



Education Undergraduate Society of McGill University  
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## EdUS General Council Meeting

October 4th, 2023

Call to Order

### Attendance

Attendees	Lexie Pasquariello, Julia Nam, Siân Morris, Jessica O’Gorman, Serena Sethi, Megan Turnbull, Kelly Eden, Jessica Talbot, Danielle Foster, Nattamon Takeo, Helena Silen, Matthew Diablo <i>Zoom: Katy Berebaum, Megan Berty, Laura Di Paola, Gabi Spangenberg, Lisa Matsugu, Isabella Xia</i>
Late Attendees	
Regrets	Grace Howard
Absent without Regrets	

### Adoption of the Agenda:

Jess O’Gorman, Kelly Eden

### Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Matthew Diablo, Helena Silen

## Executive Reports

### President

#### Fall Elections

- We’re currently in the campaigning period for our fall elections! Hopefully, soon we’ll have a full council.
- Meeting on the 29th to speak about the by-laws and regulations
- If a candidate comes to the office and asks you to sign their poster, please do so and then let them know where they can post it.
  - The bulletin board in the lounge
  - The bulletin board next to the McTavish entrance.



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## Education Student Governments of Canada Meeting Agenda

- Attended a meeting on September 25 with other Education representatives from universities all over Canada.
- Goal: to create communication within different universities, share opportunities, and potential collaborations.
- [2024 Conference – CSSE | SCÉE](#)
  - Biggest education conference in Canada
  - Hosted at McGill
  - Opportunity to connect with other graduate students, researchers, professors
  - Opportunity to learn about current research that is occurring
  - You can come as a presenter or an attendee
    - Registration for attendees isn't open yet, potentially open in April.
    - Call for proposals for presenters is open now and due October 11, 2023

## President's Roundtable

- Attended the first President's Roundtable of the year on September 26.
- [Notice of Motion Interfaculty Relations Plan](#)
  - This motion would create a SSMU committee of presidents to communicate within faculties.
  - Has not passed yet because that's essentially what the Roundtable is for.

## VP External

### Creepy Crawl for the Cure!

- Halloween theme and all proceeds go to Canadian Cancer Society
- Saturday, October 21st
- \$20 per person
- Collaborating with PTOT
- Forms:
  - [Creepy Crawl for the Cure!](#)
  - [Free Agent Form](#)
  - [Host Interest Form](#)

## Career Fair

- We have been meeting with Lara Franko to book rooms etc.
- We will create a google form where students can pick their top three school boards/regions to help us decide who gets to come :)
- Will be held in early February
- Question: Can it be transparent which school boards accept different kinds of passports?



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VP Finance

### **Audit**

- It's going. I was totally honest with the guy and said I don't know anything so he answered all my questions and I think I'm good....for now.

### **Insurance**

- Haven't heard back yet.

### **Rep budgets**

- So it was brought to my attention that some cohorts are bigger than others which I hadn't even thought about beforehand so I am readjusting the rep budgets.
- Can I get the number of students in each cohort?
- Danielle will send the numbers

### **Frosh finances**

- Starting to tie up all loose ends and send out invoices/payments
- Working with myself

VP Internal

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

VP Student Wellness

### **Sustainability Committee**

- Just posted the links today, please join and please give suggestions for what you would like done/ like to see.
- Link to join : <https://forms.gle/5C2kSSZMFE9W4dMR8>

### **Finalizing Order for Wellness Packs**

- Any suggestions?
- Thinking about a Bring Your Own Bag format– less waste, they can take one of what they want BUT it's management for those in the office. What do we think?
- Pros: less waste, don't have to pay for bags any more
- Council is in favor
- Will be done half on Monday, half on Friday so all students can access them.



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- Combining September and October months together so we have a bigger budget. Can either get more stuff per pack, or something “cooler” than usual.

### **Pumpkin painting**

- First wellness event!!!! Painting mini pumpkins!
- Possible collab with Edu Buddies
- Possible dates:

### **Garden**

- Don't think it is happening anymore? Garden people have not reached out again.

### VP Academic

Laura has fractured her toe, she sends her regards

### **PedTalk**

- Our Pedtalk w/ Tino on Bill 96 was a success
  - Thank you to everyone who attended!
  - We had 19 attendees -- yay

### **Edubuddies**

- Second event has been rescheduled to after the break
- It will be a “Meet and Treat” for Mentors and Mentees
- we were going to do it this week but had postponed due to Laura having to go to the ER

Enjoy the long weekend/reading break ♡

### VP Communications

#### **Merch**

- Megan cleaned the storage room and found a lot of lost merch
- Feel free to take a look and restock merch as necessary. We really need your help on this because we are never in the building
- Please try to keep it clean! I go in every Monday to make sure it is organized but please try to tidy up during your office hours
- There are cups, shirts, and pens to give away in the office. Please take and give to your friends, we don't have the space for it anymore.



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- Lindsay confirmed that there are still no rugby shirts in stock

### **Council Merch**

- We will all be getting a hoodie again this year! I spoke with Lindsay about inventory so I have a pretty good idea of the colors available. We will be allowed to have 3 lines of embroidery again.
- Once council is full in the next 2 weeks I will send out the form for you guys to place your order. I want to get them as soon as possible so please fill it out quickly. We can expect the hoodies in mid November
- We will also be getting another small piece of merch! We want to know what you guys prefer between a water bottle, t-shirt, tote bag, or bucket hat:  
<https://forms.gle/KFaRRxRGrNPLmoXv9>
- Update on the EdUS banner: I played around with some ideas but turns out every banner just looks like the Spanish flag because it's yellow and red. I'm gonna brainstorm more white/black and red ideas and get back to you all on that

### **Office**

- We created an 'Office is closed' poster to hang on the window. I'm going to laminate it so we can use a dry erase marker. It'll live on the comms bulletin board. There's also a digital version posted in the facebook group that you can post on the IG story if the office is ever unexpectedly closed. Reach out to us to post it if you don't have access to the IG but we are on stage so we might not respond in time.
- Also made a QR code that leads to the merch website which is on the window. You can direct people there if we don't have what they want in stock.
- My awesome finance boyfriend is going to create a google sheets that is going to take inventory for us. It'll probably take a while to set up since it means we need to individually count all the merch that we have. More info to come on that soon

### **Grad Pictures**

- We have a free 5 hour credit with Voltaic for any kind of photography. We need to book it a couple of months in advance and the 5 hours cannot be split up into



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multiple sessions. They recommended we use it on grad ball or for council pictures.

- Grad pics are officially available by Voltaic again. You can make an appointment at this link:  
<https://outlook.office.com/mail/safelink.html?url=https://voltaic.ca/photographie-professionnelle/reserver-finissant/reserver-mcgill/ssmu-mcgill/&corid=22d53d9e-6605-2790-539d-0c0794fd3614>
- New spots are being opened every few weeks, so keep checking for openings
- Students must take their pictures by May 31st, 2023 in order to be included in the mosaic

### Question

- The new 'development officer' for the Faculty of Education emailed us to introduce himself. He says he works in fundraising and with edu alumni to keep them up to date with McGill. Wants to know if we have anything to share with him regarding events

### Merci

- We really appreciate you all sharing our posts all the time. It makes us so happy!



Specifications



Executive Administrator

### General updates

- Edu parking lot→ still out of service with no resolution in sight
- Potentially November 14th

### Office

- Haven't decided if we're getting a new fridge/ice machine yet.. Waiting to see if it's possible with our budget this year
- I've still been organizing things here and there, planning on tackling the filling cabinet, desk and cabinet near the cubbies once we're back from reading week
- Please put things back where they belong :)
  - Ex: grilled cheese stuff.. This should all be in the big cabinet next to the cubbies, not on the trolley.
- Please refrain from moving/taking things from other cubbies.
  - Everything necessary for your office hours are either on the table or in the bottom 2 rows of cubbies
    - Bottom left cubby has chargers, extension cords, tape and a first-aid kit in it
- Friday morning help
  - Looking for people to support with office hours Friday from 10-11:30 since there's only 1 person available during that time.
  - Will wait until council is full
- Thank you to everyone who's been keeping up with doing the chores! It's a lot easier if everyone does a bit each day rather than someone doing it all at once.

### Meetings

- Meetings are still bi-weekly Wednesdays, so yes, there will be one the week we get back from reading week (Oct. 18th)
- Meeting time and date are subject to change once we get new council members depending on everyone's availability
  - Will be sending out another when2meet so pls do that asap once posted!



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- If you can't attend a meeting in person/at all please message me!
- During the meetings I ask that no one else takes minutes on the agenda unless I've previously spoken to you about it
- As Susan has class until 7:30, Danielle and I will be sharing speaker until she's able to make it. So please raise your hand and wait for one of us to call on you if you have something to say.
  - Please be mindful of when you're speaking/commenting so that our meetings can end at an appropriate time.. Almost 2.5 hours last time was a bit long!
  - October 12 and 13 will be a normal office hours schedule. Can anyone do Friday, the 13th 10-11:30?

## General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

### IRP Form

- <https://forms.gle/poDb1A6oYAQHsedm8>

### Asian Author Library

- Finally set up in the basement!
- Spreadsheet to sign books out

### Anti-racism and anti-oppression trainings

- To be conducted ASAP; once vacant roles are filled
- Will do one session each with TLS; the rest will be run by Nattamon and Serena?
  - What does the council want?
  - Vote: in person or Zoom? If in person - how (stage schedules)?
  - Vote will be sent out in the group

### Queer History Month

- Bake sale sometime this month?
  - Tentative date: October 20th
  - Or another Friday in the Education Building
- Buy baked goods to sell? Bring in homemade baked goods?
- Organization for proceeds?
- Collab with external





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- Possibly a 'counter-project' against the anti-trans rhetoric going around campus
- Do we have a little machine that accepts tap?

### **From FEEDIC and DEDIC meetings**

- Prayer room is "under way".....been underway for over a year now
- Nattamon and Serena will chair the FEEDIC student-experience working group to systemize a funding system for student-led EDI projects
- ABR Committee renamed → Black Futures of Education Committee
  - May be going into the Faculty level (expanding from the Department level)
- Discussion on job posts by ISA and passport-discriminating hires → when EdUS does our annual Career Fair, would we be able to make these passport requirements transparent as well?

### **RECESS (Radical Educators Cultivating Equitable and Sustainable Spaces)**

- Great meetings, council members should totally attend sometime or promote to interested students
  - Attendees: course lecturers, undergraduates, graduates, pre-service teachers
  - When they post their meeting times and location could we share it on our Instagram story? <3
  - Of course!

U1 K/Elem Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

U1 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

U2 K/Elem Rep

### **Merch giveaway**

- I am going to announce it on Oct. 13 and give them a week to enter the giveaway
  - Announce it on my fb group and email (for those who still haven't joined the fb group)
  - I will make a Canva post as well as the fb group link to be posted on the EdUS Instagram?
  - Of course!
- I will announce the winner on Oct. 20
  - I'll contact the winner to figure out a pickup time
  - If it's not during my office hours, I'll contact whoever has office hours during that time



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U2 Secondary Rep  
*N/A [Position unfilled]*

TESL Rep U1 & U2  
*N/A [Position unfilled]*

U3 K/Elem Rep

**Second Cohort Event**

- Do not (Donut) stress break last Monday (September 25th) was a success!
- Gave out krispy kreme donuts in between the two classes for U3 K/elem students to come di-stress about FE3: Week 5 (increase workload + formative assessment #1/Supervisor visit)

**U3 K/Elem October Newsletter (Currently I have):**

- UPCOMING EDUS EVENTS:
  - Edus Voting period -Oct.13-15
  - Creepy Crawl for the Cure- Oct.21st
- FOR ED STUDENTS:
  - Teacher's Convention -October 13th
- HOW TO BE INVOLVED?
  - Join Committees: Detention Den, Equity, Sustainability
  - Join/Host for the crawl
  - Get involved with the education garden (Seed saving and seed bomb workshop on October 17th from 4:00-5:30 pm or Final Fall Garden event on October 24th from 4-5pm)
  - Come out to Edubuddies event
  - Come out to Detention Den
- OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS:
  - Tea Time to Chill, Chat & Connect- October 10th and 24 @Ed building (room 113)



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- Jean Talon Market Trip with SNAC on October 15th (1-5pm) meet @Roddick gates
- McGill homecoming game - Oct 20th @Percival Molson Stadium
- Animal Therapy- Oct 2nd @Pavillon Brown

### Other

- Does anyone have anything I can add before I post it tomorrow on the U3 K/Elem Facebook and Instagram

### U3 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

### U4 K/Elem Rep

- Planning Cohort bonding event with Gabi
- Donut event after the break
- HAVE A NICE READING WEEK EVERYONE
- Question: Is DD happening on October 11th. Answer: Yes

### U4 Secondary Rep

#### U4 bonding

- In the process of planning a U4 bonding at Topsy Cow but am waiting for SAPEK elections to happen to connect with the U4 PhysEd and Kin reps
- Postponed U4 Bonding
  - Does anyone know when their elections are happening or finishing?
  - Found on their Instagram
  - Also, do we need to contact Topsy Cow to host our bonding or can we just show up?
- Will be doing a Donut day for my cohort following the break
- Otherwise have a great week and a nice break!

### TESL Rep U3 & U4

*N/A [Position unfilled]*



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SAPEK Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

MEdUSA Rep

**NOT DONE**

SSMU Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

Senator

- FE3 is brutal, please send help 😊
- Feel free to let me know about any concerns you may have that you would like me to bring up.
  - I brought up the library concern from the last meeting, and the other senators told me not many people know about it, and it is far up the hill, so we shouldn't be too concerned.
- Still looking for an associate senator, if you know anybody in education who may be interested, please direct them to me :)
- Found someone who is interested
- Senate Caucus is working on creating questions regarding the New Vic project for the November senate meeting.
- The principal now wants to be called the president
- Many people opposed
- Faculty wants updates on the New Vic archeology project. Possible council project

Speaker

**NOT DONE**

## Closing

New Business

-Council merch vote: Tote bags!

-Open House: Sunday october 22nd 10:00 am-4:00 am volunteers: Jess Ogo, Kelly Eden, Lexie Pasquariello, Isabella Xia



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-Nursing Palazzo Event update: Spoke with nursing and said to remove us from the event as we are not associated. They cooperated

-Officially no Casper for Education admissions. Gpa/average/R-score only

-McLennan closures happening floor by floor starting at the top and moving down. November 2nd books will be moved out and won't be available until April

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 (tentative time and location)

Adjournment

Julia Nam, Nattamon Takeo