basis maintains an equitable standard. The executive has discussed this and decided that it would be inappropriate for them to make a decision without conference with the committee and different players, and the factors as to which last year's event was controversial.

Councillor Stettin asked whether the article saying that Coyote Ugly is being suspended by the equity committee is false.

Vice-President Clare said that information is false.

Councillor Stettin asked if it was also false that the Equity Committee said that it would be ok with the event if male dancers dance as well.

Vice-President Clare said that the issue of sexual objectification has been brought up in discussions about the event. This year, it has been planned to having guys dance on the bar also.

Ms. Zawilski was thanked by Chair Nizam for her contribution.

4c. AGSEM Representative

Sheldon Brandt and Johnathan Mooney addressed the Council about the negotiation of the new contract for teaching assistants at McGill. AGSEM has a few focus points for the discussion. Firstly, they would like to increase the number of TAships given at the university. In 2006, the student: TA ratio was 12.5-1, and it is now 28-1. Because there are fewer TAs per student, TAs say they don't have enough time to do all of the work that is required, and students say they don't get enough opportunities to spend time with TAs.

Secondly, AGSEM would like to make sure that TAs are given proper pedagogical training. As a first-time TA, one can be told to give lectures or grade papers without any training. Thirdly, a minimum of 45 hours and pedagogical work should only be given to TAs. This would be a sufficient amount of time to do job appropriately, but is less than what is currently given to TAs. Fourthly, there should be limitations on the size of discussion-based conferences. TAs were audited, and a significant portion said that they never meet with their course supervisors during the TAship. Fifthly, AGSEM would like an increase in salary and mandated salary rise with inflation. On all major issues of negotiation, McGill's answers have so far been no. The most important points of negotiation to AGSEM are increasing the number of TA hours and

requiring proper pedagogical training for TAs. There will be a meeting tomorrow with McGill to further negotiate.

Councillor Winer asked when the current deal between McGill and AGSEM is expiring and how negotiations will proceed.

Mr. Mooney said that it expired on June 30th of 2011, and in March a proposal was submitted with the desire to begin negotiations. Technically, there is no contract right now, but McGill is continuing to allow TAs to teach. How to proceed will be decided by the members of AGSEM, not any by the Executive or any one member of the Executive. There will be a General Assembly in a week, so the membership will decide how to proceed.

As a point of parliamentary inquiry, Winder asked “How do we find out about further updates and how can we invite them to speak again?”

Chair Nizam said that anyone can request a guest speaker at any time.

Vice-President Pedneault said that he should contact steering committee through president@ssmu, speaker@ssmu, or any one of the Executives.

A Councillor asked “Do you represent all TAs at McGill and all faculties?”

Mr. Mooney said yes.

Daniel Karistechi from engineering asked “What is the AGSEM’s policy regarding the awarding of TAships based on seniority?”

Mr. Mooney said the policy says that all hiring should be done on the basis of qualifications and experience. There is also a policy that those who have had a position at McGill before will be privileged for re-hiring among others with equal qualifications, but the awarding of TAships is done primarily based on qualifications.

Councillor Niu said that in undergraduate courses, the professor will sometimes award a student for performing well with a TAships. Councillor Niu asked “How might AGSEM’s policies affect these courses?”

Mr. Mooney said that undergraduate course assistants are not the same as TAs. If it is a traditional policy of a course to employ undergraduate course assistants, AGSEM has no qualms with that.

Vice-President Fraser asked “Would AGSEM members ever be in a legal position to go on strike, and if so when would that be?”

Mr. Mooney said that because the contract expired on 30th of June, the union is in a legal position to go on strike. McGill is also legally allowed to lock TAs out of work. However, the next General Assembly does not have a strike vote on the agenda.

Councillor Jean-Claude asked Mr. Mooney to elaborate on the relationship between AGSEM and PGSS.

Mr. Mooney said that AGSEM represents TAs, while PGSS represents grad students. AGSEM gets two seats on PGSS’s Council. PGSS is supporting the broad principles that AGSEM stands for without being specifically involved in the negotiations.

Chair Nizam wished the AGSEM members best of luck with negotiations and thanked them for time.

5) Announcements

Vice-President Patel announced that mini-courses registration is happening tomorrow between 2 and 4pm.

President Knight said that there is a Martlet women's soccer game tomorrow at 6:30pm. She and Vice-President will be leaving the SSMU office at 6 or 6:15 if anyone is interested in joining them.

Vice-President Pedneault said that there will be a neighborhood BBQ on Aylmer this weekend. There is food being served around 2pm. The barbecue will be held in conjunction with the Milton Parc Community. Councillor Nizam asked whether there will be vegan and vegetarian options, and Vice-President Pedneault said "for sure."

Vice-President Fraser thanked many around the table for their participation in Activities Night This week. Vice-Presidents Fraser and Patel will be holding club workshops next week on the 21st and 22nd in the breakout room. She would be very happy to see any members of clubs there.

Councillor Stettin said that there is a student walk-out at 11am tomorrow in solidarity with the MUNACA strike.

Councillor Plummer announced that the SSMU listserv gets out on Monday, so any announcements need to be submitted by the preceding Thursday at 6pm.

Councillor Niu said that the Taiwanese student association is hosting a social event with food in the SSMU Ballroom tomorrow for a \$5 fee.

Councillor Winer said that SSMU's Policy on Negative Corporate Influences on Campus was enacted in October 2006. Councillor Winer wants to convene an informal working group or discussion group on Monday or Tuesday to discuss whether or not that policy will be brought for renewal at Council. Please see or e-mail him to get involved.

President Knight said that opt-in campaign for student association fees was launched today. Opt-outs have been increasing in recent years and have had negative effects on fees not targeted by the QPIRG opt-out campaign.

Vice-President Fraser all opt-outable fee levy groups on campus has a website which is being re-launched at ourcampusourcommunity.com

It was announced that the first blues pub is tomorrow in the McConnel basement, starting at 4:30pm.

Councillor Paterson announced that that BDA starts next week.

Councillor Khan said that the Pakistani Students' Association is carrying out movement to help flood victims in Pakistan by selling \$5 bracelets.

Councillor Doyle announced that Leacock's online magazine will be hosting its new launch party at the Torn Curtain. Isle of Pine, a McGill-based band, will be there

Vice-President Patel said that the application deadline for the club fund is October 21st. The amount allocated is roughly \$90,000, which is double last year's amount.

Vice-President Clare said that next Thursday is the first Senate meeting in Leacock 232 at 2:30pm. Members of the gallery can't ask questions or make much noise, but everyone is encouraged to sit in.

Councillor Stettin announced that there is a CKUT event called Thursdays Alive happening once a month in Gerts at 7:30. The first show is tonight.

Councillor Chaini asked Vice-President Patel who is this year's funding coordinator. Vice-President Patel said that he can be e-mailed at fundcom@ssmu.mcgill.ca.

Councillor Ardakani announced that Dentistry's outreach program is happening very soon, and there will be a fundraising event to support this initiative, which offers free dental care for people in disadvantaged communities of Montreal.

6) Question Period

Councilor Stettin asked president Knight about her report, which states that by-law reviews having been completed. He would like more specifics on the review or would like to know when specifics will be given. Knight said that this part of the review was an initial stage, completed by the Executives for the most part, over the summer. An ad-hoc by-law review committee will further thresh out these by-law changes. There have also been consultations with SSMU's lawyer. The review will proceed with the normal reading process at council. There will be many opportunities for members of Council at large to be involved in the review.

Councillor Wun asked whether it is true that there is no architecture representative at Council. President Knight said that architecture and engineering are formalizing an agreement on which the engineering representative would represent all students. A referendum question will be given to students to provide greater clarity to the issue of representation of Faculty's schools on Council. The EUS and ASA are so far in agreement to phase out the Architecture Councillor.

Councillor Winer asked whether the initial recommendations by the Executive be the starting point for the by-law review.

President Knight said that the Executive has no desire to do all of the review themselves. It would be helpful for many Councillors and student body members to submit their input. The starting point will be the recommendations put forward by Executives this summer, and it will be passed through Council with due process. The by-law review was also on the table at last year's Council and a project that President Knight worked on with last year's Executives.

Daniel Keristechi from the gallery asked a question for the VP Internal or any member of the Executive. Everyone he has talked to said that frosh was a complete disaster, \$65 was too expensive for one day, when faculty froshes were marginally more expensive for three days. He would like to ask what went wrong and why it cost \$65.

Vice-President Plummer said that the bulk of expenses went towards the concert. The decision to have a concert was made by himself, the programming committee, and his predecessor. All of those he consulted recommended large concert. When acts were being searched for, the budget was being constructed, and \$65 was the price needed to balance everything at the end of the day,

Mr. Keristechi asked why did he not receive any information that he was invited to SSMU Frosh as a frosh leader?

Vice-President Plummer said that was decided this year that SSMU frosh would not have frosh leaders.

Councillor Paterson said that she thought that there was fairly clear invitation to SSMU frosh for people who were there in a capacity similar to last year. She asked Vice-President Plummer whether this was the case and, if not, why was there a communication problem?

Vice-President Plummer said that he did not think it was necessary to have leaders on the field.

A Councillor said that there were promotions on the website for Frosh. "Can you assure us that frosh did not lost money this year?"

Vice-President Plummer said that some of the largest expenses have not come in yet. The largest bill he can think of is the security bill, which is delayed in coming in because of the strike. He did take into account that security would be higher because of the holiday, and the budget was very conservative.

Gallery member Matt from engineering said that he and others were moving things because no one else was there to do it.

Vice-President Plummer said that his deputy was supposed to come in Monday evening but no one was able to make it. This was not a problem; it got done.

Gallery member Eli Freedman asked who is responsible for handling the administration of the frosh e-mail account and who was responsible for the SSMU frosh website. He found that communication was bad and on the day of there was a lot of confusion about what was going on.

Vice-President Plummer said that Laura DeAngelo and Ann-Maria Deonco were in charge of updating the website and checking the e-mail.

Gallery member Zach Newburgh read that there was some talk about the conflict of interest policy and is wondering about the status of that policy's reform. He and others would like the expectations within the policy to be set out very clearly.

President Knight said that they are intending to continue work on the conflict of interest policy this year. Elections of this year's Committees of Council will be tonight. Committees will be considering the issues surrounding that policy.

Gallery member Daniel Karistechi said that the listserv is not formatted at all. The first listserv received and all listserves since then have not been up to par aesthetically. He asked "Do you feel that the amount of formatting is adequate?"

Vice-President Plummer said that the Communications and Publications Manager has historically handled the formatting of the listserv. A new CPM was hired this summer, and her work has been getting better.

Councillor Kuna said that the student community should be involved in the discussion about a need to have a board of directors. She asked whether there will be such a discussion.

President Knight said that there has been a motion put forward to reform the board of directors that has already been discussed with several Councillors. In the new formulation, Councillors would have more power than Executives. The current suggestion is that the Board will consist of 16 members, including 15 voting members and the General Manager. There would be 9 Councillor seats and 6 Executives ideally. Only Canadian citizens can sit on the Board under Quebec Law.

Vice-President Pedneault said that all Councillors and Executive members are expected to be at the General Assembly.

Chair Nizam said that GA motions are currently being edited for grammar and clarity, and will be posted on the SSMU website soon.

Councillor Crawford-Appignanesi asked "Were you made aware of the presence of Jobbook flyers in Arts Frosh bags this year?"

President Knight said that she was aware that there were Jobbook flyers, but AUS frosh is controlled by AUS only. SSMU has no jurisdiction over AUS or its frosh.

Gallery member Alex from Engineering is wondering whether President Knight thought that the frosh Playfair activity was appropriate for the age of those that attended.

President Knight said that the debriefing of this year's Discover McGill is yet to be discussed being discussed. Playfair was suggestion of the First Year Office. President Knight attended Discover McGill and said that there seemed to be some merit to the activity. However, some people might have felt that it was not sophisticated in a way that university students may wish to be.

Gallery member Zach Newburgh said that he is wondering about the student groups which are receiving funding from SSMU. He would like to know the top 5 student groups generally that have been given funding from the SSMU.

Vice-President Patel said that the top two groups are the Muslim Students' Association, McGill Stop, and the McGill Debating Union. The majority of groups get a thousand dollars or less.

Zach Newburgh asked whether that categorization also includes independent student groups.

Vice-President Patel said yes.

7) New Business

7a. Resolution Re: Election and Referenda Dates

The Resolution was presented by President Knight. It is printed here with amendments:

Resolved, the Society adopt the following Election & Referenda schedule for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Fall Referenda (2011)

Last Council for Notice of Motion for Council-Initiated Questions: September 29th

Last Council for Approval of Council-Initiated Questions: October 13th Deadline for Submission of

Student-Initiated Referenda: October 14th Committee Chairs Meeting October 18th Campaign Period:

November 1st – November 9th Polling Period: November 4th – November 10th

Winter Referenda (2012)

Last Council for Notice of Motion for Council-Initiated Questions: January 26th Last Council for

Approval of Council-Initiated Questions: February 9th Deadline for Submission of Student-Initiated

Referenda: February 17th Committee Chairs Meeting February 28th Campaign Period: March 5th –

March 14th Polling Period: March 8th – March 14th

SSMU Executive & Senator Elections (2012)

Nomination Period: February 1st – 27th Extended Nomination Period: February 27th – 29th Candidates

Information Meeting: March 1st Campaign Period: March 5th – 14th Candidate Debates: March 6th

Polling Period: March 8th – 14th Elections Announcement in Gert's: March 14th

Meeting for the election of 3 Members of Council representing the Society's Activities, Production, Media, and Interest Groups

March 22nd at 18h00

Meeting for the election of 3 members of Council representing the Senate Board/Caucus

March 30th at 18h00

Moved by,

Maggie Knight

President

Emily Yee Clare

VP University Affairs

President Knight put forward friendly amendments to add a Committee Chairs meeting on October 18th and February 28th, to change the campaign period to November 1st-9th and March 5th-March 14th, and to specify the Candidates' Information Meeting as March 1st.

A motion to previous question passed. This resolution passed with 27 for, 1 against, and 0 abstentions.

7b. Resolution Re: MUNACA Strike

Councillor Paterson read out the resolution as it was currently worded. It is printed with amendments as follows:

Resolution Regarding Support for the MUNACA Workers

Whereas, SSMU has a policy on "Solidarity with Workers' Struggles" (reference: page 28 of the SSMU Policy Manual) and is mandated to support workers;

Whereas, the McGill University Non-Academic Certified Association (MUNACA) has been on strike since September 1, 2011 after unsuccessful negotiations with the McGill Administration;

Whereas, the work of MUNACA employees is crucial to campus operations;

Whereas, the resultant reduction and strain on academic and non-academic services is negatively affecting students;

Whereas, MUNACA members are faced with increased financial burden with respect to their pension and benefits plan;

Resolved, that the SSMU officially support MUNACA's struggle to receive equitable working conditions, pensions and remuneration;

Resolved, that the SSMU support a speedy resolution to the current labour dispute between MUNACA and the McGill Administration insofar as it favours MUNACA;

Resolved, that the SSMU Executive Committee be mandated to encourage the Society's members to support the strike;

Resolved, that the SSMU commit its research resources to gathering and compiling information relevant to the strike;

Resolved, that the SSMU encourage students to take action in solidarity with MUNACA, including but not limited to participating in the picket line and distributing information on the strike;

Resolved, that SSMU make its support known through its various channels of communication to the student body.

Moved by:

Kady Paterson

Education Representative

Jamie Burnett

Arts Representative

Councillor Winer asked Councillor Paterson to more explicitly draw out the difference between the first and second Resolved clauses, as they seemed similar.

Councillor Paterson said that the Council does trust the Executive to act on behalf of students.

However, as they do have means of communication the rest of Council is not privy to it is useful to mandate the Executive to act in the ways that they can to support MUNACA and its members.

Clare made a motion to amend the second-last resolved clause to strike "the SSMU's informational materials in support of MUNACA" and re-word the clause to read "*Resolved*, that the SSMU encourage students to take action in solidarity with MUNACA, including but not limited to

participating in the picket line and distributing and distributing information on the strike.” This is a friendly amendment and is therefore adopted.

Councillor Khan asked what was meant by “support” and in what ways would this support be shown. Councillor Paterson said that the first clause prefaces other resolved clauses. They do clarify what is meant by support and in what ways support should be shown if this resolution is adopted.

Councillor Khan asked “If any of the faculty associations does not support this, does this resolution address that also?”

Councillor Paterson said no, the faculty associations run parallel to SSMU and may make motions in their own Councils at their own discretions. This resolution would not mandate any faculty to do anything.

Councillor Clarke asked, given the that there is current policy in place to support workers’ struggles, whether the debate on this issue is whether the SSMU supports MUNACA or not.

President Knight said that the current policy does mandate SSMU to support workers’ struggles in general but that does not preclude supporting MUNACA in particular with this resolution. The Executive has been supporting MUNACA but thought that this issue should move to Council.

Vice-President Pedneault made a motion to replace “its” in the second resolved clause with “the Society.” This is a friendly amendment and is therefore adopted.

Vice-President Khan asked “Does this mandate people to walk with the picketers?”

Councillor Paterson said that this does not force anyone to do anything, but it presents a stance on the issue and suggests ways in which that stance can be acted on.

Councillor Stettin would like to amend the Resolution to add that the SSMU sign a joint student-faculty letter in the spirit in this motion. This is not a friendly amendment because Councillor Paterson would like to see such a letter before it is supported by the resolution.

President Knight asked whether Councillor Stettin meant “students-faculty letter” as in students and faculty or as in faculty associations? Also, it is not possible to mandate anyone to sign such a letter, which this body would be doing if it passed the amended motion before such a letter has been signed. Councillor Stettin said that there is a letter already being drafted along with members of the faculty, but he will withdraw his motion if it is not friendly. His motion to amend was withdrawn.

Councillor Bi asked whose resources will be used to support this amendment in terms of research.

Councillor Burnett yielded his time to Vice-President Pedneault about research resources. Vice-President Pedneault explained that the plenary research position is the Political Attaché and Researcher hired on Monday (named Simon). SSMU also hires students to do specific research projects. Also, money could be used from the campaigns budget on this issue.

Councillor Bi would like to amend the first resolved clause to read “that the SSMU officially support a resolution between MUNACA and the McGill administration”

President Knight asked “Would that be instead of the first resolved clause or as well as the first resolved clause?” She suggested that an amendment read “Resolved, that the SSMU support a resolution between MUNACA and McGill.”

Councillor Bi suggested striking the first resolved clause.

Councillor Stettin would like to re-word that to add the word speedy before resolution, and to say “the McGill administration” instead of “McGill.” This is a friendly amendment.

Councillor Winer asked the movers of the motion if they support the use of the word speedy, because there may be an internal contradiction in that sentence; a speedy resolution may not necessarily be the best outcome for MUNACA.

Councillor Paterson said that the intention of that line is to ensure that this exceptionally difficult issue be solved as soon as possible.

Councillor Ardakani said that the strike is greatly affecting the quality of education that students are receiving in dentistry, because it is affecting the labs a lot. Students who should be graduating in May might be two months late in graduation and will be late in placements they are required to attend post-grad.

Chair Nizam reminded everyone again that lightly tapping on tables is preferred, so that everyone can hear.

Councillor Burnett said that no workers go on strike wanting to go on strike. This affects daily lives. Supporting MUNACA necessarily supports a speedy resolution.

Councillor Stettin said that the strike should be explicitly supported within the resolution. It is not wise or reasonable of this Council to expect students to support without explicitly stating that the SSMU itself officially supports MUNACA. He would like to amend to read “Resolved, that the SSMU officially support MUNACA and a speedy resolution between MUNACA and the McGill Administration in the favour of MUNACA members;”

Councillor Bi said that she favors the previous statement because not every member of this board explicitly supports MUNACA. Therefore, the first phrase is most fair than the second phrase.

Councillor Winer said that the Council’s passing a motion in support of the MUNACA workers, does not say that every member of the SSMU supports MUNACA. As a democratically elected body, it is this Council’s job to express its support on behalf of students if it wishes to support this motion. The amendment is friendly.

Gallery member Johnathan Mooney, PhD chemistry said that he noticed that a lot of things being debated came up last night with the PGSS. The PGSS Council meeting passed a motion of support for a salary parody in line with other Quebec workers.

Councillor Clarke said that the amendment highlighted says “in the favour of MUNACA members” he feels that we owe more support and dedication to the students. If MUNACA got everything they wanted, that may in the end be detrimental to some student concerns. He would like to amend it to say “in the favour of SSMU members”.

Councillor Chaini liked what was said from the gallery and said that it should state that it is in favour of MUNACA members. She would like to amend that clause to read “in the favour of MUNACA’s struggle to receive equitable working conditions comparable with other workers in Quebec Universities”. Councillor Paterson said that Councillor Chaini’s amendment is friendly

Vice-President Clare would like something to be added regarding pensions and benefits, but she is not how to word this.

Councillor Stettin said that SSMU is not being neutral if they are mandating that the resolution should specify that salaries should be comparable to other workers.

Vice-President Pedneault wanted to speak to the question of funding and how McGill would be able to afford giving this to MUNACA’s members. There is a similar strike going on at Sherbrooke University and the Minister of Education has decided to intervene there and clarify what the government’s policies are. McGill has claimed that they would not give a real wage increase, and the

minister said that universities can make up their own policy. Funding is indexed overall toward salary policy. However, money cannot legally be used from tuition increases to fund an increase in salary. McGill cannot cut others' salaries either to make ends meet. Vice-President Pedneault suggested cutting administrative salaries or places where the money does exist in the university. Therefore, it is responsible to demand parities with other universities.

Councillor Dinel made a motion to strike "so as to be consistent with Quebec universities" and amend the clause to read "Resolved that the SSMU officially support MUNACA and a speedy resolution between MUNACA and the McGill Administration in the favour of MUNACA's struggle to receive equitable working conditions, pensions, and remuneration."

Councillor Stettin asked whether we have to include that their salaries be equitable with workers' salaries at other Quebec universities, as this is limiting to MUNACA's struggle.

Councillor Paterson said that MUNACA workers are paid the lowest in Quebec and getting a higher amount than other universities is unlikely. Consistency would be drastic improvement.

Councillor Paterson said that Chaini's amendment is friendly

Councilor Crawford-Appignanesi asked if words are being put in MUNACA's mouth as to the conditions which would be favorable for them. He asked whether the movers would be amenable to changing the clause to specify only "conditions that MUNACA would consider favorable"

Councillor Burnett would consider friendly a strike of "quebec universities" and a support of the amendment above.

Councillor Kumev made a motion to consider an amendment to support MUNACA in view of the fact that many faculty associations will not see this. He moved to strike "support MUNACA" in the third resolved clause (before "speedy resolution").

President Knight is unclear about how this would promote SSMU's mandate in a way that makes sense. Faculty associations are not directly affected by SSMU, and this would not reflect SSMU's current policy supporting workers' struggles.

Councillor Kuna said that this is saying that support for the struggles of MUNACA workers does not have to support MUNACA itself. Councillor Kuna moved to strike "supports MUNACA."

This is an unfriendly amendment and debate continues.

Councillor Winer would like to implore the movers of this motion to consider the all of the amendments put forward as unfriendly because this motion was meant to declare clear support for the MUNACA in a strong way. These amendments water down and weaken the tone with which support was being expressed. Supporting a speedy resolution entails supporting MUNACA in the strike.

Chair Nizam said that the debate is currently on Kuna's unfriendly amendment, but thanked Winer for his impassioned speech

Paterson moved to previous question on amendment to strike "supports MUNACA." This was ruled out of order

Councillor Kumev said that removing the support would mean that the SSMU is also supporting students who do not support the strike but would support the speedy resolution between MUNACA and McGill.

Councillor Chaini asked whether another amendment would be required to break up these sentiments into two resolved clauses.

Chair Nizam said that only the amendment to strike is on the floor right now.

It was moved and seconded to vote on the motion to strike “supports MUNACA.” With a vote of 8 for, 17 against, 3 abstaining, this motion failed.

Councillor Bi thanked the guest speaker from AGSEM for coming and giving further information. AGSEM invited the President of MUNACA to their Council, and said that this Council should do the same. She moved to table this resolution to a later time to consult constituencies and see whether or not there is official support for MUNACA. Also, she would like to invite McGill administrators and MUNACA to speak as guests.

Councillor Winer said that according to the Daily article about this issue, the Administration declined the invite to participate in AGSEM’s meeting.

From the gallery, Johnathan Mooney added a point of information that the Administration declined for legal reasons and AGSEM was referred to the online statements regarding their opinions.

President Knight said that the MUNACA strike has been a substantial issue since the beginning of school. Everyone was provided with this motion in advance. This is a matter of some pressing interest and thinks that it is not in favour of the student body to delay it. Ideally, Councillors already have an idea about their constituencies’ views on this issue. She likes consultation but does not think it would be right to delay.

Councillor Khan appreciates the spirit of this motion and says that students have been directly by this strike. It is a time-sensitive issue. The faculty of engineering is being strongly affected. If workers don’t come back in the next two weeks, the professors may not be able to continue their courses.

Councillor Bi said that she knows that the strike has taken a toll on everyone but says that the SSMU is not a part at the discussion so a delay in putting forward this resolution will not hurry or delay the discussion. The SSSMU executive has already written a public statement of support.

Councillor Stettin endorsed President Knight and Councillor Khan’s points. There are a few resolved clauses, he said, which will have concrete impact on the strike and student impact on the strike. He quoted the previous resolution by the Council which supports “workers’ struggles on McGill campus and in the McGill community.”

Councillor Paterson agreed with Stettin and others as has been said before, faculties have the right to issue their own statements.

Councillor Chaini put forward a motion to previous question on the tabling of this debate. This was seconded and a motion to previous question passed. The motion to table this resolution failed with 28 against and 1 for.

Councillor Stettin asked if he can ask to be informed of who votes which way.

Chair Nizam said that the motion to move to voting procedure has to be specified as a roll-call vote. She is not sure how abstentions should be treated in this case.

Knight would like to request that we consult the previous speakers.

Gallery member and former Speaker Raymond Xing said that there are no rules on abstentions in this case.

Returning to debate on the resolution as a whole:

Councillor Chaini moved amend to split up the highlighted resolved clause 2.3 “Resolved that the SSMU officially support MUNACA’s struggle to receive equitable working conditions, pensions and policies” and “Resolved, that the SSMU support a speedy resolution between MUNACA and the McGill administration.”

Councillor Chaini is open to suggestions about changing the wording.

Vice-President Clare asked why she wanted it to say working conditions and policies specifically.

Councillor Chaini is open to a better word.

Knight said that being aware that we have a long agenda, a further amendment “resolved that the SSMU officially support MUNACA’s struggle to receive equitable working conditions, pensions, and remuneration” and “Resolved, that the SSMU support a speedy resolution between MUNACA and the McGill administration.”

A motion to previous question on this amendment passed. By a vote of 25-2-1 this amendment passes.

Councillor Burnett asked about the status about unfriendly amendment for unfriendly amendment put forward by Councillor Dinel.

That amendment was withdrawn from Councillor Dinel.

A motion to previous question on the resolution as a whole passed.

Councillor Winer asked as a point of parliamentary inquiry if there was a way he could add a couple of words at this point.

Chair Nizam said that would be out of order as voting procedure is commenced.

Paterson retracted her motion to previous question.

Councillor Winer amendment moved to amend to add “insofar as it favours MUNACA” rather than “in the favour of MUNACA members,” as that is more consistent with the first clause.

Councillor Burnett said that the amendment was friendly.

Clare motioned to previous question, which was seconded and passed 27-1.

With a vote of 23-2-3 this Resolution Regarding Support for the MUNACA Workers was adopted.

A motion to recess passed.

7c. New Business name change

Chair Nizam informed the Council that it has been operating by the standing rules of the Council but not by Robert’s Rules (as Robert’s Rules does not recognize friendly amendments). The standing rules of council must be adopted by this Council at a subsequent time. The meeting will proceed using Robert’s Rules.

A motion passed to continue allowing friendly amendments.

The following Resolution is the adopted version with amendments.

Resolution Regarding the McGill First Aid Service Name Change

Whereas, The McGill First Aid Service is a student-run service of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) currently using the name “McGill” in its title;

Whereas, the use of the word “McGill” and associated logos in connection with McGill University is currently trademarked;

Whereas, in the course of the negotiations of the Memorandum of Agreement between the SSMU and McGill University the SSMU has been working, in consultation with SSMU services, to preserve student groups’ ability to use the McGill name in the names of SSMU services;

Whereas, the executives of the McGill First Aid Service have come to an agreement with McGill University which will allow for them to expand their services across the university, on the condition that the name of the service be changed to McGill Student Emergency Response Team;

Whereas, at a general meeting on the 6 of September 2011 the members of McGill First Aid Service voted in favour of changing the name of the service to McGill Student Emergency Response Team;

Whereas, the name McGill Student Emergency Response Team is consistent with the names used for similar services at other universities across Canada;

Whereas, the McGill First Aid Service must change every reference to its name (on its equipment, etc.) to McGill Student Emergency Response Team by September 30th, 2011 in order to fulfill its agreement with McGill University and expand its services accordingly;

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council ratify the members of the McGill First Aid Service's decision to adopt the name of McGill Student Emergency Response Team, so that the service can continue to expand and provide a valuable resource to the McGill community.

Moved by:

Carol Ellen Fraser

VP Clubs & Services

Councillor Paterson asked "Does it matter if we pass this motion; doesn't it have to pass anyway?"

Vice-President Fraser said that any club's constitution must be ratified both by the student group and by the Council.

This Motion was amended to read "McGill Student Emergency Response Team" instead of "McGill Students' Emergency Response Team" in every instance.

Councillor Paterson asked the VP Clubs & Services to give a summary of the issue that led to this change.

Vice-President Fraser read the *whereas* clauses and asked if there were any further questions.

Councillor Chaini made a motion to previous question. The motion to previous question passed.

With a vote of 21 for and 1 against, this motion passed.

7d. Discussion on Second Floor Cafeteria Tenants

Vice-President Patel said that many Councillors are aware that the tenants on the second floor are not claiming the space individually, but each food service is part of the MTY Group. Last year's council decided to continue to work with MTY. As of June 1st 2012, the contract with MTY will run out. There was some back-and-forth between the SSMU and MTY regarding negotiations about the space at that time and the possibility for renewal of the contract, but the MTY Group was unresponsive internally to these negotiations. They failed on ultimatums. As of next year (2012) there will be new tenants in that space. This decision was done in a rush over the summer because of time constraints. The Executive decided to conduct expressions of interest as advised by lawyer and look for businesses that are interested in the space, but those documents are not legally binding. Councillors were e-mailed for feedback and have provided great feedback. The General Manager provided special assistance throughout this process and has a lot of work on this. This is the first time that this information is being made public. The day that Executives realized that they will be working with a new group, they contacted the SSMU's lawyer and asked if they could contact Councillors about this. He said yes, so consultation was sought. Multiple groups who might want the space were contacted, from the recommendations of Councillors sitting in this room. Today, a public statement is being made to make the student body aware of this issue. Substantive matters will be discussed at a later time. The groups that were contacted include Burritoville, Lola Rosa, Burger De Ville, Tali, La Tributaire, and Green Panther.

Councillor Winer asked "At what point and how will Councillors be able to voice opinions regarding contents of potential contracts?" E.g. a stipulation in the contract that the tenants not sell bottled water. President Knight answered that several non-negotiable clauses were sent to these groups, particularly in regards to sustainability, but also other areas, including selling only sustainable seafood.

Councillors may choose to meet with the VP Finance to discuss more specifics. There will be a discussion with the SSMU lawyer in terms of how specific the discussions can be. Those two aims (of consultation and negotiation) may be somewhat in contradiction according to the law.

Councillor Winer asked what must be done if Councillors wish to view the contracts.

Vice-President Patel said that Councillors are more than welcome to drop by his office or the office of the General Manager to discuss the contracts. The proposals should be discussed, but the whole procedure is also at issue. Any Councillor is more than welcome to contact any of the Executives to discuss with their concerns. Vice-President Pedneault has also been closely involved in the process. President Knight said that she is happy to clearly communicate how and when the Executive can provide specifics on contracts. There will be opportunities for Councillors to see the text of the contracts both final and emerging. Once the interested party is identified, then contracts will be discussed more specifically.

Councillor Chaini asked “How confidential are these documents? When we discuss these proposals with you, are we not to talk about this with our constituents?”

President Knight said that there are stipulations that negotiations must be done in good faith, but the Executive will endeavor to make it very clear what can and cannot be shared with constituents. The MTY Group had not told their tenants, and that was a concern of the Executive. However, the MTY Group was informed that this was going to be discussed publicly and that students need to be aware of this information.

VP Patel said that there will be a report presented as a private and public document to make sure.

Councillor Love asked whether the copy will be presented either electronically or in hard copy.

President Knight said it is the responsibility of the Councillors to request a hard copy of any document; a soft copy is sent usually. The speakers will print off a hard copy for anyone who requests one.

Councillor Crawford-Appignanesi asked whether or not, in Vice-President Patel’s opinion, the deals on the table were roughly the same as others or whether the new deals would yield a negative financial backlash to the Society. He asked whether there was a payment of a set amount, and whether that will be the same.

Vice-President Patel said that rent for the new tenants will be decided after tenants are chosen. The plan is to renovate the cafeteria eventually. If any plans are submitted, they will have to be submitted in the fall of a calendar year. Rent revenue would be lost for as long as it takes to renovate.

President Knight asked speaker to ask General Manager for more information about the financial implications of a new deal

General Manager Gervais said that rent from MTY is known, but the tenants have not yet been decided on, and at that point they would discuss rent requirements. Maybe the space will be empty for a certain period of time because McGill requires one year to submit information prior to the renovations. That could be the period where there would be no revenues, but in terms of the rent from the three tenants there is no concrete answer.

Vice-President Pedneault said that it is not just the rent, but another factor is utilities.

General Manager Gervais said that the MTY Group tenants paid for gas consumption and otherwise paid a specific amount for utilities per year.

Vice-President Pedneault said that SSMU has been sued in the past for being negotiating in bad faith. If that case had been lost the SSMU would not exist anymore, and that is why this is such a sensitive topic.

Councillor Stettin asked whether there is any way that the lawyer could present to Council so that he could answer questions directly.

President Knight said that SSMU lawyer is very expensive and might be better to invite Councillors to submit questions, have him approve or clarify those questions, and then present that back to the Council as a document.

General Manager Gervais said that there is a quarterly hourly rate for the lawyer, and each hour of the lawyer's time is \$260.

Vice-President Patel said that the process has been difficult and even arduous for some members of this body. He would like to specifically thank the General Manager, and the executive team, who have by his side since day one and truly willing to listen to him.

Councillor Nizam appreciated the sentimentality and encourages such sentiments in order to sustain and foster healthy respect for one-another.

7e. Resolution Re: PGSS-SSMU MOA Regarding Clubs & Services

A motion to previous question was ruled dilatory at this time.

Councillor Chaini asked for more information about what's going on more specifically with PGSS.

Vice-President Fraser said that in the past, SSMU's agreements with PGSS have been very similar, but the agreement here is for a longer period of time.

Resolution Re: the PGSS-SSMU Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Clubs & Services

Whereas, collaboration between the Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University (PGSS) and the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) can be beneficial for the members of both societies;

Whereas, PGSS members are interested in participating in the activities of SSMU clubs and services;

Whereas, SSMU clubs and services benefit from the contributions of PGSS members;

Whereas, the PGSS is willing to make an annual financial contribution to support the activities of SSMU clubs and services;

Whereas, the previous Memorandum of Agreement between these two Societies regarding PGSS member participation in SSMU clubs and services has expired;

Whereas, the Executives of both Societies have expressed interest in entering into a long-term agreement;

Whereas, the text of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement is included in full below;

Resolved, the Society, represented by the Vice-President Clubs & Services and the President, should enter into the Memorandum of Agreement with the Post-Graduate Students' Society regarding clubs and services below.

Moved by:

Carol Fraser

VP Clubs & Services

Maggie Knight

President

General Manager Gervais pointed out that in clause 2.1 says that this agreement will continue for three years, but it should say 10 years as was agreed by both parties.

Councillor Stettin pointed out that the MOA should state "the President shall" instead of "The President hall."

The two above amendments passed.

President Knight would like to speak in favor for passing this. She said that \$4,000 seems arbitrary because it is in fact arbitrary. To calculate an exact amount, all graduate student participation in clubs would have to be tracked, as well as how each of those clubs were funded. That would be an extremely difficult task. There was a period where there was a dispute about this. At this point it is considered it to be in best interest to keep up a long-term agreement with the PGSS.

Councilor Chaini moved to previous question, which passed. This motion passed 29 for, zero against, and with zero abstentions.

7f. SSMU Committee Elections

Before the voting procedure began, Chair Nizam requested that every Councillor introduce themselves. Every member of the body introduced themselves, their program of study, where they are from, and one interesting thing about themselves. Members of the body enjoyed the opportunity to get to know one-another while sharing strange personal factoids.

The results of the elections were as follows:

2011-2012 SSMU Committee Election Results

Funding Committee

Sahil Chaini

Adam Winer

SSMU Awards of Distinction

Pouya Ardakani

Meagan Lepitre

Community Engagement Committee

Usman Bin Shahid

Jamie Burnett

Alexander Kunev

Micha Stettin

FERC

Haley Dinel

Anna Kourilova

Zhizhen Qin

External Affairs Committee

Laurence Bernard

Jamie Burnett

Radney Jean-Claude

Finance Committee

Isabelle Bi

Alexander Kunev

Samuel Latham

SSPN

Tariq Khan

Ad-Hoc By-Law Review Committee

Ian Clarke

Dylan Doyle

Kady Paterson

Adam Winer

Interest Group Committee

Sahil Chaini

Kady Paterson

Billi Wun

Operations Management Committee

Tyler Cannon

Tariq Khan

Zhizhen Qin

Nominating Committee

Usman Bin Shahid

Tariq Khan

Julia Kryluk

Environment Committee

Sahil Chaini

Commission des Affaires Francophones

Meagan Lepitre

Queer McGill Undergraduate Fund Selection Committee

Laurence Bernard

Library Improvement Fund Committee

Matt Crawford-Appignanesi

Jim Niu

Student Equity Committee

Radney Jean-Claude

Steering Committee

Matt Crawford-Appignanesi

Carol Ellen Fraser

Emilie Leonard

Fenimore Love

Kady Paterson

SSMU Board of Directors Nominations

Isabelle Bi

Jamie Burnett

Matt Crawford-Appignanesi

Haley Dinell

Angela Herman

Radney Jean-Claude

Jim Niu

Kady Paterson

Adam Winer

Billi Wun

Chair Nizam explained that Councillors who have not sent in their choices will be assigned to Committees lacking members. There were four rounds of voting to elect Councillors for four committees per round. Each Councillor who has submitted their request should be in only one round at a time, but that is not always the case. Councillors have clearly indicated their first, second, and third choices. Nominations have been compiled and circulated so that a lot of time is not taken up at Council. A package is being handed out with the blurbs that were circulated (for those that would like to be reminded of each Councillor's preferences and credentials).

Paterson asked if people could skim their selections for round 1. Yes

Vice-President Patel asked if Councillors could speak now to endorse a specific councilor. That was ruled out of order by Chair Nizam.

Councillor Stettin asked whether Councillors will be able to remove themselves from subsequent ballots if they get their first choice on an earlier round.

Chair Nizam said yes, Councillors may strike themselves as a nominee from a ballot. Anyone who does not get enough votes for their choice will be put on Committees where Councillors are still needed.

Councillor Crawford-Appignanesi said that he did not provide his nominations. He was an unfortunate victim of the IT problems of the Chair's internal e-mail.

Councillor Love made a statement on why he is not on his ballot. He said that he was unprepared and did not send in this form.

Chair Nizam understood his difficulty as a first-time Councillor and he will have a minute to decide on his preferences.

Councillor Chaini asked whether Councillors will be on Committees that are more relevant to their constituencies

President Knight asked the body please think carefully about the nominees that have put themselves forward. It may be useful for you to remove the back sheet in order to provide a diversity of constituency and vote for people whose experience or constituency is relevant to particular Committees. In the past, for example, there has been at least one Management Councillor on the Finance Committee.

Chair Nizam said that at least two of the three IGCs must be on clubs and services. Two representatives are designated to be members at large from SSMU's clubs and services.

Councillor Love will nominate himself to nominating committee.

Councillor Crawford-Appignanesi has ranked his choices from first to third: External Affairs Committee, Steering Committee, and Library Improvement Fund.

Councillor Love self-nominated for steering committee as his third choice.

Councillor Stettin asked whether Councillors can sit on committees on which they are not officially a member

President Knight said that for the mostpart, that is allowed. On some committees, speaking rights would be granted but voting rights would not.

Vice-President Pedneault said that External Affairs would welcome anyone who would like to be a member at large.

Vice-President Patel said that the budget will be presented in Finance Committee. The budget will then be presented to Council. Meetings will most likely take place once a month

Councillor Latham nominated himself to the Finance Committee. As his name was not on a ballot during the voting, he will be sitting on that Committee.

President Knight said that it's most important for many Councillors to sit on the Steering Committee. The process that Steering Committee goes through will to help Council to be efficient. The agenda will be prepared, and submitted motions will be reviewed. Steering also decides what guest speakers will be invited to speak at Council. This Committee is good for people who like things to be very efficient at Council.

Vice-President Paterson nominated herself to the Steering Committee. Results of this vote will be sent out to Councillors by e-mail.

7g. Nominations to the SSMU Board of Directors

The results of the election are as follows:

SSMU Board of Directors Nominations

Isabelle Bi

Jamie Burnett

Matt Crawford-Appignanesi

Haley Dinel

Angela Herman

Radney Jean-Claude

Jim Niu

Kady Paterson

Adam Winer

Billi Wun

President Knight explained the Board of Directors. SSMU is also a non-profit corporation which is necessary for a number of reasons including accreditation (which allows SSMU to collect fees) and the ability to serve liquor in Gerts. To hold a liquor license in Quebec, corporations must have a Board of Directors made up of only Canadian citizens. According to SSMU's policies, Council is supposed to be the highest decision-making body; the Board has to be technically separate from Council and can only consist of individuals who sit on Council. The Board of Directors used to be comprised of the six executives, but the number of non-Canadian citizens on the Executive would be Canadian citizens nominated from Council. Since the Board of Directors reports themselves to the Executive, this year's Executive is putting forward a motion to the General assembly to reform the Board of Directors. With the new system, the board would consist of six Executives and nine Councillors, giving Councillors half again as much power as the Executives. Ten Councillors will be needed to sit on the Board this year, because not all Executives are Canadian citizens. In practice, there will also be Director's Insurance, so no one will be personally liable in this regard. Occasionally, there will be a short meeting of the Board of Directors. These meetings can be five minutes long in order to approve all of the decisions made by Council, and would be held in public session. It is necessary in order to make sure that there is no ability for SSMU execs to get power-crazy and do things that they should not. Ten Councillors should put their names forward and President Knight hopes that everyone is interested in keeping SSMU democratic. Tonight will not be the official elections to the Board of Directors, but this will have to go to the General Assembly for an actual election.

8) Reports by Executives

8a. First Summer Report

President Knight said that everyone had the opportunity to read this report in July. It was on the listserv and is on the website. President Knight stood for questions regarding the first summer report.

Councillor Stettin pointed to the portion of the report which says that President Knight worked with Vice-President Pedneault on further ideas for reforming the GA. He asked "When will there be further details?"

President Knight said that she is hoping to get this first GA done and see if publicity can effectively address the quorum issue or not. Traditionally, this kind of reform must go through the Steering Committee.

Councillor Stettin asked whether there was there a Committee for GA Reform?

Councillor Paterson said that the GA reform Committee went through a lot of review and came up with some conclusive ideas. However, Council was losing quorum and could not finish this last year. Councillor Paterson would be willing to go through the ideas and the progress which took place on that Committee with anyone interested. There are reference documents available on the SSMU website last year.

Chair Nizam said that the Speakers of Council have been asked by President Knight to create a special set of rules that will be constructed around their moderation event to make it easier for SSMU members to participate in this fall's GA.

Vice-President Pedneault said that one aspect of reform that he would like to see would allow members to bring motions from the floor rather than having them submitted in advance.

President Knight said that there is also a discussion about the assembled body's amendments to be conducted online. The GA is somewhat undemocratic right now because all of the members cannot fit in any one space on campus and it may be impossible for large numbers of students to attend the GA because they might have classes during that time.

Chair Nizam asked a former Speaker of Council "Does putting the vote online for a GA motion turn it into a referendum question?"

From the gallery, Raymond Xing said that there can be no enfranchisement of the rule stating that the GA must be live, but President Knight said that it is SSMU's rules that votes are allowed to be put online.

Vice-President Pedneault said putting a GA motion to an online vote falls in a grey zone of the rules.

Councillor Crawford-Appignanesi would like to apologize to the Executive for having to leave this body, but he must catch the last metro of the evening.

Councillor Jean-Claude asked President Knight to elaborate on what happened exactly at the President's Round Table and what the representation was during the round table and what is the link between the architecture and engineering representative. As a school, Social Work has the same issue and is currently debating whether it should become a part of the AUS and be represented by the AUS on elected bodies.

President Knight said that the Presidents' Round Table has existed for at least the past three years. It doesn't have formal terms of reference but is a forum for collaboration. This summer, there was a lot of discussion surrounding the opt-in campaign. She thinks that the roundtable was much more active than normal. All faculty association undergraduate Presidents and the President of Arts and Science sit on this integrative council. Regarding architecture, the VP External of Architecture thought that it would be inappropriate for him to sit on the Round Table, though he was invited to do so. There is no clear policy about each school and faculty because some schools have not been represented. This matter is up for discussion and if Social Work became part of Arts, Social Work would not necessarily lose its seat. There needs to be a referendum about this.

Councillor Stettin asked President Knight to talk more about who forms topics for strategic summits and about the strategic summits project in general

President Knight said that the first strategic summit is on Friday. Strategic summits are meant to be put to an informal vote. The topics are meant to bring people together in consultation. Executives came up with topics for the first three summits. Topics will be chosen through a participatory process in the future. The first strategic summit with an undetermined topic will be held on November 11th.

Councillor Clarke asked why SSMU wanted to support postal workers, as they have no relationship to the student body at McGill.

Vice-President Pedneault said that supporting their demands was to build favor in the community, and possibly to accept something in return in the future as the SSMU fights against tuition hikes. When he, went to the picket lines, workers were clear to say that they would be there when there will be discussions about tuition hikes. The issue was that Post Canada was proposing to cut young workers' salaries. His initiative in supporting them was building links in civil society.

Councillor Paterson asked why the Francophone Commissioners' hours were increased from 46 hours to 150.

President Knight said that in the past SSMU used to pay a small stipends to student staff. That does not meeting minimum wage, and with the implementation of more stringent laws in Quebec makes it absolutely necessary to pay an hourly wage. When a payscale was created last year in a process she was involved in, the number of reasonable hours was discussed. For any stipended position, the maximum number of hours that can be worked is the stipend divided by the hourly wage. The job description says what work needs to be done, but it was too much work in two few hours. Hours needed to be expanded in order to allow the Commissioners do all necessary work.

A motion to approve the first summer report passed.

Chair Nizam announced that the office hours of the Speakers will be sent out by e-mail.

8b. VP Finance & Operations

Vice-President Patel stood for questions.

Councillor Wun asked VP Patel what is the function of the morality development workshop and what does it actually cover.

Vice-President Patel said that a group came to describe the differences of alcohol that can legally be sold by SSMU. One category of alcohol is for consumption at home, and only some can be served by SSMU. The workshop also went over things that can be done in the building regarding alcohol, especially in Gerts.

General Manager Gervais said that they are a department of the SPVM and that any establishment with a liquor permit must be upholding the law. Only CSP (consummation sur place) products can be served; this is why no one can leave the premises with the alcohol purchased in the building. Also, drinking games are against the law.

Vice-President Patel said when there is event with alcohol everywhere in the building (e.g. 4Floors), it is necessary to follow the law and if anything is found that does not adhere to the rules it is a big problem.

General Manager Gervais said that permit had been suspended once. Next time the permit may not be suspended, but may be immediately revoked.

Vice-President Clare said that the can these rules apply to everyone and anyone can put the permit in danger. For example, if friends attend a bring-your-own wine dinner and an unfinished bottle of wine is brought into the building, SSMU's license could be lost.

Councillor Winer is wondering about how the working group for student-run café will work during the semester.

Vice-President Patel is very very pleased with this working group. They are responsible for doing the research for the student-run café. Councillors were notified of the working group and it was posted during the summer. The group is working on research right now, but a new student-run café should be done right. In the past, SSMU has had operations like Haven books that did not go well. It is also important to know that the working group works with other student unions for sustainability and so forth and its insight will be brought forward during a question period for Council. Then, the group will form a business plan to be

presented to Council. The working group is aware that this will go back and forth for months. The working group hopes to make its first presentation in October

Councillor Paterson said that it was noted that getting 85 club audits was a good number. She asked “Why was this a good number and could you explain what the sanction is for clubs?”

Vice-President Patel answered that some of the audits were of very good quality, which is unusual. Usually, only 30 audits or so are submitted. He recognizes where there is work that needs to be done. Vice-President Fraser and himself are starting on the club audits earlier this year, and a new form is up now on the SSMU website. SSMU’s duty is to assist the club to perform the audit but it is the club’s duty to attend the workshops and complete their own audit.

Councillor Paterson asked whether there is any sort of penalty for clubs who do not complete the audit.

Vice-President Patel said that the score for those clubs that do not submit an audit is 0/5. There may have been difficulty with the financial records from years past, and that is understood. Yes, the audit score will affect how funding applications are viewed when clubs are applying for the club fund. The audit shows how financially transparent clubs are. Club audits happen once a year.

Councillor Bi asked what the progress is regarding the SSMU trademark?

President Knight said that the General Manager has begun the process with the lawyer. For those who don’t know about this issue, McGill is concerned about their trademark overlapping with that of the SSMU.

Councillor Kunev congratulated Vice-President Patel on the new SSMU website—it is really nice.

Regarding the marketplace, Vice-President Patel’s report said that he was supposed to meet with the communications manager. When will the market place be implemented in the website?

Vice-President Patel thanked many for their participation in getting the website up and running. He and the Communications Manager, Karina, met today to go over marketplace and textbook selling. Those aspects will start this semester. During phase two, students will be able to look up apartments on the marketplace. That will be a project for the Operations Committee.

Councillor Stettin said that FERC purchases over \$15,000 had to be reviewed, but he is wondering whether there is an ethical policy already for the FERC.

Vice-President Patel appreciates the question. He said that such a policy should be implemented, but it will require a lot of work. Hopefully, any time anything over \$15,000 is being requested, the request will come to council. An ethical investment plan it is something that he plans to work on.

Councillor Bi asked what the budget is for Executive cell phone usage.

Vice-President Patel explained that cell phones are provided for the six executives and any of the relevant staff members. There are 14 people at SSMU who have a cell phone plan with SSMU including the six executives. The maximum expenditure per bill is \$80 per person. The accounts payable clerk pays attention to the details of the accounts.

Vice-President Pedneault said that the total budget per month for telephones usage is \$120 each, but any usage of cell phones over \$80 automatically comes out of that individual’s paycheque.

The report of the Vice-President Finance and Operations was adopted.

8c. VP Internal

Vice-President Plummer said that there are a few updates since he wrote his report: Movies in the Park is up in the air because McGill grounds has said that a grounds person must be hired for that event. For every “Movies in the Park” a grounds person would have to be hired at \$300 per night. Vice-President Plummer

will be following up on that tomorrow. The MUNACA strike is having a distressing effect on Homecoming this year. Usually, there are eight staff who are involved with the planning of homecoming, but that number has been reduced to 2 due to the strike. Vice-President Plummer will give more details about Homecoming at the next meeting of Council. There will be free cupcakes in SSMU on October 11th.

Councillor Stettin said that during discussions about frosh, the word “tragic” was used, and there was a lot of frustration from the gallery tonight. What are you planning on doing to try to reconcile that?

Vice-President Plummer would use that word tragic because SSMU frosh was rained out and there was a lake on lower field. The tension probably comes from the integrated orientation business. Engineering was frustrated by ideas from the first-year office which they felt was an imposition to their frosh. Their frustration is probably not directly related to SSMU frosh itself.

Councillor Stettin if there is any way he could sit down with some of those people to discuss their frustrations.

Vice-President Plummer is working with Ian Sinney, the interim Student Life Coordinator. He is trying to collect data involving all stakeholders and will be trying to lead the integrated orientation working group in more effective way this year than last.

Councillor Paterson asked whether there has been a project proposed for the Queen’s bus trip this year.

Vice-President Plummer said no, there will be not be buses to Queen’s for a game this year.

Councillor Winer said that on the second page of the event, it says that there were eighteen plus events in SSMU frosh with no alternatives.

Vice-President Plummer said that is untrue. SSMU has a policy against that. There were such events at faculty association froshes. Again, faculty associations are their own independent entities, however, discussions will be facilitated with them about alternatives to eighteen plus events.

Councillor Paterson said that in the event that the MUNACA strike continues, what will happen to 4Floors?

Vice-President Plummer does not see the MUNACA strike as a barrier to 4Floors, but said he would have to get extra volunteers for that.

Councillor Winer said that regarding Discover McGill, the first-year office may have risked forming racially divided orientation groups because of grouping them alphabetically. He asked whether this has been brought up with them.

Vice-President Plummer said that the first-year office representative is on strike right now, so he has not had the opportunity to discuss that issue.

The report of the Vice-President Internal was adopted.

8d. VP External

Vice-President Pedneault has been working against tuition increases in Quebec. Tuition increases are going to be implemented dramatically in June in Quebec. Also he has been the main point-person between the SSMU, the University, and MUNACA. He also works with the Milton Parc Community. During frosh, Vice-President Pedneault let a Street Team of people handing out water bottles and reminding people to stay respectful. Lastly, he has been SSMU’s main media point person giving interviews to the McGill Daily, and CBC’s The National. President Knight has also been helping out with that.

Councillor Dinel would like him to clarify whether the tuition hikes refer only to Quebec students or whether they will affect international and out-of-province students.

Vice-President Pedneault said that the government has already announced the increase for Quebec students but has not said what will happen for out-of-province or international students. He would like to lobby the government have very clear policies about who pays what tuition. A lot of students at McGill pay non-Quebec tuition.

Vice-President Fraser said that her understanding was that everyone pays Quebec tuition plus an extra amount for out-of-province or international tuition on top of that. She asked whether that is the case.

Vice-President Pedneault said that in the current framework, she is correct. However, since the out-of-province fees are higher, the out-of-province fees may not be raised that much, internationals may end up paying a lot more than they do now. Payment of Quebec tuition may be deregulated and Vice-President Pedneault expects that the system currently in place will change.

Councillor Kumev asked what is going on with CARE and what is their role in the Milton Parc Community?

Vice-President Pedneault said that CARE is an agreement between the MPC, McGill, and SSMU. The administration is not proactive at building community relations because they are not either residents or students. He would like to get the administration a bit more involved in that agreement.

The report of the Vice-President External was approved.

8e. VP University Affairs

Vice-President Clare stood for questions

Councillor Stettin asked what the consultation fair is.

The consultation fair was conceived out of the consultation working group post-Architecture Café. The working group came across several recommendations including a consultation fair. Next week, there will be a strategic summit on consultation to inform the SSMU about what students want. Ideally, it will be an interactive place where students can meet Deans, the Office for Students with Disabilities and at 8pm in Gerts there would be an opportunity to have drinks with the administration. Consultation can occur everywhere and all the time; the consultation fair should not be the one-stop-shop for this issue. Integrated in this fair should be a promise to continue to have integrated and consultative events. Councillors, please let Vice-President Clare know if you want to be involved.

Councillor Paterson asked what the process is to fill seats of senators who have resigned.

Vice-President Clare said that notice was sent out last week. There has to be ten days of official notice before another senate member is chosen. At senate caucus, nominees will be interviewed and chosen. If no one is chosen, representatives from Education and then Science will be first in line to submit new senators.

Councillor Stettin asked whether the SSMU is obligated to implement the Principal's Taskforce document if the round table does not find it satisfactory in any way.

Vice-President Clare said that any document formed by any working group or committee that has been disbanded can have no amendments to its documents. Recommendations can be made to the administrative response. There may be a divide over what senate has purview over.

Councillor Stettin asked Is the principal's taskforce document binding on the SSMU?

Vice-President Clare said no, the SSMU is not McGill.

Councillor Stettin asked why the roundtable needs to implement things that are not binding on the SSMU.

Vice-President Clare said that these will in some ways affect the SSMU for legal reasons if no other reason. It could be a good place for highlighting some of the issues with the taskforce. The chair of MAUT approached Vice-President Clare, so she is involved in the discussion.

Councillor Paterson asked about Vice-President Clare's meeting with bar manager, Natasha. Vice-President Clare said that the Equity Commissioner, Outreach Coordinator, Vice-President Patel, and General Manager Gervais had a discussion about how equity can be implemented in a bar setting. When Natasha is talking to groups about their needs in the bar there could be a checklist about possible problematic aspects from an equity standpoint. However, no one wants the equity policy to lead to too much administrative work. It will be an ongoing process and this project is not her responsibility specifically, but the responsibility of the student staff.

This report of the Vice-President University Affairs was adopted.

Steven Tamas, the comptroller for SSMU is here and introduced himself. He is now 60, as it is after 12am! The council sang an impromptu round of happy birthday for Steven.

8f. VP Clubs & Services

Vice-President Fraser stood for questions

Councillor Paterson pointed to a club approved for interim status and asked how much the Middle East Club interferes with the mandate of OMEC.

Vice-President Fraser said that this group is about cultural events and is not a discussion group, as OMEC is.

Vice-President Patel would like her to explain how the new room booking systems will be different from the old one.

Councillor Fraser said that the new system is making it a lot easier for groups to book in the Shatner building. The system is will be a more user-friendly interface and is available online.

President Knight asked if Vice-President Fraser would be willing to strike the word "Confidential" from her report.

The word "confidential" will be stricken from her report.

Councillor Paterson asked if there would be better rates offered by groups other than Zoom Media, an agency that advertises in the building.

Vice-President Fraser said that Zoom Media had exclusive rights which were granted in 2006 with a five-year contract. The Executive was asked if they wanted to renew this contract. It was decided that the contract will not be renewed and the use of that space is being discussed.

Councillor Winer asked whether anyone specifically mandated to be in charge of composting in the building.

President Knight said that Guerilla Composting used to do a drop-off in the SSMU basement. That was discontinued when the McGill composter was purchased. The cafeteria tenants were incorporated into the centralized composting initiative. A more comprehensive system within the building will hopefully set in motion a plan for students who don't have the ability to compost in their apartments.

Councillor Love noticed a couple of spelling errors within Vice-President Fraser's report. These will be corrected.

Councillor Bi asked if La Prep pays for advertising in the student lounge, as they have a large advertising presence there.

General Manager Gersaid said that when their contract was signed, they agreed to give SSMU \$30,000 to invest in Student Lounge. New couches were purchased last year with those funds.

Councillor Love would like clarification who is advertised for and what the deal is regarding advertising in the building.

Vice-President Fraser explained that Zoom Media is a company that solicits its advertising space to other companies. There is an approval process for ads that get placed in the building.

Councillor Love asked whether the council could be a venue for approving advertisements.

Vice-President Fraser said that the Zoom Media contract will end in 90 days so that will not be an issue shortly.

The report of the Vice-President Clubs and Services was adopted.

8g. President

President Knight said that in point form, her projects include the following: Councillor guidebook, SSMU retreat, SSMU outreach materials, speaking at Discover McGill, working with the Vice-President University Affairs on SSMU and McGill's MOA and lease, starting out with the Board of Governors, completing student staff orientation guide, managing the Clubs and Services portfolio to make it less insane, and dealing with the MUNACA strike. President Knight stood for questions.

Councillor Paterson asked about the increase in Environment Commissioners' Stipends.

President Knight said that, similar to the Francophone Commissioners' hours discussed above, the Environment Commissioners' hours were not feasible given their job descriptions

This report of the President was adopted.

Councillor Stettin asked whether people are being recorded as they leave.

Chair Nizam said yes, each person's departure is being recorded.

A motion passed to commence the in-camera session.

9) In-Camera Session

10) Adjournment 12:54 am