



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

[Date]

### Call to Order

#### Attendance

Attendees	Danielle Foster, Katy Berenbaum, Megan Berty, Kelly Eden, Jessica Talbot, Jessica O’Gorman, Megan Turnbull, Isabella Xia, Julia Nam Sian Morris, Grace Howard, Lexie Pasquariello, Katelyn Cooper, Laura Di Paola, Spencer, Jeremy, Antonia (Zoom: Lisa Matsugu, Serena Sethi, Matthew Diabo, Nattamon Tokaeo)
Late Attendees	
Regrets	Gabi Spangenberg, Helena Silen
Absent without Regrets	

Adoption of the Agenda:

Kelly & Lexie

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Jess O’Go & Bella

### Executive Reports

President

#### Fall 2023 Elections

- Elections are over! Unfortunately, we still do not have a U1 or U2 EGC rep, so we will need to appoint one.
  - Someone is interested so they will join our next meeting
- Here are the results of the election:
  - VP Internal: Clare Baillie
  - SSMU Rep: Nour Mezni



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- U1 Secondary Rep: Jeremy Francey
- U2 Secondary Rep: Lauren Pauzé
- U3 Secondary Rep: Katelyn Cooper
- U1 K/Elem Rep: Antonia Corla
- U1/U2 TESL Rep: Spencer Fridman
- U3/U4 TESL Rep: Avery Alexander
- [EdUS Fall 2023 Results](#)

## Education Improvement Fee

- The current Education Improvement Fee of \$15 (full-time students) and \$7.50 (part-time students) expires this semester. Therefore we need to have a voting period.
  - This money does not go to EdUS, it goes to the Faculty
  - Should we follow inflation trends and make it \$17 for full-time students and \$8.50 for part-time students?
- I am working on creating a motion and referendum questions for us to vote on next meeting.
- “The EdUS Undergraduate Education Improvement Fund is charged to all undergraduate students in Education (including joint programs, such as BED BSC). This fund was re-established in 2010, and provides funding for campaigns and projects initiated by the Education Undergraduate Society (EdUS), departmental student societies, Education students, Education faculty members, and Education professors. Grants are bequeathed by a committee made up of EdUS executives, departmental student society council members, Education undergraduate students (members-at-large), Faculty administrators, Education professors, and library personnel. The fund is a 2010 redesign of a previous fund that explicitly and solely supported media services and computer support in the Education Building. Students may not opt-out.

This fee is in place until Fall 2023 at which time a student referendum conducted by the Education Undergraduate Society (EdUS) could be held to continue the fee.”

[Fee descriptions | Student Accounts - McGill University](#)

Starting fall 2024, out of province tuition will double for incoming students. This was a big conversation at the presidents roundtable to discuss what this means for new students.

VP External

## Creepy Crawl for the cure!

- 70 people signed up which means a nice donation to breast cancer awareness
- WE NEED HOSTS!! (pls let us know if you can help or know someone who can host ;)
  - Would rather not add a venue stop, so ask around if people can host!
  - Beer budget to be further discussed with Kelly (ideally 2 beers/person per stop)



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### **Queer History Month Bake sale**

- Collab event
- Donations to Project 10
  - Project 10 is “closed” until December so donations will go to another MTL organization
- Main planning will be post crawl

### VP Finance

#### **Fridge**

- So we can get a fridge but we need to figure out the office and the storage room then we can get a fridge. The office is just a bit crazy right now

#### **Life**

- Life is busy. I'm not doing much rn gonna be complete honest.
- Im trying to keep up with the audit but they sent me something with like 20 things to review so kinda overwhelmed but whatever
  - Megan is killing it
  - Congrats on getting halfway through the week :)

#### **Rep budgets**

- Because of life i haven't reviewed the list and still haven't figured out the budgets. Therefore, touch base with me if you want to do something and we can discuss.
- Hopefully, ill review this before next meeting.

### VP Internal

**CLARE!!!!**

### VP Student Wellness

- Sustainability committee
  - Only four people signed up so we're holding off making a group until a few more join.
    - Reps please reshare in your groups!
- Wellness packs
  - Just ordered, it should be in soon.
  - We are officially going bag free after we use up all the bags purchased from last year.
    - When we do we will give a rundown on how handing things out



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during office hours will work.

- Encourage students to take 1 of what they need
- The rest will be going on the book shelf
- Pumpkin painting
  - Date: no official date! But before Halloween
  - Please share the event once it is posted <3
- Midterms
  - Going to start looking into therapy dogs to come in as midterms are beginning and basically go on until finals.
    - Goldens

#### **Detention Den**→ Witches' Den on Oct. 25

- Please share the event with your cohort.
- We will have witches' brew
- BYOC (bring your own cup) is working well.
  - If people don't BYOC, we sell cups for DD only \$2/each
- Costumes!!
- Reminding people of rules and will be doing bag search for outside alcohol.
  - Outside alcohol= illegal
  - If any student bar is caught with outside alcohol, every single student bar on campus will be forced to shut down
- Any ideas on games/contests/some sort of halloween animation?
  - My creative brain has been taken up by lesson plans lol.
    - Costume contest
    - Pumpkin eating contest (pumpkin pie, pilsbury pumpkin cookies, etc.)
    - Best scream contest
    - Best scared face
    - Apple bobbing
    - Guess how many jelly beans in a jar



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VP Academic

### **EduBuddies**

- We had our meet and treat event on October 12th
  - Good attendance considering many were out of town
- Last event of the semester will be a Study N' Snack event
  - Will happen sometime in mid-late November; date TBD

### **PedTalks**

- Our last two PedTalks of the semester have been confirmed!
- PedTalk # 2
  - Curran Jacobs (McGill alumnus, MA'19) speaking about Decolonizing Pedagogy: Restoring Relationships
    - Workshop set-up! Please come if you can
  - Date: Monday, November 6 @ 7 pm
  - Location: Zoom
  - Reps please share! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/qgZbZYLnPT5RLkmu7>
  - Question for VP Coms: what is the closest listserv date leading up to this event?
    - Check out comms report for an answer
- PedTalk # 3
  - Dr. Nikki Lobczowski on meaningfully integrating Chat GPT into the classroom/learning scenarios
  - Date: Friday, November 24th from 10:15-10:40 (tentative time - will update if time changes)
  - Location: Learning Commons in the Education building
  - Special notes:
    - This PedTalk is hosted in collaboration with DISE's upcoming symposium on 21st century learning.
    - I (Laura) have a hand in planning the symposium and asked if we could integrate Dr. Lobczowski's PedTalk into the event. The other organizers agreed!
      - This is why time is TBD, as the schedule has yet to be made, but the PedTalk will take place before 1 PM!
    - Nice bonuses because of the event's funding. Food should be available for attendees
    - Really excited about this!
  - Questions for VP Coms:
    - What is the closest listserv date leading up to this event?
      - Monday the 20th
    - Would we be able to repost an advertisement about the symposium on the EdUS page - it's a nice opportunity for students to hear from grad students and academics.



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- Yes!

#### UTEPC - Meeting wednesday midday

- Looking into a drama option for the B.Ed and the MATL
  - Short-term→ including it into the secondary ELA as a “minor”
    - Collab with the english department to offer theater classes
  - Dual-degree B.A & B. Ed
- Revisions for the MATL program
  - Resubmitting the revisions sometime in january
  - This will be used to adjust the proposal to the K/ELEM MATL program
- The School of Computer Science is retiring a course (COMS 364) and is being replaced by (COMS 204?)
- EETC
  - New idea→ exploring options to allow you to obtain your B.Ed without it but you won;t be able to get your brevet. Mainly a thought for international students
  - Looking to add a summer course/extra resource to support students who are struggling to pass this exam
  - Rather than it showing an F (if you’ve failed), you’ll be encouraged to sign-up for it from a different place other than McGill and once you pass it’ll show on your McGill transcript. Only for those who failed EETC 4 times.

#### VP Communications

##### Hi new council members

- Hi!! We are Lexie and Grace and we’re your co-vp comms this year. We are both U3 K/Elem on FE3. So excited to have all of you :)
- What we do as comms: run all social media, create our bi-weekly newsletter (Listserv), manage the EdUS website and email, and take care of all the merch for the faculty. If you ever need any help with anything or get questions from your cohort, let us know!

##### Reminders

- When selling merch in the office, you MUST enter it into the ‘merch sales’ sheet in drive. It causes huge problems for us when you don’t. Go to Drive > Office > Education Merch Sales [x Education Merch Sales 2023-24.xlsx](#)
- You all get 25% off any Education merch. We trust that you all e-transfer the correct amount to [finance.edus@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:finance.edus@mail.mcgill.ca)



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- When selling merch, encourage students to e-transfer and tell them to write edu merch in the notes. They can use stripe if they want, but we don't recommend it. NO CASH.
- Please keep the merch clean. We work so hard on it and it sucks when the office is a mess
- There are boxes of tumblers, shirts, and tote bags next to the door that are FREE to take. Feel free to give them away to friends.
- If you have any submissions you'd like to make to be in the bi-weekly listserv, please email them to [admin.edus@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:admin.edus@mail.mcgill.ca). Please include a title and a blurb to go along with your submission, as well as a promotional poster if you have one.

### **Council Intros & Website**

- (Almost) all of our past council members have filled out our website and instagram council intro form. New members - Please fill it out here: <https://forms.gle/YSP1EmfBsj64iZnAA>
  - Matthew and Lisa pls fill it out xoxo
- This form will be **due on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND**. We will chase you if you don't send it in.
- Rep IG post: Programs will be posted all in 1 swipe post. There is no point of clogging the feed
- If you are new and do not have a council headshot, we will leave it blank until we get those photos. Please still submit a professional-looking photo for the IG intro.

### **Council Merch**

- We have sent out the Council Merch order form [Council Merch Order 2023-24](#)
- Also **due on October 22nd**
- Tote bags: Unfortunately, Lindsay can't embroider our secondary logo so we will be going with the regular logo. The order will be placed along with the hoodies. Expected mid-November.



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### Listserv

- Quick note - we decided to push back the listserv to next week as there were only 3 submissions for the one planned to go out October 16.
- Hopefully this won't happen too often, but we didn't think it made sense to send one out with that little info on it.

Executive Administrator

### General updates

- Looking to set up a few times within the next couple weeks to really deep clean the office
  - Floors, beverages, filing cabinet, president desk, big cabinet, etc.
  - Who would potentially be interested in joining? May or may not create a declutter group
    - Bella, Lexie, Danielle
- Council photos.. I remember this was briefly spoken about by Comms since we have a 5 hours credit with Mosaik but that should be used for grad ball right
  - We can figure out a different way to do council photos on a low/no budget!
    - When council merch comes in
- Goal is to have all new council members comfortable completing office hours by end of next week!

### Office hours

- Once I receive all of the info from our new council members (yay!) i'll be modifying the current office hour schedule to add them in
  - @new members, pls add me on fb (Katy Berenbaum) so I can support you with this
- Looking for support on Fridays so hopefully the new council members can help with that too!





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### **Meeting times**

- Currently our meetings are scheduled for wednesday @6pm but that will probably change with the new member availabilities
  - I'll be sending out a when2meet for this
  - Ideally it should change because our speaker isn't able to attend due to her class schedule

## General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

### **Bake sale**

- Moved to next Friday October 27th
- Payments by eTransfer to EdUS finance
- Baked goods, fruits, lemonade?
- [Queer support pamphlets to hand out](#)
  - Proceeds are going to Project 10

### **Are there updates on the vacant roles?**

- Looking to conduct training ASAP
  - Anti-oppression and anti-racism trainings
  - If recently did the training for Frosh, do we need to do the training again for edus?
    - Tatta is making a motion to see what we can do

U1 K/Elem Rep

*Antonia!*

U1 Secondary Rep

*Jeremy*

U2 K/Elem Rep

### **Merch giveaway**

- I announced the merch giveaway through Facebook and email
  - Got a lot more people to join the Facebook group yay!!
- Lots of people have been entering



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- Hopefully more people join the group and enter once it's posted on the EdUS story
- Winners will be announced this Friday and then I'll coordinate a time for them to pick up their prize
  - When they pick up their prize would I input it in the merch sales Excel sheet as giveaway for payment?
    - Yes! If giving away merch, don't pay for it but on the excel sheet write "giveaway" and then deduct it from your budget. Keep track of your budget!

### **U2 Collab**

- Once the U2 Secondary and U2 TESL rep position are filled up, I'm hoping to do a big U2 event

U2 Secondary Rep

*Lauren!*

U3 K/Elem Rep

### **EDPI 341 - inclusive classrooms Caroline Temcheff**

A communication was received from a U3 K/Elementary student pertaining to the following:

- Student had a Midterm exam scheduled for October 5th.
- Student was dealing with the loss of a family member
- Student reached out to their professor to request accommodation.
- Professor Caroline Temcheff responded by offering the student an alternative assessment, entailing the composition of a 10-page paper within a 24-hour timeframe.
- The student expressed concern about the equity of this alternative and felt compelled to proceed with the originally scheduled midterm examination.
- Subsequently, the student feels apprehensions regarding their performance and was wondering if there is anything that can be done
- Suggestions given so far:
  - <https://www.mcgill.ca/exams/dates/supdefer?fbclid=IwAR02nUZQlrdi4qSE804i14sWzRd9fblQ4wTUaHCsdqV-dS1FWApPCwHfHLI> (Does this apply to midterms?)
  - IRP? @Equity Commissioners



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- Not covered under the IRP
- IRP is more for student-to-student interactions, not student-to-professor
- Email Steven R. Shaw, the interim chair of ECP (Suggested by President, Thank you!)

Question: Any other suggestions? @VP Academics @everyone

- Student can apply for a “K” grade. They have a certain amount of time to finish the class/midterm. Must create a contract with the professor
- Other people in that class does not feel comfortable engaging within the lesson as the professor makes it obvious that she does not want to be there
- Do your mercury evaluations!!!!
  - First 3 questions are the most crucial to answer
- Document as much as possible to have proof of what happened
  - Laura will find out who to send the proof to
- Once you decide to do the exam, it’s a bit irreversible and difficult to “modify” that
- Offer the student mental health resources to support with mourning
- Equity highly suggests for VP Academics to bring this up at the next UTEPC meeting
- Recommend for student to reach out to their advisor

U3 Secondary Rep

*Katelyn!*

U4 K/Elem Rep

- Budget?
  - Check out VP Finance report
- My cohort is wondering if we can have more collab with SAPEK or even better Eng
  - Recommended to reach out independently to the other reps to see if they’re interested and then wait for Clare as internal
- Can’t wait for the apartment crawl!
- Planning on doing a whole U4 bonding (Edu and SAPEK)



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#### U4 Secondary Rep

- Bonding is in process, just need to do a when2meet with u4 reps
  - Then chat with Johnson at Topsy
- Had a cookie day today, and it went well! Had students from some other u4 cohorts get cookies!
- Have a great week!

#### TESL Rep U1 & U2

*Spencer!*

#### TESL Rep U3 & U4

*Avery!*

#### SAPEK Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

#### MEdUSA Rep

##### **INCOMPLETE**

- MEdUSA has lots of plans in the works
- Amplifying Indigenous voices on monday @6pm in the music building
  - Please share!
    - Please send the information to VP Comms on messenger (Lexie Pasquariello & Grace Howard on fb)
  - More focused towards music edu but open to everyone!!
  - Free food :)

#### SSMU Rep

*Nour!*

#### Senator

- Nothing to report
- I miss you all 😊💕



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Speaker

- Nothing to report

## Closing

New Business

Very efficient meeting!!

Next General Meeting

November 1st @6pm **\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

Adjournment

Julia Nam & Kelly Eden