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EdUS General Council Meeting

Wednesday January 24th, 2024

Call to Order

Attendance

Attendees	Dani, Katy, Megan B, Jess T, Kelly, Clare, Megan T, Matthew, Jeremy, Antonia, Caden, Sam, Sian, Laurence, Spencer, Bella, Gabi, Jules, Helena, Laura, Humaira, Kate, Lexie, Grace, Susan, Tatta, Serena, Lisa
Late Attendees	
Regrets	Jess O
Absent without Regrets	

Adoption of the Agenda:

Bella & Lexie

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Kelly & Gabi

Executive Reports

President

RECESS Letter to EdUS & EGSS

Student Letter to EdUS & EGSS.pdf

- Radical Educators Cultivating Equitable & Sustainable Spaces (RECESS) has authored and circulated an open letter addressed to EdUS and EGSS.
 - *“Radical Educators Cultivating Equitable & Sustainable Spaces (RECESS) is a collective of preservice teachers, working schoolteachers, educational researchers, community educators and community members who meet on a*




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monthly basis to discuss critical frameworks for anti-oppressive pedagogy and their applications in educational spaces.” ([Source: Join RECESS Sign Up Form](#))

- At the end of the letter, there is a list of five demands:
 1. “We demand that EGSS and EdUS release statements clearly stating their stance against the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, express support for Palestinians’ right to return, which is clearly outlined in UN G.A. resolution 194, and acknowledging that the Palestinian struggle is one of Indigenous resistance to settler-colonial rule – a struggle which our faculty and students unions routinely claim to support.”
 2. “We demand that EGSS and EdUS develop mental health resources with the express purpose of supporting Palestinian and Arab students in the Faculty of Education.”
 3. “We demand that EGSS and EdUS open a council in which both associations investigate McGill’s position of complicity within settler-colonialism of Palestine and the Faculty of Education’s plans to move forward with the building of the new facility of the Sylvan Adams Sports Science Institute.”
 4. “We demand that EGSS and EdUS create and endorse upcoming actions at McGill, and across Montreal, which support basic Palestinian human rights.”
 5. “We demand that EGSS and EdUS open a council meeting to vote on boycotting products that are complicit in genocide, particularly through Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) initiatives.”
- The EdUS executives have organized a response plan.
 1. We release a statement that umbrellas 3 demands (Demands 1, 2 & 4)
 - a. Condemn Antisemitism and Islamophobia
 - i. We can release a statement, but if McGill catches wind and accuses us of violating our MOA, we will need to rescind our statement.
 - ii. To minimise liability, the statement will need to be neutral.
 - b. Provide internal and external resources for students (within McGill/Education and within MTL in general)
 - i. VP Wellness is compiling a list of resources for students.



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- ii. [Faith-based Group Support for Jewish-identified Students | Office of Religious and Spiritual Life - McGill University](#)
 - iii. [MORSL faith-based group support for Muslim-identified students | Office of Religious and Spiritual Life - McGill University](#)
 - c. Clarification for certain demands by RECESS
 - d. **REQUIRES A VOTE (75% IN FAVOUR)**
2. (Demand 3) We suggest for students to find other outlets since it's out of our reach. We simply do not have access to this kind of information.
 3. Demand 5 requires clarification by RECESS.
 - a. Creating a council/committee to vote on boycotts vs. holding a public EdUS meeting where the Council votes on boycotts?
- RECESS expressed that they're open to collaboration. Additionally, please do not directly message any individuals present in the signatures regarding this open letter. Any communication regarding this will be sent to the RECESS Collective email address.
 -  EdUS Statement Draft
 - <https://www.mcgill.ca/studentlifeandlearning/student-resources/student-societies>
 -
 - Make a mention of the MOA at the beginning of the statements
 - Update MOA on website/make sure that it's the same one as on the McGill website
 - Comms will post the statement to the social medias account
 - Comments to be turned off but
 - **edus.anti.racism@gmail.com DON'T USE/SHARE THIS EMAIL**
 - **Creating a new email for students to ask questions**
 - **Will update you all with the new email soon**
 - Vote for statement release result: YES



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New SSMU Rep

- Today we have Maria who is interested in filling our vacant SSMU Rep position. We'll need to appoint her.
 - U1 PIF students who enjoys the outdoors, participates with McGill and EdUS events
 - WELCOME MARIA!!!!

CRO Hiring

- New year, new CRO!
- Welcome, Anndrea Nicholas, a U3 Secondary student.
- Can reach her for CRO questions at cro.edus@gmail.com

Nomination Period Extension

- Since there are still some positions without candidates, the nomination period will be extended until February 2, 2024!
 - Keep it up with your signatures, work on your pensketch

Adding U3 BA Rep to the Constitution

- As promised, here is the motion regarding the addition of a U3 Rep.
- If there are editing suggestions regarding specificities or language please let me know ASAP.
- **Motion Regarding the Addition of a U3 Bachelor of Arts Representative on the EdU...**
 - Fix the year (fixed)
 - Everyone's in favour yay

VP External

Grilled Cheese Event was a success

- We raised \$173 for Mobilizing for Milton Parc

Career Fair!!

- The Career Fair is in 2 weeks!!!! Get hype!!!



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- Volunteer link: <https://forms.gle/VAh6imQ2v1fgzSpj6>
 - Share the link! Already at 10 people but more help would be great
 - Coat check this year so there's a variety of help needed
- CV Drop in dates:
 - In person: January 29th and February 5th from 1:30-3:30 in study pods A and B in the learning commons
 - Online: January 26th and February 2nd from 10:00-12:00 on zoom, meeting ID: 550 732 3606

VP Finance

RBC meeting

- Very good news!
- I finally have official signing powers so I will NOT be getting arrested!!!

Audit

- Still ongoing

Budgets

- Budgets have been given and I need you to keep track of yours
- Please continue (or start) keeping track of your budgets on this sheet:
 - ✚ Budget tracker
 - If you have questions message megan directly
- Shoutout VP Academics, U4 reps and U1 reps - thank you!

Retreat

- Booked! Feb 9-11
https://www.airbnb.ca/rooms/52886022?source_impression_id=p3_1706132137_4SlctcRaThrp0Sf1
 - If you initially decided not to come but want to join, reach out to someone on committee
 - Check-in 5pm
 - Meals
 - Friday: dinner on your way
 - Saturday: breakfast, lunch & dinner
 - Sunday: breakfast & lunch
- Carpooling: ✚ Retreat Carpooling



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- Dietary restrictions: <https://forms.gle/dJbXp9y7NkK7FwK86>
- Any concerns? Recommendations? Thoughts? Ideas?
 - Subcommittees dedicated to menu, workshops, etc.
 - Form for suggestion will come soon so check out the facebook page

VP Internal

Grad Ball

- We'll be receiving the contract and estimated pricing in the near future (Megan I'll be reaching out soon)
- Will probably do a tiered ticket sale to prioritize grads
 - Won't do as many tiers as last year because apparently it was confusing
 - Tickets can be expected to go on sale mid-march
 - Ticket prices coming soon! We are finalizing numbers.
- April 20th is the official date!
- Might get a deal on the price to help lower the price of ticket
- SAPEK will be joining which is great but also means less space for other people (ex: guest tickets)
- Open bar for the first hour, closed bar during dinner but will be served wine, open bar for the rest of the night after dinner

Other

- Looking into doing an apartment crawl in feb or march!
 - Early St. Pattys day?
 - Motionball?
- If you want anything to be planned/happen let clare know :)
- FYRE committee: update coming soon
 - Spencer, Antonia, Jeremy, Sam

VP Student Wellness

Detention Den

BEvERage order has been received.

- New [Menu!](#)



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- Soft drinks
- Missing Gluten-Free drinks.
- The Mocktail Question
 - Took the idea into consideration, but it would require a full-bar situation that logistically, the office is not equipped for. (Ice, a sanitary place to cut fruit and herbs, a place to sanitize tools and utensils, etc.) I did order soft drinks, and included Fresca (sparkling lemonade) which I hope can quasi-emulate the taste of a mocktail.
 - Megan has some connections to a company that can act as a mocktail!
 - Any suggestions are appreciated!
- IglooFest tickets have been handed over to our winner!

Boxes Under the Bar

- Would it be possible to clear our boxes out and into the storage room before DD? (Wellness included)
- It adds time to set up, and we wouldn't want to have any accidents involving any books or merchandise.

Upcoming Detention Den dates:

- January 31st
 - i. Grammy Awards!
 - 1. Make a playlist based on grammy nominated songs
- February 14th
 - i. Valentine's Day!
- Thursday March 21st– possibility of being used by Faculty Olympics, which is now under the AUS. (*Please keep information regarding this event confidential*)
 - i. Working on pricing with Engineering bar managers
 - ii. Any objections to this?
 - 1. Cons: We will probably need permissions for the office just for that day etc.
 - a. We will be drafting contracts that include leaving



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the office clean, paying for the alcohol used, permit fees, insurance, etc.

2. Pros: Detention Den gets known by a large number of people on campus.

iii. This won't count as DD for the week

iv. Chances are we'll charge AUS for using our space

Happy Hunt for Happiness Week!

- We have posts for our social media for the rest of the week.

Wellness Packages to be handed out imminently.

- Thank you to Lexie for receiving the order and bringing it safely to the Education Building.
 - Leftovers to be handed out tomorrow

The Library

- Equity commissioners, your East Asian books have been being mixed up with the little free library. We've been trying to keep it separate, but it is difficult to keep up. Can something be done about that?
 - Leave the books inside the office and only take them out when doing office hours

Wellness Week

- Budget determined with VP Finance.
- Still working on the heavily requested puppies– any leads, please let us know.
 - Official dates will be set depending on other University activities.
 - Most likely will be happening around spring break
 - We will be needing volunteers to help run events, as we also have class.
 - i. Volunteer Interest Form– please share with your cohorts 😊
 1. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtkkwT_HszEfx3TTG_IE32dtJisNZwX4ZX77nEiQbPk62Ntw/viewform?usp=sf_link

*** If council obtains $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, an edited version of these resources will be posted. Thanks to VP Academic for collaboration.

- [Mental Health and Wellness Resources for Diasporic Communities Affecte...](#)



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VP Academic

Events

- Board-game and Bites (Tuesday, January 16, 2024)
 - Great event was super fun! Most people stayed the whole 2 hours!
 - We had about 18 people attend
- Pedtalk with Rachel Thorne (Thursday, January 18, 2024)
 - “Teaching with our whole selves: channel our gifts and challenges to foster engagement, community, and connection in the classroom”
 - Max attendance of 9, was lovely
- 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

Valedictorian

- Group chat made -- Danielle, Laura, Helena, Nattamon, Jules, Spencer, Kelly, Grace, Lexie

Tuition Strikes

- Why Strike? 2024 Edition
- Tuition Strike Info DRAFT
 - Here is a document I've made with some information
- Need to hold a general assembly and how members vote
- Do we need a general assembly?
- Maybe host a PedTalk to discuss and further explain this
- Is anyone interested in supporting Helena with this?
 - Sam & Humaira
- Anyone can go to these meetings!

VP Communications

Merch

- Sweatpants are in yipee
 - Medium only arrived today
 - Please keep them folded neatly



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Grad merch

- What a struggle we are doing our best
 - Tote bags will be available before FE4
 - Sam's dad might be a great contact for this since he does printing
 - He also does graphic design → Frosh
 - info@gridmedia.ca
 - <https://educationgrads.secure-decoration.com/shop>

Posts

- Elections posts incoming
- Grad merch post incoming
- Please try your best to include the EdUS logo in the posts you make for your events (they are in the canva uploads for people with access)
- Under "EdUS Logo Files" in the drive [EdUS Logo Files](#)
- Try to make your captions as cute and professional as possible - it takes long to edit those long captions
- Make line breaks in your captions please [Instagram Text Spacer](#)

Question

- Do we know if there are people running for every position - been getting a lot of questions regarding extended nomination period
- Please sign our nom form if you haven't already xoxoxo
<https://forms.gle/gTAbQsJb6LzTc7FdA>

McKibbins is booked for Feb. 15th for V-Day for SAPEK and EdUS

Executive Administrator

Council photos

- Today yay!
- Thanks everyone for showing up

Office Redo

The office has been a mess over the past few weeks since the semester started to



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PLEASE help with maintaining the cleanliness of our office (ex: throw out your trash, don't just leave it on the table)

- Received a budget in which I'll be using to make the office more practical
- Will be happening ASAP since I start FE4 in a few weeks
- Current thoughts
 - Getting rid of the huge filing cabinet and president desk
 - Moving the merch shelf to that corner and getting another smaller shelf for merch
 - Using the hangers to display some merch on the wall where the current merch shelf is
 - Moving some alc to the storage room
 - Move all extra/surplus of merch into the storage room too
 - The red walls are horrific and overwhelming so i was thinking about painting over the window doors with a neutral colour
 - If I can find an affordable fridge that respects the budget I'll look into getting it.
 - Open to other ideas!

Office hours reschedule

- FE4 starts on Feb 19th and ends April 12th
 - The council members on FE4: Katy, Megan B, Isabella, Gabi, Susan and Lisa
 - [☰ Winter 2024 Office Hours](#)
 - As of now, the only problem will be Monday 11-11:30 Tuesday morning from 10-10:30am since Bella and Susan currently alone in the office
 - However if you wanted to “replace” our FE4 person during their current hours here are the available spots

Tuesday 1-2pm (Gabi):

Wednesday 10-11:30 (Megan & Katy):

Friday 10:30-11:30 (Katy):



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Future meetings:

- This is most probably my last in-person meeting since I'm doing a distant FE4 and on Feb. 7th I have to attend a play for a class in the evening :(
- I will be reaching out to people to support with taking over meeting minutes

General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

COVID grant

- Any information on how that was distributed? Via e-bill?

Black student spaces

- Is there a way to contact SAPEK VP Comms to have a call for Black students?
So they can participate in Education Black student initiatives
- Send emails to equity.edus@mail.mcgill.ca

U1 K/Elem Rep

U1 Topsy Cow event is gonna happen (soon)!

- About 35 k/elem and secondary people are interested now just waiting to see how many TESL people
- I wanna do a chill event in the edu basement too eventually maybe board games

U1 Secondary Rep

- U1 Topsy cow event, got 15 or so interested

U1 EGC Rep

Hey everyone!

- Unfortunately, I won't be running for my position for the next academic year due to the possibility that I am doing an exchange semester. However, I have a friend who would like to run, but he is confused on exactly how to do so.
 - He has the nomination kit and that is pretty much it. Any advice would be great!



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- That is all, thanks everyone!

TESL Rep U1 & U2

Nothing to report

U2 K/Elem Rep

Games night and goodies event

- We finalized our U2 bonding event yay!!
- Made the Canva and Google form
- Sent the post to VP comms to post on the EdUS ig
- If you're in U2, we'd love for you to come on January 30th from 4-5:30 in the edu building basement - there will be pizza and snacks:)

U2 Secondary Rep

Games Night and Goodies for U2!!

- We've finally organized the U2 event.
- Sian made a Canva to announce it!!
- It's posted on the Instagram account, hopefully people will come!!

U2 EGC Rep

Nothing to report

U3 K/Elem Rep

- A communication has been received from a U3 Kindergarten/Elementary student expressing their need to contest their grade for Fe3. They are requesting a change from an F to a W. I am collaborating with the VP Academics on this matter and will share information about the appeal process for those interested.
- Will be doing a U3 Kindergarten/Elementary Winter Giveaway scheduled for this Friday, featuring brand new EdUS merch
- Currently planning an upcoming U3 Kindergarten/Elementary Cohort Event! Plans are in progress, and details will be shared soon.

U3 Secondary Rep

- Started a give away for my U3 secondary students.
- Please sign my form, if you haven't already.

<https://forms.gle/n2T874AfU4SqMN31A> I would really appreciate <3



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TESL Rep U3 & U4

Nothing to report :)

U4 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report

U4 Secondary Rep

- Shared the doc with nom kits to my cohort and made announcements in some classes (thank you jay lister for posting them to all his mycourses homepages across all sections of his classes)
- If I haven't signed your nom kit please shoot me a message and i will sign it asap!
- Have a great rest of your week!

SAPEK Rep

- I had to run to a SAPEK council event, I hope the rest of the meeting is good!
- Still onboard for March DD collab
- Valentine's day event at McKibbons planned for Feb 15, more details to come!

MEdUSA Rep

EVENTS

- Recording 101 Bootcamp for Beginner Music Teachers Workshop
 - **Date:** Monday, January 29th at 6:30pm
 - **Location:** Elizabeth Wirth Building A-833 or Zoom
 - **RSVP link:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKTAIJmAnGFGnCloWNm2k8A8Tevc-7kFIUfmHKnt_doDw5lg/viewform
 - **About:**
 - In collaboration with Twigg Musique (local music store)
 - discussion about the reasons for audio recording your students for assessment and some of the issues which can help or hinder the



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- process
 - a few practical demonstrations involving the audience applying these concepts in a music class setting
 - The recording process will be linked to curriculum assessments as a way to gather data for report card writing
- **Open to all!**
- Beyond Notes (BSN x MEdUSA Event)
 - **Date:** Monday, February 12th at 6pm
 - **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_jXURRHEVPSdx0cs5clKu330XmxfQ4uaaU2w/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

Senator

Nothing to report



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Speaker

Nothing to report

Closing

New Business

Statement passes

Next General Meeting

February 7th 2024 @6pm in Education room 233

<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/87183041089?pwd=ak9KSzlsM0tiNHJCbURUTlJwQTdkQT09>

Adjournment

Sian