



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

January 22nd @ 6pm

<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/89484871965?pwd=alnFxbna3xpsm0dVEzbuCmwOGX1aHk.1>

### Call to Order

#### Attendance

Attendees	Alexia Levac, Lorna Sheridan, Charlotte Collett, Helena Silen, Jules Nam, Jaydee Neumann, Matthew Diablos, Grace Howard, Elliott Corriveau, Maya Tick, Evelyn Nguyen, Avery Alexander, Maria Trica-Mavrodin, Cole Gowdy, Naomi Hanna, Laura Di Paola, Danielle Foster, Siân Morris, Jennifer Chong, Nattamon Tokaeo, Tommy Schnarr, Annika Belair
Late Attendees	LEXIE Pasquariello, Humaira Abedin, Serena Sethi, Clare Baillie
Regrets	
Absent without Regrets	Katelyn Cooper, Natalia Absar, Dylan Beauchamp, Geoffrey Nelson

Adoption of the Agenda:

Kelly and Grace

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Matthew and Jaydee

### Executive Reports

President

#### Motion of Removal

- I was presented with a motion to remove the current U1/U2 TESL Rep. He was informed of his right to defend himself as per Article 19.2 in the EdUS Constitution. He resigned.
- **MOTION**



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- Now that U1/U2 Rep is vacant, and given the ongoing election period, appointing a U1/U2 rep would not be appropriate.

### **Winter Retreat Day**

- January 25 from 10 AM - 4 PM in SSMU Building room 203
- Team building, trainings, bagels, & Mr. Puffs
- Mandatory!
- [Lev Bukhman Room \(203\) – University Centre](#)

### **Winter 2025 Election Dates**

- *Nomination Period Extended to Jan 24!*

### VP Academic

#### **Meetings**

- UTEPC — held online because few reports
- APC — Upcoming Feb 12th
- MART — Winter dates not established

#### **ISA and Student Concerns**

- Will provide updates on ISA availability to come to another EdUS meeting soon.

#### **EduBuddies**

- Event postponed, next event TBD. Will likely be a study event considering the timing of the semester.

#### **PedTalks**

- PedTalk with Justus Wachs happened yesterday.
- Turnout was great and it was such a fun event!
- Thank you to everyone who came <3
- Kinda sad to see this part of the portfolio go, but new and exciting things are coming

#### **Redesigning VP Academic Portfolio**

- PedTalks will officially be phased out, PD Series will not be a replacement
- Potential replacement Education Undergraduate Research Journal
  - Met with Dr. Mitchell Miller, BA EDGC program director
  - Student-run initiative that is faculty supported
  - Committee for this? Please let us know if you're interested in participating



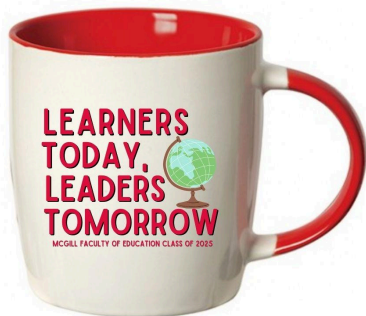
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- EduBuddies - considering what next year could look like: retire program? Or better to just scale it down to doing pairings and not running events (or minimal events, like maybe 2)?
  - More focus on field experience preparation?
  - Replace with Handbook?
- Composition of position to be revised through motion if council thinks its a good idea: one B.Ed. student and one non-B.Ed. (BA EDGC or KIN) student must share the position. OR 2/3 of the different types of degrees offered must be represented in those who hold the position (B.Ed. (includes Music), Bsc., and B.A.-Ed), .
  - Thoughts on these options? Benefits of this change, challenges, etc.
  - We want your input - the Academic Portfolio gets a seat at many important Faculty committees - we want those who are in this role to be well-positioned to advocate for/have an understanding of all programs in the Faculty

## VP Communications

### Grad Merch:

- In talks with quality sports about getting the website updated, it should be done soon!
- Lindsay quit. My bad for the delays on this.
- Not doing orders to the office..... But negotiating for free shipping codes hehehe
- Grad mugs are designed and ordered! U4 reps know what to do!
- We have 19 graduating council members..... Yes?
  - K/elem = 25
  - Secondary = 18
  - TESL = 8
  - BA = 5



Lit crazy movie

**Bag Gate:**



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- Ordered 10 more!
  - Who need... lying is unethical.

VP External

**LINK TO ALL CAREER FAIR INFO (including exhibitors!!)**

<https://www.mcgill.ca/education/channels/event/2025-mcgill-education-career-fair-360799>

**Meeting with Lara January 9th:**

- Two new exhibitors invited to the career fair:
  - Boundless school
  - Bronfman Jewish Education Center
- The ballroom map seating plan is in progress as are promo videos
- Private school panel in February (will be online)
- If anyone wants to volunteer to help at the Career fair on Feb 5th between 12-4pm please add your name below:
  - Siân
  - Kelly (for hour or two of shift, 12-1 so I can like try to get a job)
  - Avery (for 1h, please from 12-1)
  - Lorna
  - Maria (12-1pls)
  - Humaira 2-3 PM
  - Lexie (will ask my prof if i can miss. Hello buki pookie.)
  - Naomi
  - Jennifer
- Update on professional headshots at career fair
  - Confirmed staff to run photos
  - All pics added to a drive and shared with all attendees
  - 3 pics taken, no previewing will be available

**Meeting with Lara January 16th:**



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- Name tags will be at coat check & upstairs
- Donation jar @ coat check (charity committee decision)
- Posters have been postered throughout the building
- Therapy dog will be there for stressed and overwhelmed students
- Science table added
- REMINDER: BA students have the opportunity to go to the non-profit NGO fair Jan 30th in the SSMU ballroom (as there will not be many options at the career fair)
- Floor plan is finished
- SSMU Ballroom EdUS Free Booking hours are not existent apparently???

### **Grilled Cheese Info Session**

- \$134 raised for Leucan
- Info session went really great, many people came to learn about it, and ask questions!

### **Other**

- Donuts for most donations were awarded to U4 secondary today
- Volunteers needed for Career Fair
- Sock drive
  - bin is in front of the office
  - Will be extended till end of Feb

### **VP Finance**

#### **1. Frosh Late Payments:**

- Sent out late payments invoices with interest.

#### **2. Sales Taxes Registration:**

- Contacted EUS and AUS to ask about their current status, waiting for their responses. AUS confirmed that they have registered for sales taxes for the cafe and Frosh.

#### **3. EdUS donated \$1100 revenues from apt crawls to Special Olympic Canada Foundation through motionball to support their causes**

#### **4. VP Finance position for Next Year**



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No one has approached me to run for the position. If no one is elected for this role next year, what would be the solution?

Looking at the timeline, the sales tax registration might be pushed to next year. I can definitely initiate it when EUS confirm that they are also registered, which is likely to happen, AUS already confirmed. However, I don't think we will be able to complete the registration this year.

We will also need someone in charge of finance for Frosh as well as for the annual audit that is due on August 28th, 2025.

Is anyone interested in this position at this last minute? :) I promise it's a very fun position, not as stressful as it sounds, and I'll be around to help when needed hehe

#### VP Internal

- FYRE is moving right along!

#### **Frosh**

Finances are underway; some faculties will pay us interest for being late as per the MoA signed in May.

#### **Detention Den**

- It's happening and going well.
- New committee members
- Managers! Thank you Jaydee, Jeremy, Sian, and Mackenzie.
- Next DD theme: Below Den Down Under!

#### **Grad Ball**

- Confirmed we will be working with SAPEK; waiting on MEdUSA confirmation.
- In cahoots with venue promoter to write a contract with a venue soon.
- We are aiming to build a committee in early February. Applications will happen on Google Forms.
- The committee will be comprised of:
  1. Clare and Kelly as Event Chairs
  2. 7 additional members, including:
    - a. 3 SAPEK members
    - b. 1 MEdUSA member (if MEdUSA does not join, this spot will be filled by an EdUS member.)
    - c. 3 EdUS members

\*Priority will be given to elected members of each council.  
The committee will be comprised of majoritarily non-graduating members (i.e. at least four non-graduating members)



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We hope this will promote a better handover for the next years and make this event planning more sustainable.

- Gradball-wise, please email [internal.edus@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:internal.edus@mail.mcgill.ca) with any suggestions, concerns, or sustainability initiatives we can implement by February 28th. This will help streamline information to us to avoid any silly business and allow us to do our very best work for you guys :)

#### GENERAL

- Please please please we beg on our hands and knees for all EdUS council members to share EdUS and Internal events to your people :))) let us stay indispensable!
- Faculty Olympics might be happening. DM if you're interested in the possibility of captaining.
  - March 26-29

#### VP Student Wellness

Wellness Week- January 27-31

Please come to some of the events and share it within your cohorts!

Reps, please share on your instagrams

#### Sustainability

Pilot project- DD cans→ cans were taken Thursday morning before we came in to get them.

Any alternatives? Ideas?

Can tabs

#### Executive Administrator

## General Reports

#### Equity Commissioner(s)

#### Sex-Ed Teacher's Toolkit

- Went well!

#### Equity Mentee Hiring

- (Everyone who applied please temporarily leave the meeting room!)
- Selected two mentees; documents to be pasted here during meeting hours
  - Not permanently here for privacy and confidentiality reasons
  - Both candidates passed
- Need Council to vote and approve of choices





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- The mentees will be at Department and Faculty committees in our stead + Valedictorian Committee
- Acceptance and rejection emails will be sent out this evening
- **Contract**
  - Unpaid training until April 30th
  - To be signed by the mentees and countersigned by Nattamon and Serena

Retreat Day (January 25th)

- Will revamp trainings for that day, so even those who completed the trainings in the Fall will not be repeating anything

To be included at the beginning of each executive contract:

- *Whereas* the position is dedicated to upholding the principles of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) by intentionally integrating diverse cultural perspectives and practices into event planning and execution.
- *Whereas* the position is committed to holistic sustainability practices (as defined by the [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#) STARS framework), including but not limited to reducing carbon emissions, meaningfully supporting marginalised communities, and advocating for ethical labour practices.

^Do we want to include this in rep contracts as well? All contracts?

Something along these lines: Elected council members will uphold appropriate conduct and promote values of respect, integrity, participation, and SEDIA policies (as determined by the SSMU [Equity Policy](#), [Accessibility Policy](#), [Events Policy](#), [Harm Reduction Policy](#), Gendered and [Sexual Violence Policy](#), and all other governing documents under the SSMU, EdUS, SAPEK, or **MEdUSA**) but better.

Lion Dance & passing out red envelopes on Tuesday, Jan 28th @ 2:30PM

- Lunar New Year's Eve! PLEASE come!!! Very good for your fortune
- Internals - buying 60 DD tickets from you please xx
  - 30 envelopes to give out; is this enough?

U0 Rep

**FYRE:**

- We brainstormed ideas for the first FYRE event of 2025.

**Open Council Positions:**

- Wrote emails to my co-hort regarding the open positions.

**By-Laws:**

- They are outdated!
- We should probably revise them.





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- I would be willing to try and look into the revision if someone else would like to help that would be super cool beans.

U1 EGC Rep

U1 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report

U1 Secondary Rep

We had our first FYRE meeting on Monday

- There were about 7 people who came and even more who are interested!!
- We came up with some ideas for events like a tubing/sledding activity and looking more into it to start planning
- We want to do a draw for a piece of merch and set up a table next monday for this
- Cabane a sucre

U2 EGC Rep

Nothing to report

U2 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report

U2 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report

U3 EGC Rep

Nothing to report

U3 K/Elem Rep

**U3 Secondary collab**

- Doing a collab with U3 secondary for a hot chocolate and cookies event!

U3 Secondary Rep

**Merch Giveaway:**

- Posted on the instagram about doing a merch giveaway



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- Winner(s) will be announced Jan. 27th
  - May do an early bird draw for those who liked first

**Collab with U3 K/Elem:**

- Doing hot chocolate and cookies with U3 K/Elem next week!

**Valedictorian Committee:**

- Application form is now closed
- No response from faculty members yet but did talk to Eileen at the Dean's office in person and once we get president's approval she can send out the listserv to faculty members YAYYYY
- Will release decisions about interviews by Jan. 31

U4 K/Elem Rep

U4 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report.

TESL Rep U1 & U2

[Resigned]

TESL Rep U3 & U4

Giving away merch of choice to two lucky TESL students registered for SPEAQ on Campus. Includes U1-U4 (Friday 24th)

SAPEK Rep

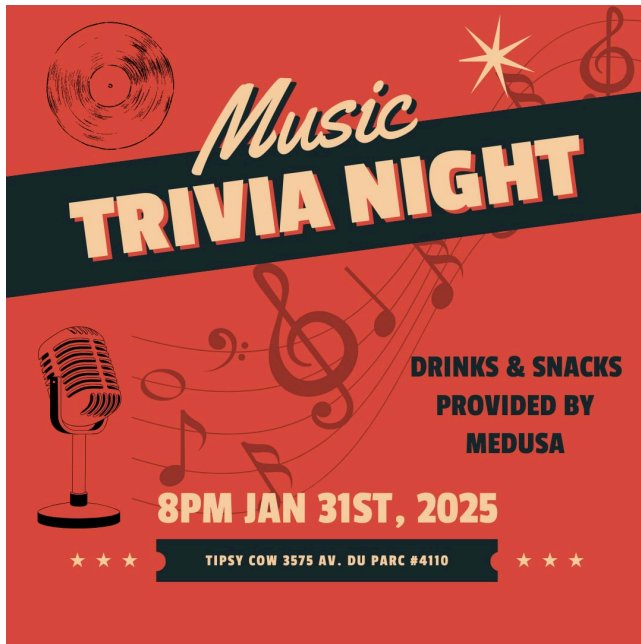
- SAPEK Valentine's Day™ - Feb 13 at Bishop Kibbies
- [Sapek Motion on EdUS Jan 22](#)
- Position budget would be SAPEK funded, 1 year pilot (2025-26 year), reps get EdUS Council merch if provided
- While originally encouraging KPE students to run for EdUS positions, since the nomination period begun, we received numerous concerns for every KPE student who decided to run for a position on EdUS



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MEdUSA Rep

- Nothing to report (COME TO TRIVIA NIGHT JAN 31!!!! Audrey put a lot of time into the poster xx)



SSMU Rep


\*LC Meeting was on Thursday, Jan 16

- The form sent around from Frosh did not receive a large amount of responses.
- In the responses they did get, students expressed how they wished frosh was longer.
- There was then a question about the length of reading week, and students were happy about the week-long reading week and wanted to keep it that way.
- The summary is that students want the new length of reading week to remain, and they want Frosh to be longer.
- McGill admin is now trying to figure out how to make Frosh longer without cutting reading week.
- There will be a meeting to discuss this further, probably this week or next week.
- SSMU was/is organizing meetings between the Dean of Students and Faculty Presidents - did not catch on to whether or not these were already done or are upcoming, so just wanted to bring it up.
- There is a new/updated template for Motions (for SSMU)
- If anyone ever is creating a motion for any reason and needs the updated template, please let me know! It should be publicly updated as soon as it's been fully approved



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## Senator

- Senate January 15th
  - Room bookings
    - Said it was a mistake, and will try to learn from it
  - BoG response to expression of concern (specifically about desire to hide decision)
    - Oh my yikes
    - Angela was very apologetic, said that the statement contradicted BoG mission
    - Deep seemed ready to defend, said role of the person didn't matter (he was literally VP Comms like what) and said that diversity of opinions is important
- Meeting with Angela Campbell, Tony Mittermaier, and Natalie
  - Asked questions about ai policy, SAA and student services, first year support, and campus closures
  - Good conversation, I'll be following up more about first year support
- Valedictorian Selection Committee
  - Form is closed
  - Good application numbers, will have our first meeting next week
  - Dean's office is a little slow, so faculty participation is proving difficult
- VSC Motion Potential Amendment
  - Currently, all members must be EdUS Council members
  - Thoughts on allowing SAPEK and MEdUSA?
  - Current Motion:
    -  Motion for the Formalization of the Valedictorian Selection Committee.pdf
  - Motion Passed
- Elections for next year!
  - I'm running for president wooooo
    - <https://forms.gle/gTzLZHZLbMdzo3X38>
  - If anyone is interested in Senator don't hesitate to reach out :)

## Speaker

Nothing to report.



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## Closing

New Business

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Next General Meeting

Wednesday, January 5th @6pm

Adjournment

Jules and Cole