# EdUS General Council Meeting

[Wednesday, October 19th, 2022]

## Call to Order

#### Attendance

| Attendees | Lili Chen, Tianna Kloepfer, Anna Leung, Megan Berty, Katy Berenbaum, Bailey Roy, Justin Liao, Matthew Diabo, Jessica Talbot, Kelly Eden, Maia Mazzone, Audrey Dupuis, Susan Zhang, Nattamon Takeo, Danielle Foster, Zainab Khan, Kendra Smith, Jessica O’Gorman, Lexie Pasquariello, Isabella Xia, Julia Nam, Julia Santarella | |
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| Late Attendees | N/A | |
| Regrets | Jessica Tweed, Shawn Wasshermuhl, Gabi Spangenberg, Claudia de Felice, Helena Silen | |
| Absent without Regrets | Raphael Longo | |

#### Adoption of the Agenda:

Justin Liao, Anna Leung

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

Kelly Eden, Jessica Talbot

## Executive Reports

### President

Welcome to our new council members!

* Keep an eye out for any changes in the office hour/meeting schedule.
* If you need any help accessing the office, please do not hesitate to reach out.
* We still don’t have a U1, U2 or U4 Secondary Rep. If you know someone who would be interested in the position please let me know and we can look into appointing them at the next meeting!
  + U2 Clare Baille
  + U4 Dominique

Meeting Notes from Faculty Council

* Reworking the education building, 6th floor active learning room to get more upgrades, physical breakout rooms on the 3rd floor.
* Dean is planning on giving student associations more money to support students like he did during COVID-19.

DISE meeting

* Working on the motion to get 2 voting seats for EdUS.
* At the last meeting it was proposed that UTEPC adds a seat for BA student. In discussion with the team working on the motion, I informed them that EdUS oversees the BA students, as we have created rep positions for them.
* @Matthew (who will be attending the next UTEPC meeting?)
  + Please bring this point up to them. If they look to add a seat for a BA student, then that would set a precedent that each program deserves a seat.

President’s Roundtable Meeting

* Had our monthly meeting on Tuesday.
* AUS/SUS Grad Fair Thursday November 17, Hotel Omni
* SSAMMOSA Committee
  + Looking for one rep from a faculty, one from the department within faculty. To be finalized by the end of month.
  + Meetings once a month
* Next fall Redpath/McLennan will be closed. Schulich library will be reopening in time for that. Not big enough. Books will be moved to a different facility, request the book, then receive a delivery.
* Interfaculty Relation Policy - how we support each other. Format of a 3 year plan to be renewed and updated, housed at SSMU encompassing all relations. Brainstorm with the council what we would like to see from a relation standpoint with each other. Risann may come to a future meeting to further discuss this policy if her schedule permits.
  + Governance
  + Social and development
  + Events and sponsorship
* Lots of discrepancies between shifts from old council to new council. Emphasis on the importance of mid-year and exit reports.

Grad Photos

* Met with Hamza, product marketing manager, wanted to go over some concerns as many students did not receive any information about grad photos and then waited until April or May to take them
* Need to take photos by April to be included in the class mosaic
* Created a communication plan, put in contact with Katy and Claudia, to promote the booking of grad photos
* Incentives if 75% of education students in the cohort take grad photos:
  + Free print and digital class mosaic for EdUS
  + Executive photos for the association OR 3 hours free event coverage
  + 5 hours coverage for Grad ball (1 photo)
  + More time slots will be opened up, currently only November is available all other sessions are fully booked.

Between Us Girls Partnership

* Through her Pathy fellowship Courtney Murdoch (former EdUS president!) has created Between Us Girls, an extra-curricular service to empower girls in underserved communities to help build a principle that all girls can be leaders, pursue their passions, and embrace their skills.
* @Externals: Can we plan an event where proceeds will go to the foundation?
  + Most likely to take place next term
  + Will be included in the Listserv
  + Will reach out to Courtney for a PedTalk as well

### VP External

October apartment crawl

* This past weekend - it went relatively well but we did have lower engagement then we thought we would
* Still raised $1325! All donated here: <https://breastcancerprogress.ca/>
* Thank you to the hosts and the participants - hope you had fun!

SOCKTOBER

* Being run throughout October (it's hard to get students to bring socks to donate)

SOCKTOBER Pancake Breakfast

* On Wednesday, Oct 26
  + Note date change - Who’s available to help out between 10-3ish?
  + Whoever’s on office hours (TBD) can help out!
* All proceeds going to mobilizing for Milton Parc (same as Socktober)

Movember

* Starting Nov 1st!
* Anyone in this room can be a mo grower?
  + Justin!
  + Anyone know anyone who wants to grow a mo?
* Runners or walkers (track your progress) needed as well!
* Spread the word to your cohorts and friends!

MO POWER MO HOUR

* ~~November 2nd? (tentative)~~ Friday, November 18th
  + We may need new ideas because we won’t be making money thru Cafe Campus
  + “Beer Olympics” (beer pong tournament, other games, etc.), two free drinks, and then buy your own tickets (all proceeds would go to support Movember)
* Movember x DD

Charity committee

* We have our first meeting this Thursday (tomorrow) @7:00pm via Zoom
* If anyone wants to join, LMK
  + Kendra
  + Maia

Faculty of ED Open House

* This weekend: Sunday, October 23rd
* Volunteers: checking in, are you good?
* Anyone else want to volunteer?
  + Need someone to help promote EdUS (specifically from 12-2pm, free pizza)
  + Audrey

### VP Finance

Frosh

* Finished invoicing people for Frosh, just waiting for other associations to finish up!

New council members

* If you ever make purchases for events (especially representatives, you have a budget of $50 per event but we can talk if you have events that may not fit in the budget!)
* Please fill out this form for E-Transfer Requests <3
  + [TEMPLATE of E-Transfer Requistion Form .docx](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VP20SDau-7llrINZACygbUPYrJb_cugd/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114231299535127577671&rtpof=true&sd=true)
* Make a copy of it and then fill it out please, then message me and I’ll take a look at it!

Insurance

* Waiting to receive an email to renew our insurance

Auditing

* Signed our financial statements and am finishing up an email to Nicholas to finalize our year-end.

Student Fees

* Waiting for MEdUSA/SAPEK VP Finances to confirm student enrolment so I can allocate student fees!

Merch ideas

* Gray crewnecks have sold out
* Students want mugs, different coloured hoodies
* How can we get rid of the grad tote bags in the storage room?
  + Re: use for Wellness (paint your tote bag night, use for wellness bags, etc.)

### VP Internal

Crawl for a cure

* Fun time but definitely lower participation than usual
* Raised lots of money which is great!
* Great apartments and games so definitely good to have for future crawls!

Detention Den

* Upcoming DD is Halloween themed
  + Event is made please share with your cohort
  + Will (our legit photographer) is coming to take pics
* Movember DD
* @Reps: Please share about coming to the Detention Den and/or being on the committee (you don’t have to be on council to get involved in this!)

Movember event

* I’m sure Megan and Jess already spoke about it and we brainstormed
* Shawn should have already had her call with Le P'tit Grenouille

FYRE

* First Year Representatives in Education Committee (U1s, all programs)
* We can now organize this now that we have first year reps on council

### VP Student Wellness

Moodboard Night

* Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to postpone Moodboard night. We will create an event shortly.

Take What You Need Basket

* We restocked!

Wellness Packs

* Coming next Friday– we will be posting on the EdUS socials.
* Please make sure that if you are in the office, only hand out to students who are EdUS (Undergrad students in the Faculty of Education)
* Please do not touch or eat what is bought for these packs.

Wellness dog

* A Wellness dog is coming Friday.
* Spread the word to your peers!

Roundtable

* Kelly will be participating in a campus-wide roundtable with other peer supporters, run by the SSMU Mental Health Commissioner.
* This may allow us to collaborate with other groups or faculties on some activities.
* Any ideas are welcome.
* Will follow up at the next meeting with notes.

New EdUS members

* We are kickstarting the Sustainability committee.
  + First project, October 28th, in collaboration with some Education professors and staff
  + Gardening event in the back terrace (Education building) with food and drinks
  + Re: will EdUS be required to maintain the garden over time? Unsure, depends on interest.
* Please share with your cohorts and join yourselves!

November events (unofficial)

* Wellness bags
* Hand out apple cider
* Movie night collab with externals for movember

### VP Academic

EduBuddies

* The pairings have been done!
* Activities and events coming soon…

PedTalks

* Still in the process of booking speakers
* We intend on having a two-PedTalks-for-one November to kickstart the project

EDSL 301 Concern

* Scheduling issues with all parties limited our ability to get a resolution
* Work in progress

Re: TESL courses concern

* Bring up the repetitiveness of mandatory courses required for the TESL program
* Will look into it more privately with the VPs to discuss the issue further

### VP Communications

Merch

* It’s arrived!
* We created a beautiful spreadsheet of everything that we’re selling so PLEASE keep track of what’s being sold during your office hours
  + [Education Merch Sales](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oCsTU0VGfh7wb9d4Peouo7XtTbAAicRfRgcXLSF9cuE/edit?usp=sharing)
* Rugby shirts: all sold out so we weren’t able to order, but don’t worry we’ll place some for the next order if there are any in stock
* If you or your cohort want to see something new for merch let us know!
  + Quarter zips, or pricier items are possible!
  + Bucket hats (for the spring)
  + Different colour hoodies
* Surveying for student preference (e.g. come to the office and let us know what you prefer, polls on Instagram, etc.)
* Direct students to our website where they could order online themselves (can customise sleeves, more colour choices, etc.)
  + Shipping fee complaints: Suggest them to order in groups so the shipping fee costs less per individual

Posts

* We’re working on some posts about midterms (e.g., how to make a lesson plan, study tips, classroom management, etc.)

Listserv

* Been sent out every other Monday and solid engagement!
* Reminder that if there’s anything you want us to include into the Listserv, submit it to the Google form by Friday
  + Next listserv is on Monday so submissions need to be done by Friday
  + <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CjuUVgRh4M4mHtYui0KQkKALTcmUyboqYo_WczQ__TI/prefill>

Sharing information

* It’s very important that all reps are sharing important info with their cohorts
* Yes, we’re the Co-VP Communications but it’s nearly impossible for us to get our info across to every Education student, so if we share something important/relevant (DD, crawl, fundraisers, etc.), please share with your cohort in your Facebook groups!
* We’ve both been reps before so if you’re ever unsure of what to say/write you can ask us but it’s really not hard! Just be yourself, funny and creative

### Executive Administrator

Office Hours

* Wrapping up with collecting everyone’s availability
* Will be putting together the new time table at the end of the week
  + New hours will be implemented starting Monday, next week!

Meeting times

* We’ll be keeping the meeting time at 6:30pm on Wednesdays!
* Meetings occur bi-weekly opposite Detention Den

New members

* Welcome!
* I’ve touched base with all new members, everyone has:
  + Access to the Google Drive
  + Access to the Facebook Group
  + Updated their contact information in the Drive
  + I’ve already put in a request to give you all access to the office (use your student ID card) so that should be arranged soon!
* Will look into booking a bigger room for us
* Is a short Zoom meeting needed for an orientation/info/Q&A session?
  + Yes, will follow up with that later

Other

* Once office hours and meeting times are settled, I’ll be posting about storage room clean up and council photos
  + Look for these links next week!
  + For both: do we prefer a weekday or weekend? (Doodle, Saturday)
  + If we come in on a Saturday, can we do a council bonding after?
* *Idea for merch*: baby tees? With a cute logo (like an apple, or something cute)?
  + Will look into it, draft logos will be made

## General Reports

### Equity Commissioner(s)

FEEDIC

* The committee is moving toward the very last part of the Action Plan.
* The conversation was about increasing the inclusiveness of Indigenous leadership.

DISC

* Discussing compensation for EDEC 233 Indigenous Education guest speakers
  + Put more pressure on McGill to provide funds; all funds currently from students

IRP Committee

* We got an applicant from a student and we will have the interview around next week.
* We will attend the training session conducted by the Anti-Violence Coordinators from SSMU this Thursday.
  + Any questions relating to Involvement Restriction Policy that you want us to ask during the training?
* Recruiting for IRP Committee and Anti-Racism Committee!
  + Message us to join

Trainings

* Now that we have a full council we will be in contact soon for Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression trainings
  + MANDATORY!! We must redo them every year
  + Stay posted - we will post details on Facebook as soon as we get the time and dates
  + Trainings have been in-person, will look into the possibility of having online sessions!

### U1 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U1 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

### U2 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

* A list of all of the members in the cohort will be emailed (from Tianna)

### U2 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

### U3 K/Elem Rep

* Made a Tiktok for cohort

### U3 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report.

### U4 K/Elem Rep

McGill Coalition Against Bill 21

* Is having a tabling event on October 27th (11:30-1:30 pm) at the Y intersection. Information pamphlets and buttons will be given out.
* Once I have access to the event page, I’ll post it on the EdUS facebook page so if you guys can please share it with your friends, cohorts, classes, etc. that’ll be GREAT!! We need all the support we can get :)

Court of Appeal

* The hearings at the Court of Appeal are scheduled for November 7th-18th.
* Would it be possible to organise a rally for one (or more) of those days to show our support?

### U4 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

### TESL Rep U1 & U2

Nothing to report.

### TESL Rep U3 & U4

Nothing to report.

### Education in Global Contexts U1 Rep

Nothing to report.

### SAPEK Rep

Nothing to report.

### MEdUSA Rep

Absent with no regrets, no report.

### SSMU Rep

Nothing to report.

* SSMU party this Friday (Halloween party), 90% sold out

### Senator

Nothing to report.

### Speaker

Historic tie

* We now have 2 speakers!
* Lexie and I will be alternating for each meeting (unless extraordinary circumstances come up) and we will take turns submitting reports based on the week we are at meetings.
  + We also each have an office hour. Double the love :)

Revisiting election bylaws

* Would it be worth reexamining the wording and guidelines of election bylaws after the fall election?
* Specifically for clarification on what is/isn't allowed (and notably determining what qualifies as "self promoting" or not)?
  + Tianna will figure out how bylaws can be updated, will follow up

## Closing

#### New Business

N/A

#### Next General Meeting

Wednesday, November 2nd @ 6:30pm in the Room 233 (Education Building)

#### Adjournment

Jessica O’Gorman, Kelly Eden