



Education Undergraduate Society of McGill University
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EdUS General Council Meeting

Wednesday January 10th, 2024

Call to Order

Attendance

Attendees	Danielle, Katy, Megan, Susan, Laurence, Antonia, Gabi, Lisa, Jules, Isabella, Spencer, Laura, Jeremy, Avery, Lexie, Humaira, Grace, Kelly, Sïan, Megan T, Clare
Late Attendees	Nattamon, Serena, Matthew
Regrets	Katelyn, Caden, Samuele
Absent without Regrets	Jess O, Jess T, Helena, Nour

Adoption of the Agenda:

Laura & Antonia

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Laura & Isabella

Executive Reports

President

Winter 2024 Election Dates

- All positions will be available!
 - President, Executive Administrator, VP Academic, VP Communications, VP External, VP Finance, VP Internal, VP Wellness, Senator, SSMU Representative
 - B. A. Education in Global Contexts Representative (U1 & U2) (two positions)
 - U3 B. A. rep needs to be added to the EdUS Constitution.
 - Will be ready by next meeting
 - Kindergarten/Elementary Education Representative (U1, U2, U3, U4) (four



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positions)

- Secondary Education Representative (U1, U2, U3, U4) (four positions)
- TESL Representative (U1/U2 and U3/U4) (two positions)

■ These positions come into effect on May 1st, 2024.

- Comms→ lexie & grace are rerunning
- Academic→ laura & helena are rerunning
- Internal→ clare & kelly??
- Wellness→ avery & maria m
- Equity→ tatta
- k/elem rep→ sian
- U3 BA rep→ humaira

- Dates:

- **Nomination Period:** Jan 15 - 28
- **Extended Nomination Period:** January 29 - February 2
- **Campaign Period:** February 3 - 15
- **Election Period:** Feb 16 - 18
- **Results:** February 19

CRO Hiring

- New year, new CRO!
- In the process of hiring, interviews scheduled, etc.
- We will have one before the nomination period starts.

Valedictorian Committee

- Purpose: Select the Class of 2024 Valedictorian
- Create applications, criteria, hold interviews, etc.
- Last year's deadline was at the end of March, still waiting to hear back on this year's deadline. **Need deadline to let administration know**
- Criteria for committee:
 - Not graduating this semester
 - Odd number of members

committee members: Danielle, Laura, Helena, Nattamon, Jules, Spencer, Kelly, Grace, Lexie

McGill24 trivia theme (doesn't necessarily have to be education related!)

- pop culture



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VP External

Career Fair!!

- The Career Fair is February 7th 12-4pm!! (50 employers coming! Bigger than last year :)
- We are looking for volunteers! Please fill out/share this link _____ share link once received
- We are creating the pamphlet and map
- There will also be CV drop in days (online and in person) January 26th, 29th, and February 2nd
- Grilled Cheese fest info session is Tuesday January 23rd at 11am

Future events

- Valentines waffles
- Clothing swap/drive (extra clothes get donated)

VP Finance

Audit

- Thought it was done, I was wrong :(
- Must send more stuff and do spreadsheets fml

RBC accounts

- Sh*tshow
- Will be figuring this out ASAP
- Just transferred SAPEK students fees, so that's good
- Lindsay received her payment for merch

EdUS retreat

- Weekend?
- Have not booked, will book asap → potentially February 9th-11th weekend
- Committee will be working on this

Frosh finances

- Finished over the break, HOORAY!
- Spent less than I thought - go ME!
- TOTAL: \$26,854.79
- Will recommend a budget of ~30k for next years frosh :)



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Office

- I'm on board to get a fridge if the office is organized
- Do we need anything/any requests? (reasonable)
 - Papertowel, lysol wipes

Anyone interested in being VP Finance???

- Need a replacement!!!!

VP Internal

Happy to see everyone!

Grad Ball

- Venue looks great and very flexible
 - The date will be Saturday, April 20th (this is set in stone, please let me know if you really think it won't work).
 - Most likely going to collaborate with SAPEK! Just finalizing some details.
 - I'll be making a committee soon :)

I look forward to actually being able to come to meetings this year!

VP Student Wellness

Wellness Week

- Began planning Wellness Week for March– can't wait to see what's going to happen.
 - What were your favorite events last year? Any events you'd like to see?
 - Cuter puppies
- Will discuss budget with VP Finance, and possible collaboration with SAPEK's VPs.
- Might have some events online since that was a big hit last year

Wellness Packages

- Time for another round! We know the faves– any NEW ideas?
 - Fidget toys, small squishy animals, stickers with affirmations

Special Days



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- January 21st-27th is Hunt for Happiness Week! We'd like to make a video, IG takeovers, and/or other social media presences 😊
 - lg takeover → bella, katy

Detention Den

- Ordering ALC!
- Iglooden happening on wednesday the 17th! Prize of a winning free igloofest tickets
- Need to figure out how to make actual cocktails for DD
- Let's make some mocktails too :)

VP Academic

Welcome back!! We hope you all had a relaxing break!

PedTalks

- First PedTalk of the semester on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 pm
- Teaching With Our Whole Selves: Channeling our Gifts (and Challenges) to Foster Engagement, Community, and Connection in the Classroom
- Speaker: Rachel Thorne, course lecturer
- Big thank you to former VP Academics Matthew and Justin for organizing this presentation last year
- Please come & Reps please share with your cohort:
- Sign-up link here: <https://forms.gle/GPjn2s5QWrv7dugEA>
- In the works:
 - PedTalk on Climate Justice/Sustainability with Justus Wachs - DISE PhD Student and EDGC 335 complementary course instructor
 - PedTalk with Dr. Emmanuel Tabi - specific subject to be determined

EduBuddies

- Sent out a Mid-Year program survey to mentors and mentees (how they're enjoying the program, what days work best, etc.)
- First event: Board Games and Bites
 - Tuesday, January 16th from 4:00 - 5:45 pm
 - Room TBD - somewhere in education building waiting to hear back about room 519
- Free food - yay!



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- Open to everyone! We'd love to see you all there ❤️
- Sign-up here if you plan to come so we can get enough food:
<https://forms.gle/FZ3y7Lu6X99XTh2H9>

Valedictorian Committee

- Looking to start this ASAP
- Who is interested in joining?

VP Communications

Merch

-Ordered black and grey sweatpants!! They should be in this week. They'll be selling for 35\$ each → lexie will update the price list tomorrow

-Organized and restocked the merch in the office

-Rugby shirts..... I was in contact with a couple of different manufacturers and decided it wasn't worth the trouble. The cheapest one I found was 100\$, I don't think people will buy that

-If you haven't picked up your council merch please stop by the office and find the bag with your name on it. Enjoy!!

-Please properly refold the merch if you take it off the shelves or out of the boxes. It honestly makes me so sad when I come into the office after organising it and it's already a mess.

Grad Merch

-Lindsay was very unresponsive over the past few weeks so we weren't able to get the merch organized quickly enough... People will have to buy it directly from the website.

-Trying to organize a code so that the first 50 (ish) people get free shipping or a discount

- lindsay said no :/

-We will order however many tote bags correspond with the amount of people that use the code. They can come to the office with their receipt and get the tote bag

Posts

-Posted CRO hiring, elections (we are re-running by the way), pedtalk, office hours with the timetable

Council Pictures



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-@megan and katy? Can we please organise council pics soon. We can help to set it up if needed. Really want to update the website and make a nice 'meet the council' post

Listserv

-First one will be out Monday, January 15th

Executive Administrator

Welcome back!

Office hours

- I'm still missing hours from some people
- Open hours
 - Monday 12:30-1pm
 - Wednesday 11:30-12pm
 - Thursday 10-11:30am
 - Friday 11:30-12
- If your schedule changes for any reason that may impact your current office hour schedule please let me know.
- Please make sure that we are still supporting our students who come to see us and keep track of any transactions that may occur (locker rental, merch, etc.)
- I actually did a deep clean of the office during the break so let's please try to keep our shared space a CLEAN space <3
- In order to get a fridge we need to empty the filing cabinet @megan
 - We also have our chores list which everyone should be supporting with.
 - For the majority of the week, there are at least 2+ people in there at the same time so let's all make the effort to keep our shared space clean and neat!
 - This includes the fridge, office, and lounge area
 - Please write down your initials to the chore(s) that you completed

Reports/Meetings

- Just a reminder that if you cannot make it to a meeting (either in-person or virtually) it is your responsibility to message me.
- Please leave a report in the respective meeting folder ***even if you have nothing to report.***

Council pictures



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- We should get this done ASAP! I want to do this at our next meeting since we should all be there.
- Should we all match? (ex: last year we wore a black top) or should we each wear our new council merch? Let's decide now 😊
 - All black: 17, council merch: 1, doesn't matter: 3
- Should we do this in the learning centre like last year? Do we want to freeze and take our photo outside?

Council in general

- If you do not have access to the drive and/or facebook group ***please message me immediately.***
- If you're new to council and think you would benefit from a little zoom with me so I can properly explain everything let me know (no judgment!!)
- If you still don't have access to the office please make sure that you've done both things
 - Filled out this link [📄 Council Information](#) (please do NOT touch the checkmarks on the side)
 - Message me ASAP so we can sort this out
- If you have any questions regarding anything on council please message me so I can give you an answer!
- LASTLY if anyone wants to be exec admin next year lmk :)

General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

Nothing to report.

Serena and nattamon are rerunning!

If someone wants to be the trainee let them know

U1 K/Elem Rep

- Happy New Year!
- Other U1 reps! Let's do a combined U1 event :) Already spoke to Jeremy just waiting to hear if the other U1 reps are interested
- Antonia wants to rerun for k/elem rep

U1 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report



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U0/U1 EGC Rep

- Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a great break.
- I have a friend who wants to get more involved in any way he can. How can he go about that? They can join committees!
- Regarding office hours. How does it work? Katy will schedule a zoom call
- Lastly, before the break, I talked to my advisor and program director and we agreed that I will also be rep. for U0s. Is this good with the council? Yes! You're the U0 & U1 rep!

TESL Rep U1 & U2

Happy New Year!!!

- Haven't done a report since last year!!!
- Do you want to run for u3/u4 rep?

U2 K/Elem Rep

Welcome back everyone and happy new year! Nothing to report:)

U2 Secondary Rep

Happy New Year!! Nothing to report!

U2 EGC Rep

- Welcome back, wishing everyone a great semester. Nothing to report.

U3 K/Elem Rep

Happy New Year everyone :)

Nothing to report.

Planning some winter festivities that will happen soon!

U3 Secondary Rep

NOT DONE

TESL Rep U3 & U4

Nothing to Report, wants to run for wellness with a friend named maria!



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U4 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report!!

U4 Secondary Rep

- Nothing to report!

SAPEK Rep

- Another Detention Den SAPEK collab in March? Any way to increase the size limit?
Probably not since we can't change locations
- Trying to plan a Brass Doors cheap wing night if EDUS is interested in joining (not much details yet but hopefully later in Jan)

MEdUSA Rep

- Nothing to report, yet!
- Will contact @megan soon about planning an event in february

SSMU Rep

NOT DONE

Senator

- Happy New Year!
- I am seconding a motion regarding the New Vic project by the Nursing Senator that we are submitting to the steering committee.

“Be it resolved that Senate approve the motion to have McGill University comply immediately with Quebec Superior Court Justice Gregory Moore’s decision dated November 20, 2023, to re-establish the independent expert panel for the objective oversight of the investigation, put an end to the appeals process, and stop construction until the expert panel is reinstated and in a position to make appropriate archeological recommendations as agreed upon by all parties as per the settlement agreement.”

[w Senate Motion Stop Appeal JOY EDIT.docx](#)



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Speaker

- Nothing to report!

Closing

New Business

N/A

Next General Meeting

January 24th, 2024 @6pm - Education Room 233

Adjournment

Jules & Matthew