



Education Undergraduate Society of McGill University
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EdUS General Council Meeting

Wednesday February 21st, 2024 (VIRTUAL)

Call to Order

If you're on dani's zoom leave it and join this one instead pls:

<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/89509553171?pwd=ZGxVMjl3S25iOEc1SVlvTWx0cXBOZz09>

Attendance

Attendees	Katy, Sian, Jess T, Jess O, Humaira, Clare, Julia, Spencer, Grace, Lexie, Maria, Bella, Laurence, Nattamon, Avery, Serena, Jeremy, Antonia
Late Attendees	Dani, Megan T, Caden, Lisa, Matthew
Regrets	Megan B, Kelly, Gabi, Laura
Absent without Regrets	Helena, Katelyn

Adoption of the Agenda:

Katy & Lexie

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Lexie & Katy

Executive Reports

President

EdUS x RECESS Meeting

- The meeting with RECESS is planned for Friday, February 23
 - Meeting minutes will be kept, and you will remain informed on what's happening
- Reminder: 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>



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Referendum Questions

- The two referendum questions are still awaiting approval before they can be submitted on a ballot.
- We'll need to have a by-election to have students vote. Once the questions are approved, we'll publish the questions so students have time to ponder and then can vote.

Student Suggestion Form

- As part of the effort to strengthen the relationship between students and Council, I created a Google form for students' suggestions. So far there is one request: more plugs (electrical outlets) in classrooms.

VIEWER LINK: [EdUS Student Submission Form VIEWER](#)

- Reps, please share with your cohorts, I'll also submit this to the Listserv.

RESPONDER LINK: <https://forms.gle/m1dARiqK39DQD1hA7>

Town Hall (Student Check-Ins)

- Tentative dates & times
 - March 14, 15, or 19
 - Which would bring more student attendance? (Put an X next to what you think.)
 - 12-2 w/ light refreshments? XX
 - 5-7 PM online?
 - Hybrid XX

2024-25 Equity Commissioners

- Now that elections are done, the search for Equity Commissioners begin...or do they?
- Council can vote to renew the current ECs contracts for another year or vote to start a new hiring process for next year's term.

VP External

Waffle Sale



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- Ran into some booking problems with the building, but the waffle sale went really well in the basement! Great vibes
- We raised \$137 for charity (equity is looking into a new organization to donate to)
 - Dans la Rue foundation
- Big thank you to everyone who helped :))

VP Finance

Audit

- Audit is still auditing

Retreat

- I think it went very well! It was lot's of fun and I hope everyone who attended agrees :)
- It would've been nice to see more of you there though!

VP Internal

Grad Ball

- Venue contracts were signed and deposits were made! **APRIL 20TH!!!**
- Tickets
 - Hoping to start selling as soon as possible so that people can start making arrangements and plans to be there.
 - Tier 1 will be \$90 (first 90 people)
 - Aiming to prioritize grads
 - Tier 2 will be \$110 (65 people)
 - Tier 3 will be \$125 (65 people)
 - ALL PLUS ONES ARE \$125 (this is anyone who is not in education, phys-ed, or kinesiology).

Apartment Crawl

- **MARCH 15TH**
- Fundraiser for grad ball!
- Looking for theme ideas
- I need hosts!!!!
 - Please ask your friends and peers (there are benefits like tons of free alcohol!)
 - They don't have to be in the faculty of education



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- Preferably in the Milton park/Plateau area

FORM FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO HOST:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdX8iLg0flsJ1CUVCD8qG4v9dMIAETLEZaTg1UdG_1GJKbl-w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please share this to people you think are interested!

Frosh

- CLE wants us to share a post about volunteering for orientation week (comms I will send it to you).
 - Goes with this link:
<https://www.mcgill.ca/cle/getting-involved/volunteering/cle#:~:text=Orientation%20Logistical%20Volunteers.-Open%20to%20all&text=Campus%20Life%20%26%20Engagement%20is%20seeking.up%2C%20and%20general%20administrative%20work>
 - I don't really know why they are advertising frosh leaders as a position right now but it's a good post to share to get people aware of orientation week.
- Stay tuned for Frosh coord applications! (if you are interested start thinking about it)
 - Coord info session: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27th from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
 - Little handouts, Q&A, nothing formal→ in the edus basement
 - @reps pls share the info session post (it's on the insta)

VP Student Wellness

Wellness Week

OFFICIAL DATES LOCKED IN: March 25-29th

- Lots of exciting things coming!
- Special wellness packages for March!
- Trying to do something really cool but might not be possible
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Detention Den

- Going well– Valentine’s day was slower but still good attendance.
- The next DD will be a fundraiser for Grad Ball in collab with SAPEK.

VP Academic

UTEPC

- Meeting was Wednesday Feb 21, 2024 at 3PM
- [UTEPC Feb 21, 2024](#)

Valedictorian Committee

- Applications have been open since the 12th. No graduating students have submitted their applications so far.
- We’re going to send an email to graduating students so that this gets more visibility.
- U4 reps please share/re-share with your cohorts that applications are open
- Asking for CGPA?
 - Are we able to request a screenshot of the unofficial transcript to confirm they meet the 3.3 requirement? Are we allowed to do that? Should this question be included in the google form or is it better to ask for this at the interview stage?
 - Should be allowed to ask for a screenshot, shouldn’t be confidential
 - Google form is best so that an interview might not be “wasted”

Tuition Hikes

- McGill mobilization is seeking ways to take action that do not involve striking
- *Thursday Feb 22, 2024 1 PM-3PM*, there will be picketing outside of Legault’s office building (770 Sherbrooke St W, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1G1)
 - Please come / [share!](#)
- Please consider giving a class announcement: [Class Announcement Speech](#)
- Concerns about effects continue: hiring freezes at McGill and Concordia, Montreal economy, budget cuts to faculties like Education and Music, long-term feasibility of current solution (university provided bursaries: [current info](#), [cbc](#))

PedTalk updates

- Finally confirmed a date for Dr. Emmanuel Tabi’s PedTalk
 - Wednesday, March 13th at 4:00 pm on Zoom
 - Topic: Why Education is Important: What We Can Learn From Spoken Word Poets and Activists
 - Sign-up: <https://forms.gle/dnxKqFuPyGbjb9dG7>
 - Please come to this one. It’s going to be really cool.



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- Justus Wachs (he/they)
 - Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 pm on Zoom
 - Sign-up link and description coming
- The PedTalks are scheduled a day apart due limited speaker availabilities and concerns about attendance if we put a PedTalk at the end of the semester.
 - Reps please advertise these when promos are posted on Instagram. (You can also start circulating Dr. Tabi's in your newsletters or Facebook groups now).
 - Please come to at least one PedTalk if you can
 - Your attendance and participation are greatly appreciated!!

Edubuddies

- 100% Bagels: study with edubuddies was a success!
- Starting to think about recruitment for next year, more over march break

Note: Hi from Helena, sorry I have class at this time and can't make it 😭 looking forward to working with you all next year 🤗

Note from Laura: hey everyone! Sorry I couldn't be here tonight. Good luck with midterms :-)

VP Communications

Promotions

- Sent an email about promoting on the screens in the lobby
 - We have access! Screen near the learning center: needs to be basic
 - Screen near the cafe: we can share almost anything :)
- If we want to put posters up of our events I'm ok with taking care of that (ex. Crawls, career fair) but can I get a budget?
- Some faculties post a recap of their listserv on ig, is that something we'd be interested in?

Inventory

- If anyone is an excel warrior pls lmk so we can set up an inventory sheet
 - You can use google sheets!!
- I cannot use that application

Elections

- Is it possible to move the fall 2024 to earlier in the year? It's difficult from a comms perspective (website, council intros, photos, merch) to have people join council in



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November

- Election date requires lots of math
- Dani will check the potential dates for the next election dates (fall 2024)

Yipee

- Looking forward to another year as comms love u all
- Listservs will become insta posts too

Executive Administrator

Meetings

- Thank you all for joining us online tonight! Sorry for the late notice
- Reminders: reports are due the night BEFORE the meeting (so Tuesday)

Office hours schedule

- Just checking in to see how everyone's been doing this week since it's the first week of the NEW schedule
- Thank you all for being so accommodating and for your patience during this transition period!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-10:30 am	Jeremy	Laurence	Megan T		Lexie
10:30-11:00 am	Jeremy Jess T	Laurence	Clare Megan T		Lexie
11:00-11:30 am	Jess T	Laurence	Clare Megan T		Lexie Kelly Katelyn
11:30-12:00 pm	Siân	Laura	Antonia	Helena Jessica T Laura Megan T	Kelly Katelyn
12:00-12:30 pm	Siân	Clare Laura	Nattamon Danielle Antonia	Helena Jessica T Grace Laura	Spencer Kelly
12:30-1:00 pm	Siân	Clare Humaira	Nattamon Danielle	Helena Grace	Spencer Kelly
1:00-1:30 pm	Jules Jess O Maria	Serena Humaira Lexie	Nattamon Danielle Avery	Jess O Grace Matthew Helena	Sam
1:30-2:00 pm	Jules Jess O Maria	Lexie Serena	Nattamon Danielle Avery	Jess O Grace Matthew	Sam

Parking Lot



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- Only open for people who were pass holders BEFORE the renovations
- “The parking services will gradually expand access to the parkade but their timelines are rarely accurate”

Hope you're all doing well!! Miss you all xoxoxo come visit me in toronto and maybe you'll see drake or Shawn Mendez ;)

General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

Events

- Thank you VP Externals for taking the lead on the waffle event! Great feedback
- Regarding events: loved Valentines events - but possibly spread out more
 - Felt like our events were competing with each other
 - Should we implement a system/shared calendar about events so they don't overlap?

Policies

- Request to amend Equity Commissioners contract to be tighter
- Request to amend election by-laws to be up-to-date and clearer
 - Too many grey areas, too many things looked over
 - Pensketches were above 100 words, campaigns were messy, will be meeting with the CRO aswell

Black students' awards

- EdUS will distribute 2 awards (amount TBD, around \$1000-\$3000) to Black students on FE4
 - Criteria to be made with faculty members (DISE & the faculty), EdUS will be the sender but only Equity Commissioners will have access to information

U1 K/Elem Rep

- Second Cohort Event was a flop
 - No attendees
- Going to do a merch giveaway next



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U1 Secondary Rep

- Issues with voting
- Sasha Coderre didn't know he was supposed to run for U3 and put U2 instead. I emailed cro to see if anything could be done during voting period
 - By-laws for elections will be revamped
 - Maybe joint reps for u3 or reaching out to the person who won to see if they would be willing to rerun? Situation sucks for both parties sadly

U1 EGC Rep

- Nothing to report
- Cohort is still quiet
- We have a u2 rep for next year

TESL Rep U1 & U2

Election Results

-Congrats everyone!!!!

Donuts For My 2nd Years

-Our prof made class online a few days before the U2 Board Game event and didn't show up.

- Got 2 boxes of donuts to make up for them missing out on the event.

-Completely forgot to mention that the last meeting

-This was Thursday Feb 1st and I still have the receipt]

Parking

-I noticed a car or two go inside the underground parking

-Thought it was "closed"

-Is available to students or maybe EdUS members?



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U2 K/Elem Rep

Valentine's goodie bag giveaway

- Went well! Ran out after 10 minutes!

EDEE 283 Social studies pedagogy class concern

- A student in my cohort came to me with an issue regarding this class with Philip Howard and the TA is Salina Berhane
- First assignment is 35% of total grade which was an individual assignment to make a mind map and reflection
- There was a peer feedback session a week before the assignment was due to ask the TA questions and review work
- They were told that they could have either the mind map or reflection ready for feedback
- The feedback period only ended up being max 30 minutes
 - Not everyone had a chance to receive feedback during this short period since there are around 40 students in the class
 - The TA left immediately after class so no one could ask questions
- The TA said she wouldn't be providing feedback via email after this feedback period which was never indicated in the rubric or instructions
 - [Assignment-1-Rubric](#)
 - [FINAL1-Course-Outline-EDEE-283-Winter-2024-1](#)
 - Tell students to email the prof ASAP

U2 Secondary Rep

Merch Giveaway!!

- I had 26 participants, it was great!
- The 2 winners were picked yesterday, YAY!!
- keep track of the merch giveaways!!!!

U2 EGC Rep

- Nothing to report
- Will probably rerun next semester
 - Yes, you still need to redo the whole process to rerun for the same position!



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U3 K/Elem Rep

Third Cohort Event

- Candle painting and pizza last Friday was a success!
- recommend using dominos since they're great at delivering to the edu building
- can we do another event with a different faculty? Probably yes?

U3 Secondary Rep

NOT DONE

TESL Rep U3 & U4

nothing to report :)

U4 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report!

U4 Secondary Rep

- Had a lot of complaints about the amount of revoting that had to take place during the election period and had multiple students ask for a breakdown of the reasoning for each change of the ballots as they felt it was a horribly managed election.
 - Please give a breakdown of the reasoning for each ballot change so I can communicate back to the students.
 - Students were able to vote for the wrong cohorts.
 - Candidates were on the ballot for the wrong cohort (reps).

SAPEK Rep

- Successful Valentine's event, thank you to everyone who came!!
- DD collab next week, we're all looking forward to it!

MEdUSA Rep

- **Beyond Notes Event last week was successful!**
- **Jazz Band Program and Curriculum in High School Workshop**



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- Monday, Feb 26, 2024 at 6:30pm in Elizabeth Wirth Building
A-832/Zoom (Hybrid)
- Collaboration with Twigg Musique
- Speaker Stéphane Crête will give a run down of the why, what, how of
jazz band in high school

SSMU Rep

Report back with answers on questions regarding the SSMU membership fee increase.

- Increase is not for execs, it's for the other SSMU staff (to ensure that they get paid by the norm)
- There hasn't been an increase in a few years which is why it's a lot
- Money can't come from mcgill because:
 - 1- mcgill will never agree
 - 2- SSMU will no longer be a student council, they'll become a legit part of mcgill

Approved Motions

- a. [Motion on the Legal Information Clinic at McGill's Existence and Fee Increase Referendum Questions](#) – **APPROVED BY CONSENT**
- a. [Motion Regarding the Increase of the Club Fee](#) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- a. [Motion Regarding the Renewal and Increase of the Campus Life Fee](#) – **APPROVED BY CONSENT**
- a. [Motion Regarding the Increase of the Student Academic Support Services Fee](#) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- a. [Motion Regarding Arab Student Network Fee Increase Referendum Question](#) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- a. [Motion Regarding the Renewal of the Library Improvement Fund Fee](#) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- a. [Motion Regarding the Renewal of the keep.meSAFE Fee](#) – **APPROVED BY CONSENT**
- a. [Motion Regarding the Creation of the Student Rights Fee and Fund](#) – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- a. [Motion Regarding the Nomination of the Auditor for the 2024 Fiscal Year](#)



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Senator

Thank you again to the retreat organizers💕

Speaker

NOT DONE

Closing

New Business

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Next General Meeting

Wednesday March 20th @6pm in Education Room 233

Adjournment

Sian & Lexie