



Science Undergraduate Society of McGill University

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October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Science Undergraduate Society  
General Council Meeting  
LEA, Room 232  
7:30 PM

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**
  - 1.1. Official start time: 7:32 PM
2. **Attendance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Announcements**
6. **Reports of Executives**
  - 6.1. **President**
    - 6.1.1. **Absent.**
  - 6.2. **VP Academic**
    - 6.2.1. **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair**
      - 6.2.1.1. NEXT WEDNESDAY, Nov. 2nd, 11am - 3pm in SSMU Ballroom
      - 6.2.1.2. Free admittance, samosas, and Krispy Kreme doughnuts
      - 6.2.1.3. Please attend and bring your friends or volunteer!
      - 6.2.1.4. <https://goo.gl/forms/Utak0W2uQykTRRjn1>
      - 6.2.1.5. <https://www.facebook.com/events/367509880247817/>
    - 6.2.2. **Academic Events**
      - 6.2.2.1. Faculty-wide Wine and Cheese - meet/help First Years pick majors
        - 6.2.2.1.1. Gert's, Nov. 16th, 5-8pm
      - 6.2.2.2. Undergraduate Research event with Victor Chisolm
        - 6.2.2.2.1. Otto Maass 10, Nov. 17th, 6-9pm
    - 6.2.3. **Faculty of Science Committee Meeting**
      - 6.2.3.1. Successful; please thank your Presidents!
    - 6.2.4. **Science Academic Committee Meeting**
      - 6.2.4.1. Successful; thank your VP Academics!
      - 6.2.4.2. Minutes available online
    - 6.2.5. **SEAMLESS**
      - 6.2.5.1. Informative; recommend you attend next year!
  - 6.3. **VP Internal**
    - 6.3.1. **Science Games**
      - 6.3.1.1. Small selection of Hype Night tickets



- 6.3.1.1.1. Details to be posted
- 6.3.1.2. Captain selection
  - 6.3.1.2.1. Few departments yet to submit captain selection
- 6.3.1.3. Payment via Tilt begins Friday
- 6.3.2. Grad Ball**
  - 6.3.2.1. Date has been confirmed: March 11th (tentative)
- 6.4. VP External**
  - 6.4.1. Equity**
    - 6.4.1.1. Equity workshops
      - 6.4.1.1.1. Scheduled for November 14th & 24th from 5:30 to 7:00pm.
      - 6.4.1.1.2. Please refer to the emails I sent out on Friday to your VP Externals to book the times that works best for your committee.
      - 6.4.1.1.3. Reminder that we're expecting **1-3 people from each department**
  - 6.4.2. SUSEC**
    - 6.4.2.1. Just finished our herb and coffee sale (\$50 profit!)
      - 6.4.2.1.1. Remember we're selling equitable and fair trade coffee each week for charity. Please let your constituents know to come! Basil still for sale.
    - 6.4.2.2. SUSEC members are at Ecole right now finishing up our DIY costume sale.
      - 6.4.2.2.1. Great turnout
  - 6.4.3. SUStainability Month**
    - 6.4.3.1. Went to the L'Abri en Ville HQ near Vendome metro station last week
      - 6.4.3.1.1. They are very willing to work with us; they have an inspiring mission.
      - 6.4.3.1.2. If anyone would like to talk to me about what they do and their mission, feel free to ask me now or after GC.
      - 6.4.3.1.3. If anyone would like L'Abri en Ville brochures to give out during your events, please let me know and I'll get you some.
    - 6.4.3.2. Frat Party at Alpha Delta Phi, inaugural SUStainability Month Event!
      - 6.4.3.2.1. Please invite your friends and come!
      - 6.4.3.2.2. \$15 tickets, alcohol included, all proceeds go to L'Abri en Ville
      - 6.4.3.2.3. I posted it on the fb page; the event is 9:30pm-1am on October 28th



- 6.4.3.3. Samosa sales will take place every Tuesday and Thursday in Burnside as a fundraiser
- 6.4.3.4. I will be putting on the FB page the distribution of Science games points for the department that raises the most money, stay tuned for that.

## 6.5. VP Communications

### 6.5.1. Website - Department section changes

- 6.5.1.1. Link departmental websites
- 6.5.1.2. Take a look at your department's description and email Ellie with updates

### 6.5.2. CAC is to be completed

- 6.5.2.1. Meeting date will be set soon for those of you in it
- 6.5.2.2. Reminder to fill out Doodle

### 6.5.3. First-Year Undergraduate Science Society (FUSS)

- 6.5.3.1. 3 Members elected
- 6.5.3.2. 3 Members will be appointed - please **publicize!!**

## 6.6. VP Finance

### 6.6.1. Equalization payments

- 6.6.1.1. Ready for pick up on **Wednesday November 2nd, and Friday November 4th, between 2-4 PM** in the SUS office
- 6.6.1.2. Ranking is based on adjusted revenue which was explained to your VP Finances
- 6.6.1.3. Participants on the exec apartment crawl on Sept 30 will have the amount deducted from their equalization payment (please remember to collect \$8 participant fe from the execs that participated and deposit it in your account as soon as possible; your auditors will be checking)
- 6.6.1.4. **Please email Ellie ([communications.sus@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:communications.sus@mail.mcgill.ca)) a copy of your current constitution before picking up your cheque**

### 6.6.2. Beer orders

- 6.6.2.1. EPSC, PILS, CUSS, BASIC and MACSS have been invoiced for beer orders
- 6.6.2.2. Please try to bring the cheque for these invoices when you pick up your equalization payment

### 6.6.3. Special Projects and Student Space Improvement Fund applications

- 6.6.3.1. Finance committee will stop accepting applications for the SPF and SSIF on **Tuesday, November 15th** so please submit all fund applications as soon as possible

### 6.6.4. Social SUsustainability Month

- 6.6.4.1. Any fundraising done for SSM can be made out to Science Undergraduate Society of McGill University.



6.6.4.2. All departments are individually noted to the charity when we make the donation

**6.7. Executive Revenue Officer**

**6.7.1. Grad Fair sponsorships**

6.7.1.1. Free cupcakes and donuts (possibly!)

**6.7.2. Committee**

6.7.2.1. Looking into a variety of sponsorship options, including among alumnae, Frosh sponsors, and businesses in and around McGill area

**6.8. Executive Administrator**

**6.8.1. Office maintenance**

6.8.1.1. Purchased office supplies

6.8.1.2. Became Office Access Manager of 1B21

**6.8.2. Burnside bulletin boards**

6.8.2.1. Maintained the poster space in Burnside basement

6.8.2.2. Stamped groups' posters for approval

**6.8.3. Table/room bookings**

6.8.3.1. Added several table bookings

6.8.3.2. Booked rooms for several different groups' events

**6.8.4. Meetings**

6.8.4.1. Prepared GC documents

6.8.4.2. Took minutes at weekly Executive meeting

**6.9. Executor of Clubs and Services**

**6.9.1. Not yet appointed**

**7. Science Senator Report**

**7.1. ESAAC**

7.1.1. Nothing to report

**7.2. TLSWG**

7.2.1. Meeting was cancelled, next meeting is in November

7.2.2. The submissions from the form put out will be sent to the group before the November 8 deadline for repair requests

**7.3. SLWG**

7.3.1. Lab safety checklist additions on sustainability were passed and are in line with Vision 2020

7.3.2. Will begin the process of establishing system to train student lab staff on sustainable practices

7.3.3. Also looking into a student level sustainable labs initiative/reporting method to improve the sustainability level in the teaching labs

7.3.4. Also looking into the recycling practices of labs and the recycling of non-hazardous plastics in different buildings

- 7.3.5. Also looking to streamline or at least have more efficient manner for recycling of the different streams/materials to be recycled, primarily uncontaminated plastics, compost, bulky waste (furniture), autoclave waste, animal waste, and regular recyclables
- 7.3.6. Also looking into tracking and maintenance database development for capital assets on campus

#### **7.4. Senate**

- 7.4.1. Was held on the 19th, could not attend due to a midterm
- 7.4.2. First draft of Sexual Violence Policy was discussed, along with other reports and documents

### **8. Reports of SSMU Representatives**

#### **8.1. AMUSE Collective Bargaining Motion (support AMUSE's demands)**

- 8.1.1. The five main points were:
  - 8.1.1.1. Equal Treatment, respect for casual workers; including hiring priority for jobs you've already done
  - 8.1.1.2. Wages that reflect the work you've done → accurate job descriptions
  - 8.1.1.3. Stable Jobs: Seniority and benefits for casual workers
  - 8.1.1.4. A living wage (\$15) plus regular pay increases
  - 8.1.1.5. A better posting systems and more student input for Work Study jobs
- 8.1.2. Passed

#### **8.2. Motion regarding Free Menstrual Hygiene Products**

- 8.2.1. Non-opt outable fee of \$0.90 per semester per student
- 8.2.2. Would provide free hygiene products to all students who need them
- 8.2.3. Would distribute them in bathrooms and at Healthy McGill stations
- 8.2.4. Passed; will go to referenda

#### **8.3. Motion Regarding Midnight Kitchen Existence Referendum**

- 8.3.1. Fee existence and increase referendum for \$3.35 opt-outable, with an index for inflation, but this may be removed b/c it requires too much labour for Student Accounts
- 8.3.2. Current fee is \$3.25 opt-outable
- 8.3.3. Passed; will go to referenda

#### **8.4. Motion Regarding Creation of Musicians Collective Fee**

- 8.4.1. SSMU service that needs funding; 'tis not sustainable for SSMU to continue supporting the Musicians Collective especially given the current state of the budget



8.4.2. Would not go to paying people's salaries, it will still be volunteer run. It is just to help with the upkeep of the space

8.4.3. \$0.10 fee proposal

8.4.4. passed

### **8.5. CKUT Existence Referenda**

8.5.1. SSMU endorsed a YES vote

### **8.6. Unpaid Internships at McGill**

8.6.1. 2015 Winder GC mandate

8.6.1.1. Eliminate internship fees

8.6.1.2. Promote paid internships

8.6.1.3. External Advocacy

8.6.1.4. Ensure McGill legal compliance

8.6.2. SSMU is looking to create a policy regarding unpaid internships

8.6.3. Looking for input from faculties and departments

### **8.7. VP UA**

8.7.1. Student Academic Summit went well

8.7.2. Working with library to provide more open access textbooks to students

8.7.3. Released a report on the consultations regarding the SVP policy. Provided 28 recommendations that they are going to try and get included in the final draft

8.7.4. Uploaded past Research Reports to the new UA website

### **8.8. VP SL**

8.8.1. Mental Health Panel: The State of Mental Health at McGill: Oct 24th 6-8

### **8.9. VP OPS**

8.9.1. McTavish Construction is "3-4 weeks behind schedule"

8.9.2. Sherbrooke North should be finished within the month, but then Sherbrooke South will begin, but this will make commute a little easier

8.9.3. Indigenous Art Project - proposal finalized

### **8.10. SSMU University Affairs Committee**

8.10.1. Reviewed the Know Your Rights Website trying to make it better. Site with all of McGill's assessment policies gathered in one place to make it easier for students to access it

8.10.2. Going to be working on updating the website

8.10.3. If you have any suggestions, send them their way!

### **8.11. Club Committee**

8.11.1. McGill Chapter for Scientista



- 8.11.1.1. Empower women in STEM programs
- 8.11.1.2. Applied for club status in April/May and was rejected. They appealed
- 8.11.1.3. Appeal was approved. Granted Interim Club status. Ratified by Council

**8.12.** General Assembly on November 7th in SSMU Ballroom

**9. Reports of Departments**

**9.1. MISA**

- 9.1.1. Kick-off BBQ was very successful!!
- 9.1.2. New website up
- 9.1.3. Trivia night
- 9.1.4. Science games enthusiasm
- 9.1.5. Undergraduates of the month (1 person from each year/ per month)
- 9.1.6. Apt. Crawl on Friday (Amazing Race themed)
- 9.1.7. Fall Professor Wine and Cheese in November
- 9.1.8. Sweater orders very popular
- 9.1.9. DUFF building cafe approved and to be opened for 18 months

**9.2. Monty**

- 9.2.1. First year orientation/tour of the building; can be better
- 9.2.2. Organizing halloween party with grad students of geology department
- 9.2.3. Outdoors club
- 9.2.4. Hosting Xmas party soon with the grad students
- 9.2.5. Participating in geo-games

**9.3. MPSA**

- 9.3.1. Feedback taken from students
- 9.3.2. Welcome back BBQ
- 9.3.3. Sold-out Apple Picking event
- 9.3.4. Started "Psych Squads"; like a buddy program
- 9.3.5. Sustainability Wine and Cheese event successful
- 9.3.6. How to Get Into Grad School event
- 9.3.7. Movie night with a grad student (Still Alice (!))
- 9.3.8. Revising constitution

**10. New Business**

**10.1.** Motion to Approve Member at Large of Constitutional Affairs Committee

- 10.1.1. Approved.

**10.2.** Motion to Approve GEOG 425 Non-tuition Student Fee Budget



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10.2.1. Approved.

**11. Adjournment**

**11.1.** Official end time: 8:08 PM

**Date of Next GC:**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**