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## EdUS General Council Meeting

Wednesday February 7th, 2024

### Call to Order

#### Attendance

Attendees	Megan T, Megan B, Kelly, Susan, Danielle, Nattamon, Serena, Lexie, Katelyn, Julia, Gabi, Isabella, Spencer, Sian, Laurence, Avery, Maria, Humaira, Laura, Caden, Jessica, Matthew, Grace (Zoom), Jeremy (Zoom), Antonia (Zoom)
Late Attendees	
Regrets	Helena Silen, Sam, Katy
Absent without Regrets	

#### Adoption of the Agenda:

Gabi & Kelly

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

Isabella, Jessica

### Executive Reports

#### President

#### EdUS Response to RECESS

##### EdUS Statement Draft

- Thank you for the suggestions and discussion from the last meeting.
- Equity Commissioners and I revised the statement, taking each comment into account.
- Today's quick vote will decide if we release \*this version\* of the statement.

Yes:19



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No: 1

Abstain: 2

### **EdUS x EGSS x RECESS Meeting**

- There will be a meeting with all three groups present once EGSS has informed us of the response they will offer to RECESS.
- If you have anything that you would like addressed and noted during the meeting, please fill out the google form. All entries are anonymous, and you can submit multiple entries.
  - <https://forms.gle/zrw4G3doHdZxmW7r9>
- **The meeting will be closed to executives only**
- Reminder: please do not discuss the EdUS or EGSS responses to the letter with any individuals present in its signatures.

### **OneDrive Email Storage Reduction**

- Engineering-Undergraduate-Society-of-McGill-Mail-Fw\_-Important\_-OneDrive-and-Outloo...
- By May 1st the OneDrive storage space will be reduced from 1TB (1024GB) to 20GB (80% decrease).
- EUS and SUS are working with IT to figure out a compromise.

### **Increasing Connection with Students**

- I have some ideas to improve the connection/communication between the student body and the council based on what I've heard while speaking to some students.
  - *Listserv*: Emails aren't being received in the "focused" inbox, so students cannot see them without checking the "other" tab. Is there a way around this on the platform? Should the emails be sent out manually from the Comms email?  
**We can think of a way to promote the listserv!**
  - *Event Promotion*: Some students are uninformed about the events and initiatives taking place, so I suggest that we also provide printed fliers to post on bulletin boards. (Like how the Career Fair had physical posters in addition to online promotion.)  
**Going to look into promoting events on the screens in the lobby**
    - The social media pages are bustling with colourful posts! However, not every current undergrad student can access these pages.



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- Town Halls: To strengthen ties and to get a better sense of what students actually want, I propose that we start monthly town halls, or simply promote that our meetings are open to the public.
  - Town Halls would be for freely discussed topics, anything that students want to address. Or there would be a prompt and they discuss. (i.e. how satisfied are you with the course program that you follow? What kinds of classes would you like to take that may not be available to you?") This way, we have direct input from students and we can relay this information to Faculty administration to make some changes.
  - Promoting that our meetings are public could increase student body attendance. They can join the Zoom link since there isn't much space in person. This allows students to see what we're up to and gives facial recognition to the abstract idea of a council.

Comms can work on making a post advertising that our meetings are public
- These are just a couple ideas that come up. Please let me know your thoughts, feedback is always welcome!

#### VP External

##### **Career Fair!!! (woot woot!)**

- Discuss how everything went
- Very successful! Good attendance and everyone seemed happy
- Valentines Day Waffle's on February 14th
  - Ecoles Sans Police
- Possibly a March apartment crawl?  
St Patty's Vibes!  
Gabi and Sian will host yipeeeee

#### VP Finance

##### **Retreat**

- I need exact numbers!!
- Coming: Megan B, Megan T, Kelly, Clare, Lexie, Matt, Gabi, Bella, Helena, Laurence, Danielle, Antonia, Siân, Lisa, Maria, Jules, Jeremy



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- Not coming: Katy, Humaira, Susan, Nattamon, Serena, Spencer, Jess O, Grace, Jess T, Avery, Sam, Laura, Kate, Caden
- Carpool: [📍 Retreat Carpooling](#) ,
- Menu: in the works
- Please do not arrive before 6pm

### **Audit**

- It's going...I talked to the guy on the phone today. He seemed nice and was empathetic about it lol
- We need to keep track of merch inventory as of April 30th so we will have to organize that with comms and next VP Finance.

### **Budgets:**

- I'm sorry if I haven't given you an explicit budget but I asked you to message me or talk to me if I didn't. If you are not happy with your budget or need some more money for something please reach out to me and we can hopefully work something out.
- Reps are exceptionally lucky this year because of EdUS' financial state so do as much as you can with your given budget!

### VP Internal

### **Grad Ball**

- Contract is in the process of being signed
- Looking to book Voltaic for photos
- Will probably devote a DD and an apartment crawl to fundraise for it...

[Possibility for giveaways/bursaries for grad ball tickets through the reps](#)

### **FYRE**

- Met with our lovely first year reps and they are on it!
- Everyone go follow @mcgill\_fyre on ig!

### VP Student Wellness

### **Wellness Week**

### [Week of March 12th](#)

- Still on a puppy hunt.
- Form to get involved:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkkwT\\_HszEfx3TTG\\_1E32dtJisNZwX4ZX77nEiQbPk62Ntw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkkwT_HszEfx3TTG_1E32dtJisNZwX4ZX77nEiQbPk62Ntw/viewform?usp=sf_link).



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### **Wellness Packs**

- Still loving the whole take what you want alternative.
  - More people get to access them!
  - Any ideas on what you want for the next ones?
- Wellness packs come out in the middle of the month but they're meant to be a surprise

Been working on retreat programming: essentially....

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUYenmC11NXDj2IAoQSiLGUYTyQhSYx3684brcb2Nmg30xw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUYenmC11NXDj2IAoQSiLGUYTyQhSYx3684brcb2Nmg30xw/viewform?usp=sf_link/)

### **Detention Den**

- We love it. Feb 14th cool! We love staff. Looking into getting a treat for staff
- Council: please try and show up! It's a great opportunity to get to know our members in a more organic environment— these types of events are the ones that I'd say attract the largest number of people we serve.

### **Faculty Olympics**

March 20th - March 24th

Captains: Kelly, Lexie, Gabi, Jules, Laurence

AssCaps: TSchnarr, Bella

VP Academic

### **Valedictorian Committee:**

- Schedule has been finalized
- For members of the committee, dates and a when2meet will be sent shortly
- For those interested in applying, information will be available on Monday's listserv

### **Tuition Action:**

- Helena went to a debrief meeting this week
- She would like to bring a motion to next meeting about taking some educational action like tabling, giving out pins, and maybe some class announcements
- If you wanted to be added to our tuition chat you can add your name here: spencer, Megan T, Isabella

### **EduBuddies Event**

- Bagels and Brainpower? Bagels and Books? Bagels and Braniacks? Cream Cheese and Scream?



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- We don't know the name yet but we will have an edubuddies event next week (probably thursday the 15th from 12:30-2:30)
- There will be bagels
- There will be studying
- Reps please share:
  - RSVP required: sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/CZumEJnJpA7oif4YA>
  - Sign up by Wednesday, February 14th
- Everyone is welcome <3 you do not have to be in EduBuddies

### **IMPRESS Program**

- Crash course for those who are not in the BA EDGC: students in this program complete an internship during their U2 summer.
- I'm (Laura) doing my internship in McGill's community outreach department (Branches) and will be specifically working within the IMPRESS program
- Info on that here: <https://www.mcgill.ca/branches/programs/impres>
- Why is this relevant?: Cool PAID research opportunity for Indigenous undergraduate students (or recent graduates) at McGill. Open to all Indigenous undergraduate students (not just McGill)
- Repls if you have newsletters, include this initiative in them please!!
- Deadline to apply: March 22nd, 2024

**Good luck with midterms everyone <3**

VP Communications

-@reps please share the SAPEK valentines day post with your cohorts

Grad bags are being printed and they should be in for next week

Executive Administrator

#### **Office**

- Planning on doing a major clean up/potentially painting when i'm back from FE4 to end off my time on council
- Please make sure that you're keep the space clean and respectful for EVERYONE

#### **Office hours**

- FE4 hours have been covered!
- These are the times where there will only be 1 person in the office to support FE4
  - Monday:
    - 11-11:30 (Susan) → Jess T



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- 11:30-12 (Susan) → Siân
- Tuesday:
  - 10-11 (Bella) → Laurence
- Friday:
  - 10:30-11 (Katy) → Lexie

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### **Meetings**

- Kate will be doing meeting minutes for the rest of the term and I will try my best to join on Zoom and support her with this!
- Still message me if you can't come to meetings and all so I'll prepare the agenda

## **General Reports**

Equity Commissioner(s)

### **Statement**

- Donating \$500 to Anera, \$500 to Doctors Without Borders
- Comprehensive list of mental health resources has been added
- Took time to consider your responses and made the appropriate edits
- Rough draft is near completion; now final tweaks and copy edits

### **Black History Month**

- Pancake sale with proceeds going to Ecole Sans Police?
  - Organization dedicated to removing police from schools in Montreal

U1 K/Elem Rep

### **U1 Event**

- Monday February 19th from 4-6pm
- Graham crackers, chocolate, marshmallows, hot chocolate packets
- Can I use the office electric kettle?
- I'm planning on playing music and taking out board games



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Lexie loves your graphic

## FYRE

- Gonna get the IG up and running again!
- Interest form: <https://forms.gle/NvdZL1YH1qtLkLdw6>
- Flyer: posted by all U1 reps, on the EdUS IG, and in comms newsletter?
- Once the form has been up for a week or so we'll plan a zoom meeting with everyone interested
- First FYRE event will be at Topsy Cow

### Question:

How to get involved - Antonia will make a post about each committee to share with cohorts





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U1 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report

U0 & U1 EGC Rep

Nothing to report

TESL Rep U1 & U2

Nothing to report

U2 K/Elem Rep

### **Games night and goodies event**

- Solid turnout
- Games were played, goodies were eaten

### **Valentine's goodie bags giveaway**



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- Planning on handing out Valentine's goodie bags next week for my cohort with heart-shaped candies and stuff from Dollarama
- Thanks comms for posting on the EdUS insta <3  
Sleepovers in the edu building are NOT possible!

U2 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report!!

U2 EGC Rep

Nothing to report

U3 K/Elem Rep

**As usual I am posting my U3 K/Elem February Newsletter**

**U3 K/Elem October Newsletter**

Currently I have:

Upcoming EdUS events:

- Drop in CV Review session - Feb 5th at 1:30-3:30 pm in the learning commons (Pods A& B)
- McGill Education Career Fair - Feb 7th at 12:00-4:00 pm in the Ballroom, University Centre
- Valentine's Day Detention Den - Feb 14th at 5:00-8:00 pm in the EdUS lounge B1
- EdUS Election Voting period from Feb. 16th-18th

Other school events:

- SNAC & on the table Magazine: Trivia Night- Feb 6th from 7-9 pm at Bar Topsy Cow
- Beyond notes BSN x MedUSA Event - Feb 12 at 6 pm in the Elizabeth Wirth Music Building
- Sapek's Valentine's Open Bar - Feb 15th at 9:00 pm at McKibbins (1426 Bishop St)
- MSERT Winter First Aid courses Feb 3-4, Feb 10-11, March 23-24
- Black History Month Events- Feb 1 (5-8pm), Feb 8 (5-8 pm), Feb 20 (12-3 pm) at Tanna Schulich Hall, Elizabeth Wirth Music Building

Special Cohort Event:

- U3 & U4 K/Elem Valentine Candle Painting Event with Pizza- Feb 16th in the EdUS lounge from 11:30-2:30 pm



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Anything else to include?

### **K/Elem Valentine's Day Cohort event**

- Collab with U4 K/elem rep Isabella
- Who? U3 and U4 K/Elementary Students
- What? Candle Painting with Pizza
- Where? EdUS lounge
- When? February 16th from 11:30-2:30 pm
- Last Day of Math class for U3 K/Elem & Last Day of classes for U4 K/Elem
- Bond, pass on advice for U3 K/Elem, Wish U4 K/Elem good luck for FE4 & wrap up, say goodbye
- We will provided pizza, candles, and paint supplies



**So excited for this weekend's council retreat!!!**

### **Education Team for Faculty Olympics**

- Captaining this year with Kelly, Gabi, Lexie & Laurence
- Anyone interested in joining the Edu team?



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Link to facebook interest group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/395121073107990/>

#### U3 Secondary Rep

- Giveaway done!

#### TESL Rep U3 & U4

- Crew Neck Giveaway Today- Alex U4 won, yay!
- Donuts/ FE4 packets next Tuesday, Feb 13

#### U4 K/Elem Rep

- If you have dietary restrictions, please fill out this form! And we would appreciate meal ideas
  - o <https://forms.gle/Yq6eQrSxyz5WtTQn9>
- Here is a rough draft for the meals, open to suggestions
  - o [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ewuQHOxmo0OQp082e9WIdD2CQlStLmMCuNcQ\\_SIKTJ8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ewuQHOxmo0OQp082e9WIdD2CQlStLmMCuNcQ_SIKTJ8/edit?usp=sharing)
- Drinks – Megan
- Surprised my cohort with some donuts and was a success!
- Upcoming collab with U3 k/elem for a candle painting & pizza event; also doing my draw for grad tote bags this day, celebrating last day of undergrad, BYE MCGILL... Feel free to show up!

#### U4 Secondary Rep

- Will be doing a giveaway for the totebags on monday
  - When will we be getting the totebags?
- Thinking of doing a goodbye event for U4 Secondary if we have enough time

#### SAPEK Rep

- DD Collab Feb 28?? Any way to increase capacity?
- Valentine's day open bar at McKibbons on Feb 15!! Over 100 tickets sold (Max 200), tickets are tier 2 now for \$35
- Therapy dog at currie tomorrow 12-1pm

SAPEK and DD collab woohoo on February 28th



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#### MEdUSA Rep

- Beyond Notes (BSN x MEdUSA Event)
  - **Date:** Monday, February 12th at 6-9pm
  - **Location:** Elizabeth Wirth Music Building A-025 and A-832/833 depending on workshop or Zoom
  - **RSVP:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbE4YwL56T-e\\_jXURRHEVPSdx0cs5cIKu330XmxfO4uaaU2w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbE4YwL56T-e_jXURRHEVPSdx0cs5cIKu330XmxfO4uaaU2w/viewform)
  - **About:**
    - This event celebrates the invaluable contributions of Black musicians in music education, offering a unique exploration of social media's transformative power in shaping musical careers within the digital age
    - Speakers:
      - Scott Tixier (GRAMMY award-winning French jazz violinist)
      - Nantali Indongo (the host of CBC Montreal's provincial arts and culture program)
      - Charlie Curtis-Beard (Los Angeles-based rapper)
  - **Open to all! Free catering.**

#### SSMU Rep

##### **Approved Motions**

- [Motion Regarding the Referendum Question for a SSMU Membership Fee Increase for Salaries and General Operations](#)

SSMU must increase its Membership Fee in order to continue to provide for its members, the students, and its staff. This motion proposes a Membership Fee increase that will allow the SSMU to address its current financial needs and expand its support of the student body and the livelihoods of the SSMU staff.

The current fee for a full-time student is a \$68.48 and they want to increase it by \$95.59 which is an increase of 39.6%

The fee increase will only be going to increasing non-executive salaries

Maria will inquire more about the motion and get back to us



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Is there a possibility for us as a council to release a statement in support or not of this motion—can not be released until March.

- [Motion Regarding Queer Equity Support Fee Increase Referendum Question](#)
- [Motion Regarding SSMU Walksafe Fee Increase via Referendum Question](#)
- [Motion Regarding the Increase of the Referral Services Fee](#)

Senator

Nothing to report :)

Speaker

My distant placement in Vancouver is starting soon, so I will not be able to attend the remaining meetings. Due to unforeseen time conflicts, I was not able to participate much in the council beyond fulfilling my office hours, but I enjoyed every minute I spent with you here. I wish you all the best! See you in life!

## Closing

New Business

N/A

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, February 21st @6:00pm in Room 233

Adjournment

Kelly, Jules