



Education Undergraduate Society of McGill University
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EdUS General Council Meeting

November 15th, 2023

Call to Order

Attendance

Attendees	Danielle Foster, Katy Berenbaum, Megan Berty, Kelly Eden, Jessica Talbot, Jessica O'Gorman, Sian Morris, Spencer Friedman, Sam, Helena, Lexie, Laurence, Avery, Gabi, Isabella, Caden, Jules, Serena
Late Attendees	
Regrets	Nattamon Tokaeo, Grace Howard, Antonia Corla, Lisa Matsugu, Laura Di Paola, Jeremy Francey, Clare Baillie, Susan Zhang
Absent without Regrets	Katelyn Cooper, Nour

Adoption of the Agenda

Kelly & Jules

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Kelly & Bella

Executive Reports

President

Referenda

- Two tuition fees are expiring this term and next. Votes will need to be held.
 - Education Improvement Fund Fee
 - Career Advising Fee

☰ Motion RE: EdUS Career Advising Referendum Question

☰ Motion RE: Renewal of Education Improvement Fund Fee



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- The voting period will be this weekend. November 17 @ 12:00 AM to November 19 @ 11:59 PM. Results will be revealed on November 20th.

Mid-Term Reports

- Executives, start thinking about and/or drafting your mid-term reports.
- I'd like them to be completed by the end of the semester: **December 21**
- Place them here >> [Midterm Reports](#)

We haven't been involved within the DISE meetings so if anyone can attend these meetings please let me know.

- Wed Dec. 6, 2023: 10:00am-noon - Helena
- Wed Jan. 17, 2024: 9.30-11.30am
- Wed Feb. 14, 2024: 2:30-4.30pm
- Wed Mar. 13, 2024: 2:30-4.30pm
- Wed Apr. 3, 2024: 10:00am-noon

VP External

Career Fair

- Rooms are finalized and booked
 - More space = more tables = more room to connect!
- There is an issue with Quebec certified teachers teaching away because they have to have their Breve translated, but Lara is discussing how to explain this process
- Going to make a handbook this year to explain all the different board in more detail
 - Goal for people to know what to expect featuring a map with the different tables, distant/abroad teaching, etc.
 - If there's any equity or disability request you want included let us know
 - Dawson wants a table?
 - Realistically not going to happen due to the surplus of school boards

VP Finance

Updates

- I will not be getting arrested <3
 - Megan does not have signing powers over our accounts so we're in the midst of figuring it all out :D
 - Sal is a really nice bank guy
- DM Megan if you have any questions about finance !!
- Retreat committee → Kelly, Jess Ogo, Bella, Gabi, Jules, Sian, Lexie, Serena, Avery



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- Insurance
 - Another problem that Megan's dealing with
 - Hopefully this week
 - Michael michael motorcycle is desperate for our insurance for kelly's event
 - We cannot disappoint michael
 - That will get you arrested

VP Internal

Holiday Party

- Nothing has been set in stone but some people in SAPEK and I have been talking about potentially having one.
 - They want time to prepare for valentines so no event is rushes
 - DD will be on feb 14th so this event would happen on the friday (most likely)
- Is this something people would want or come to? It would most likely be early-mid December.

Grad Ball

- Luckily Shawn and Bailey (and everyone who attended) seemed to have made a good connection with last year's venue so I'm looking into using that same one :)
- I contacted them so hopefully I'll get a response soon to get the ball rolling.

VP Student Wellness

Wellness Packs

- Handed out
- Really really liked this formula
 - Less waste and people were able to pick what they wanted
 - Attendance was really low on Friday, we didn't give much out.
 - Monday attendance was much better. FE3 k/elem came to get lots of us.

Posts

- Working on Social Media posts to promote wellness during finals season/end of stage/ beginning of FE1.



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DD

- Waiting on insurance
 - If we get insurance on time, SSPN will be doing a McGill student-bar “crawl” on November 30th
 - Insurance expires on November 29th so we need this ASAP
 - SSPN wants to know how much it’ll cost to come to DD
 - Kelly proposed: Drinks \$1-2 (depending on the bevvy),
Grilled Cheese \$1
- Next week might be the last one of the semester
- Might start again later in January
 - Difficult to get a permit during the holidays
- Council don’t be shy to show up xoxo
- The idea of having DD on Fridays? Will be a thought for next year

VP Academic

UTEPC (Nov 8th)

- Comprehensive sex-ed course
 - proposed new undergraduate course; could be a 500 level so MATL students can take it as well as a complementary.
 - Should it be a required course for B.Ed. K/Elem and CCQ Secondary?
 - Not required for PE students; complementary course
 - Winter year 3 or Fall year 4? And Spring/summer?
 - Winter U4 intensive
 - Summer intensive
 - More discussion needed
- RAC
 - More info: [EMSB](#), [Quebec Gov](#)
 - Basically the Ministry trying to create faster track routes to teaching due to teacher shortage in french system (1 year, 3 year) McGill has “put up fight”
 - You don’t need a degree (weird)
 - Asking the question “does the teacher shortage affect us...”
 - Most meaningful thing for us is vague discussion of a fast track french immersion (especially with what’s happening in gov)
 - Want to make government happy so might use the money to revamp TESL certificate, as they don’t want to create a new program
 - proposal for a french immersion RAQ (mostly for K/Elem) -- no more detail atm



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- Strike
 - They told me they were sending the email 😞, also here is the minutes:

“The majority of students will NOT have to make up these 3 days missed (Nov. 21, 22, 23) due to the strike.

However, there are important considerations to keep in mind:

- Students with CIPs or other arrangements/extended days in place may be asked to make up the days to ensure that the CT and supervisor can properly evaluate the student.
- FE1 students will have the field experience extended by 3 days, unless they are placed in a private school.

The new end date for FE1 will be December 6th, 2023, unless they are placed in a private school.

- Helena & Laura will speak to Jasmine to further discuss this
- They do not know the “breakdown” of how long/many hours students need to be at their host school
- Film yourself doing a random lesson before the strike begins so worst-case scenario you have evaluations left to do
- Committee → Kelly, Megan B, Jessica T, Katy, Dani, Jess O’Go, Megan T, Avery

EVENTS

- 1. PedTalk with Curran Katsi'tsohrón:kwas Jacobs (Nov 6th)**
 - a. Sign-ups: 65
 - b. Attendance: 38
 - c. It was amazing! We will definitely continue to reachout to CEGEPs for attendance
- 2. Next PedTalk With Dr. Nikki Lobczowski - Making Chat GPT Work For You: How Teachers Can (and Should) use ChatGPT**
 - a. Friday, November 24 @ 10:00 am in the Learning Commons (please come)
 - b. Sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/sXFsfyrFTt3n29qk9>
 - c. Reps please share!! (We'll share a link to the instagram post once it's online)
- 3. Snack and Study (Nov 14th)**
 - a. It was chill!

VP Communications

Council Merch

- Ordered the tote bags and hoodies, and 2 different stickers
- Lindsay is so confused
- Hoping it all arrives before the holidays!

Grad Merch



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- It's a little early but these things take time
- @gabi, bella, avery.. Any thoughts on what you might like? I know we've done free gifts/free shipping in the past.
- Suggesting to start sooner than later so that students have them before FE4

Board Games

- Got an email saying someone returned their borrowed board games to the take what you need shelf but now I see that they're all there? Are they meant to be there?
 - We can lend games but they must be returned/you must collect them once the office is closing (@2pm).

EdUS Logo

- We made the logo into different colours and into good quality pngs. Feel free to take them for any posts or whatever you may need! Go to Drive - EdUS Logo Files

Posts

- Please remind us if we don't post your request quickly. We have FE3 brain.
- Listserv requests always by email - IG posts can be by messenger

Office

- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE put out the stickers and notebooks on the window during your office hours. I have not seen a single person do it this semester. Not very slay.
- Thank you katy coop for organizing the merch shelves they look beautiful
- Big whoopsies - the e-transfer email on one of the merch sheets on the window was wrong. It will be fixed but make sure people are e-transferring to FINANCE.EDUS@MAIL.MCGILL.CA

Executive Administrator

Office

- Same as usual, please make sure that you're doing your share in office chores and keeping our space nice and clean 😊
- Winter 2024 office hours
 - Please fill out!
 - [☰ Winter 2024 Office Hours](#)
- Office clean up committee!
 - Aiming to officially start next week..
 - Who's able to assist?
 - Avery, sian, bella, antonia



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Meetings

- This is our second to last meeting of the semester!
- Fill out the when2meet for next semester ASAP
 - [when2meet for the W2024 semester!](#)
 - Only 9 people filled it out so far
 - Please fill out by Wednesday Nov. 22nd

Questions

- Will Mozaik be opening up more slots for grad photos?

General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

- Nothing to report.
- Contact us if there is an issue you believe needs investigation. Remember that Involvement Restriction Policy is for incidents that occur in between those in SSMU. Professors and instructors are excluded from this.
- View IRP
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16tGxwVloBPxuyeaev8ipwkrGf4wgzNJJUdcDdXly1VsU/edit>
- View IRP complaint form
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AJAhHde5Kp6crOI1duhzA47r-LpL1PKAvGEj73a2k0s/edit>

U1 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report :)

U1 Secondary Rep

- Mentioned last meeting bad CTs still being assigned to students
 - Students on stage could review their CTs on an excel sheet and can be kept by EdUS. Keeping track of bad CTs and warning future students.
- Getting lots of students in our cohort group chats by asking FE1 seminar teachers to put qr codes on their slides
 - Is TESL still missing some of their U1 students?
 - U1/U2 TESL will give an answer by the weekend



U1 EGC Rep

It has been a good couple weeks

- Trying to organize a dinner (preferably outside of school) for my cohort sometime before the semester ends. We are not a large group so I think it would be fun!
- I will be meeting with my advisor (Tabitha) & program director (Mitchell) every couple weeks to get updates and/or discuss how everyone in the program is doing.
- Created an insta group chat and still figuring things out!

I still have not received my “starter pack”, so I still do not know much regarding the council.

- I am aware there are office hours, but I am unsure how to sign up.
 - Message Katy on facebook!
- I am also aware of committees, but I do not know which ones there are and which one I should be part of.
 - Sustainability & charity committee
- And, if there is anything else I would need to know, please share that with me!

Thanks everyone, I am happy to be here!

TESL Rep U1 & U2

IG/FB Page for my cohorts is almost done

- Hoping to have it running Thursday or Friday
- Do I need approval from someone before posting it?
 - I did email all my cohorts informing them about the page

Standing Desks in the Library

- A second year in my cohort is wondering if we could place a request for some standing desks in the library
 - Last fall, she went through the experience of herniating a lumbar disc. She has made a near recovery but sitting and walking for long periods of time is hard for her.
- She has given her consent for me to share her message she sent me. I'll give you all time to read it:

“To whom it may concern,

My name is Kariane Trempe, I am a U2 in TESL, and I would like to request that the



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Education Undergraduate Society provide standing desks in the Education Library. During my very first semester at McGill in Fall 2022, I went through the unfortunate and painful experience of herniating a lumbar disc. I have since made a near complete recovery, but still struggle to sit and to walk for extended periods of time. Having to attend school with this physical condition has proved both stressful and challenging.

In the aims of offering inclusive accommodations for people with disabilities and learning difficulties, I believe that the Education Building could be far better equipped.

The Redpath-McLennan Complex is equipped with way too few standing desks, which are near always in use due to them being placed in front of the best windows. I do not want a standing desk for its potential at offering a pleasing sight, but only for practical reasons. I would therefore also like to urge the EdUS to request a change in the placement of the standing desks in the McLennan library.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kariane Trempe”

- Is there anything we can do to accommodate the students that do need the standing desks?
 - Unfortunately edus doesn't have much/any say regarding the learning centres but the students should reach out to
 - Library improvement fund
<https://www.mcgill.ca/library/about/donors/giving/ssmu>
 - Office for student achievement and accessibility
 - <https://www.mcgill.ca/access-achieve/>
 - They offer a shuttle service

First Years Started Stage/My Year's Seminar Issue

- Wished the first years luck!
- Last year, we had a problem with the instructor for our Seminar class.
 - We all wanted to make a complaint but when the issue occurred, it would have been too late to do anything as it happened in the second week of our seminar class.



- If the first years have the same issue with their seminar instructor or even a CT and they bring the issue to me, is there a way I could bring it up before an EdUS meeting? Or is that only in a situation where someone could be hurt?
 - Teacher was extremely inappropriate towards students when students expressed how the instructions weren't clear
 - Email equity and cc academic with more info

Clothing Drive

- I don't know if it's too late or not but can we organize a clothing drive for a women's shelter?
 - VP External collab?

U2 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report :)

U2 Secondary Rep

- Nothing to report :)))

U2 EGC Rep

NOT DONE

- Sent an email to cohort about position and created 2 forms to figure out the best way to communicate
- U1&U2 had a mini-drop in session to express concerns about the program

U3 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report
- @reps share your instas and facebook with jules so she can share with ISA
 - U2 k/elem rep link is in their folder
 -

U3 Secondary Rep

NOT DONE

TESL Rep U3 & U4

- U3/U4 snack & chat- nov. 24 11:30-12:30
- U4 event at Topsy with other graduating cohorts



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- Motionball x EdUS? Appt crawl last year, something similar?
 - Yes 100%

U4 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report!!!

U4 Secondary Rep

- All u4 EdUS reps, u4 physed & u3 kin reps are working on a grads mingling event at tipsy cow in the next two weeks! We are almost done planning, just need to confirm a date and time.
 - Date will be finalized on Monday and then they'll reach out to Johnson

SAPEK Rep

Future Events:

- Finalizing Detention Den collab with SAPEK (need to figure out details of the competition)
 - Kin/PE VS. Edu for who can buy the most grilled cheeses
- Xmas party probably won't work (too rushed), let's do valentine's day at kibs!
- Therapy dog at Currie on November 28th at 1pm!

Side note: Motionball

- Me and Avery are on the committee for Motionball McGill are in currently planning monthly fundraising events leading up to the main event in March
- We would be very happy to collab with EDus if anyone has any ideas
- Any % of earnings we receive helps a lot

MEdUSA Rep

Karaoke Fundraiser Event

- Friday, November 24th, 2023 at Schulich School of Music Room C-204
- 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Entrance by donation (\$5)
 - Cash or e-transfer
 - Is there a suggested donation? Pay what you can!
- You don't have to be a fantastic singer to participate!
 - Can dani rap wap?
- Fundraiser in support of MusiCounts



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- Light snacks provided

SSMU Rep

NOT DONE

Senator

- Nothing to report! I miss you all but I'm stuck at parent-teacher meetings 💕💕

Speaker

NOT DONE

Closing

New Business

N/A

Next General Meeting

November 29th, 2023 @6pm

Adjournment

Jess O'Go, Helena