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EdUS General Council Meeting

November 1st, 2023

Call to Order

Attendance

Attendees	Avery, Spencer, Grace, Laurence, Jeremy, Gabi, Isabella, Antonia, Katelyn, Jessica T, Kelly, Caden, Laura Di Paola, Serena, Nattamon, Megan Turnbull, Matthew, Lisa, Siân, Nour Mezni, Julia Nam
Late Attendees	
Regrets	Katy Berenbaum, Megan Berty, Jessica O'Go, Clare, Lexie Pasquariello
Absent without Regrets	

Adoption of the Agenda

Kelly and Gabi

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Matthew and Helena

Executive Reports

President

Appointing EGC Reps

- The following people are interested in filling the vacant positions of U1 and U2 Education in Global Contexts Representatives. As stated in the EdUS By-Laws, we can appoint individuals into vacant positions after September 30th.
- Procedure:
 - Each candidate will have 3 minutes to promote themselves, stating their experience, why they would be a good fit for this role, and other relevant information.
 - After all candidates have spoken, they will leave the room while the Council holds



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a vote.

- Whoever has received the most votes will be appointed to the position.
- U1 EGC Rep Candidates:
 - Ziqi Jin: 3
 - **Samuele De Cosmo: 9**
 - Shoshana Iny: 8
- U2 EGC Rep Candidate:
 - Humaira Abedin: Unanimous

Updated DISE Meeting Dates

- Meetings will be offered in a hybrid format, on Zoom and in EDUC 233.
 - Wed Nov. 15, 2023: 9.30-11:30am
 - Wed Dec. 6, 2023: 10:00am-noon
 - Wed Jan. 17, 2024: 9.30-11.30am
 - Wed Feb. 14, 2024: 2:30-4.30pm
 - Wed Mar. 13, 2024: 2:30-4.30pm
 - Wed Apr. 3, 2024: 10:00am-noon
- We're invited to send an EdUS representative to report on what has been happening in EdUS.
 - **Anyone can go!**

Referenda

- Two tuition fees are expiring this term and next. Votes will need to be held.
 - Education Improvement Fund Fee
 - **Fee for Faculty as a whole**
 - Career Advising Fee
 - **Goes to career advisor**

☰ Motion RE: EdUS Career Advising Referendum Question

☰ Motion RE: Renewal of Education Improvement Fund Fee

- I am accepting suggestions for edits before these questions are voted on by students.

Tuition Hikes Update

- Dean from Macdonald Campus said that the Principal created a task force to work on the tuition increase situation. I didn't hear much because it's confidential.



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VP External

Career Fair Updates

- [Career Fair Region Request](#)
 - List to fill out for who students want to see there.
- Clarification on passport issues at the last career fair?
 - Priority to 7 anglophone nations (international and some Private Canadian school boards)
- Should we expand room size for this year?
 - Expand and have more tables

Update on Creepy Crawl

- Some minor issues but we resolved them
 - Weekend building access
 -
- Total raised:
 - (around 1400!!)

VP Finance

Get ready for a roller coaster ride...

Audit

- I answered their 20 queries and almost had fun with it
- They continued to send me more and more
- All good whatever

Saturday Morning

- Shit hits the fan
- Panic
- Wreckage
- Near disaster
- Hopefully things will be cleared up by now

Rep budgets:


- Ngl, y'all had \$50 total for the whole year so please try to make due with what y'all get. These numbers are based on how many students are in the cohort.



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- Listen, if you really need more for whatever, we can chat but try to stick to these budgets.
- K/elem and secondary reps: \$250/year
- TESL: 150\$/year
- B.A.: \$50/year

Budgets:

- I made a sheet for yall to keep track of your budget. Its very basic, feel free to spruce it.
- Add your own tab
-  Budget tracker

Reminders:

1. Buying things for EdUS/events
 - a. If you are buying something for EdUS or an event or activity these are the steps you must follow...
 - i. Clear it with me first!
 - ii. Purchase
 - iii. KEEP RECEIPT...
 - iv. Upload e-transfer req with a picture of the receipt
 - v. Message me so I know you've added a request
 - b. Depending on what it is...i might say I will buy it with our credit card. You will give me the details of what to purchase etc and I will order it.
 - i. Case by case
2. E-transfer requests
 - a. [Finances](#) > [E-Transfer Reqs & Proofs](#) > [ETransfer Request](#) >
 - i. Make a copy of one of the docs, change the info and number the subject accordingly.
 - b. I will NOT transfer you money if you're request is not there nor if you do NOT have a receipt*****



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Frosh

- Finances not making me want to pull my hair out. Pretty good, pretty good.
- Pretty much everything is done
- Just waiting on the last invoices and should have come in by Oct 31.

VP Internal

I'm so happy to be back on EdUS and I am looking forward to working with all of you!!!
Can't wait till I can come to meetings and see your beautiful faces.

- A lot of my info is tentative, I don't have access to the internal email yet :)

November Event

- Is this something feasible or wanted? Externals I'll be contacting you if this is of interest
 - Another apartment crawl? Or a completely different event?
- I know it's already November but I'm trying my best to fulfill internal duties given the timeframe of elections :)

Holiday Party

- Going to contact Sapek to see if a collab is an option
- Not 100 %
 - I know venues are expensive and hard to fill given our size, but I will nevertheless look into it and find some options!

Grad Ball

- I am looking to get in contact with same venue as last year as soon as possible (just need access to the internal email)
 - Shawn expressed that it was a great venue
 - Even if the specific date is not established yet, I am going to express our interest early to get the ball rolling!

VP Student Wellness

General updates

- Pumpkin Painting Night



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- Reimburse if someone comes with receipt for pumpkin to the office
- Wellness Packages
 - Probably coming next week
- Sustainability Committee
 - Going to make the group chat.

Detention Den Manager

- Halloween Edition was cool. Reveal the next theme.
- Request from sspn
- Any update on insurance policy?

Varia

FE3 Concerns from prof and students; VP Academic

- New committee of FE3 and FE4 to confront this
- Collect testimonials (anonymous or not)

VP Academic

Welcome new folks (happy to have you)

PedTalks

- Next PedTalk on Monday, November 6 @ 7pm
 - Decolonizing Pedagogy: Restoring Relationships presented by Curran Jacobs
- 51 sign-ups so far! Yay!!!
- Reps please share with your cohorts on your social media pages/designated places of contact.
- Sign up link here: <https://forms.gle/3tP1G4sJr3tmfXik9>
- EdUS post here:
https://www.instagram.com/p/CyvigL8OaIT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRlODBiNWFiZA==

Useful information for concerns/issues with professors or course lecturers

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/disputes>
- Last meeting we discussed the importance of documenting as much information as possible when issues arise with a professor/course lecturer. A question was asked regarding who this information should be brought to. Every situation is different, but



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depending on how far things are taken up the chain of command, the flow chart on this link provides an idea of who might request/who you can show any relevant documentation regarding a grievance with a professor/course lecturer.

- We are always here to support you throughout this process!
- Bluefall? ... save your energy

VP Communications

Council Merch

- Waiting for B.A reps to be appointed then we will place the order
 - Council merch order [Council Merch Order 2023-24](#)

Intros

- All execs are posted, will post 2 a week moving forward
- Programs will be in 1 swipe post
 - Google form for intros: <https://forms.gle/YSP1EmfBsj64iZnAA>
 - Please fill out if you haven't - it's for the Instagram and Website

Executive Administrator

General update

- If you do not have access to the office yet, you must message me immediately.
 - No message = no access
 - Linked to your student id, so she needs to do it
- If you have any council questions feel free to message me! I'm your go-to girl :)

Office

- Please make sure that you are completing your share of the chores during your office hours!
 - This is a shared space that deserves to be cleaned!
 - The [Office Chores](#) is here and on the back of the door!
- Please clean up after yourself and/or your event
 - Throw out your trash, take home your leftovers, @execs put your personal items back in your cubbies..
 - This includes DD and other events



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- Clean up after a spill
- Put the grilled cheese makers away
- If possible, maybe someone on the committee can take the trash and cans out?
- The office hour schedule for W2024 is out so feel free to add yourself in with your availabilities!
 - [Winter 2024 Office Hours](#)
 - Reminder: reps→ minimum of 1 hr/week, execs→ minimum of 2hrs/week
 - It's okay if you don't have your schedule finalized yet, you can always add yourself in later/winter break

Meetings

- So sorry for all of the back-and-forth for the council meetings but thank you for being so patient
- You'll notice how i re-arranged the order of the general reports...
 - U1/U2 TESL will go after U2 Secondary this way the years are together!
- Please fill out the [when2meet for the W2024 semester!](#)
 - My goal is to find a time that accommodates the majority of council (ideally everyone)
 - I know that schedules can change but I figured that if we can collectively get ahead, we'll have more room for adaptations if needed!
 - (I didn't include Fridays because I believe that everyone deserves friday afternoons to themselves)

Shoutout

- To all of the amazing events you've all been organizing!
- Big S/O to Sian for taking the initiative to deep clean the floors of the office last week!

General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

Bake Sale

- Made \$50+ in cash, and more on e-transfer (did not count)
- Will donate to Project10 :)

Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Trainings

- Vote on motion: [Motion Regarding the Exemption of Equity Trainings for Frosh](#)



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Coordinators and Leaders

- Will coordinate the trainings with TLS + make EdPuzzle trainings!
 - We are on schedule (November) - don't worry

IRP and Anti-Racism Committee

- Should we keep them this way? Or make one general Equity Committee?
 - Message to sign up
- Who is interested in joining?
 - Max 2 meetings a month!

U1 K/Elem Rep

Facebook Group:

- I made a Facebook group for U1 K/Elem!
- I will send an email to everyone with the link but am thinking of more ways to get people to join
 - Can I make a class announcement?
 - Can a story be posted on EdUS Instagram?

U1 Secondary Rep

- Connecting students going to the same school for their stage?

U2 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report :)

U2 Secondary Rep

Social Media

- I'd like to create a Facebook group or Instagram page for U2 Secondary, how does it work with posts and social media? Should I ask permission before posting?

U2 Collab

- I saw Siân's report, and I would love to do a big U2 event! :)

TESL Rep U1 & U2

Some Positives:

- Life's great!



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Future Questions:

- If I have basic questions, who should I ask first?

Costco Info:

- I have no problem using my membership to buy supplies for EdUS and DD
- Few things to know though:
 - If you want to come with me, no problem! But I would need you to give me the EdUS debit card (I'm assuming we have one)
 - They consider it "fraud" if they scan my membership and they see you pay instead of me...
 - They only take MasterCard and debit
 - Does it come out of my budget?
 - The membership works at any Costco

Event Ideas:

- Siân's U2 collab
 - I'm 100% down!
 - Maybe a theme revolving around 2? Or U2?

U3 K/Elem Rep

Update on the Situation with a Student in EDPI 341:

- Background information (for those who are unfamiliar/was not here last meeting): A student had been dealing with the loss of a family member. Professor Caroline Temcheff had offered alternatives to midterm to write an alternative assessment in the form of a 10-page paper, with a strict 24-hour timeframe for completion.
- I checked in with the student and also provided the student with the following suggestions, which were discussed in our previous meeting:
 - Advised the student about the possibility of requesting a K-Grade.
 - Informed the student about the available mental health resources.



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- Encouraged them to reach out to their academic advisor for additional support.
- Reminded them to complete the mercury evaluations.
- Emphasized the importance of maintaining thorough documentation.

Academic Outcome: The student ultimately received an A- for the assessment, despite the challenging circumstances.

Future Action: The student intends to report the situation to ensure it doesn't happen again, and so that next time if there is a similar situation they will be handled more effectively in the future.

Student Concern: The primary concern the student has is whether this matter will be addressed with Professor Temcheff during or end of the semester. They are worried about the potential for any harshness affecting their other assignments and grades.

SSMU Board of Directors Opportunity:

- On a separate note, I have been serving on the SSMU Board of Directors since November 2022, and my term contract is coming to an end. I would like to invite anyone who may be interested in joining the Board of Directors to consider this opportunity.
- What is the SSMU Board of Directors?
 - The Board of Directors plays a crucial role in managing the human resources, legal, financial, and operational affairs of the Society.
 - It supervises the management and administers the business and affairs of the Society, exercising its powers, except for those reserved for the Members.
 - For more detailed information, please visit <https://ssmu.ca/how-we-run/board-of-directors/>.
 - Involvement Details: Participate in Board meetings that occur bi-weekly or once a month, and the format is hybrid, allowing attendance either in person or via Zoom.
 - If you are interested in contributing to the effective governance of the McGill Undergraduate Society, consider joining the SSMU Board of Directors. Let me know if you are interested!



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Quick Shoutout:

- Had so much fun at the EdUS Crawl. Heard many people had a great time as well :) Well done VP External!

Sub Card:

- People are having problems with getting their sub cards
- Have principal email HR
- During FE3 - conditional subbing

Other reps - make newsletters to inform your cohort about EdUS/outside events

U3 Secondary Rep

Facebook and Instagram Pages

- I have made an instagram profile and facebook group for U3 secondary students and sent out an email to all the students introducing myself and added the links for them to enter.

Reply to my email

- Email from student about Palestine.
 - Email back some wellness options that would be able to help.
 - Wellness Hub
 - Refer to community groups that McGill has.
 - Keep me safe - Hotline Channel to this issue that has been happening.

U4 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report!!

U4 Secondary Rep

- Nothing to report!
- Have a great week!

TESL Rep U3 & U4

- Nothing to report :)



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SAPEK Rep

Potential November detention den collab with EDUS (or another different type of event).

- President suggested a SAPEK (Kin + Phys ed) vs rest of EDUS drink off or drinking games (With affordable prize, trophy?)
- Split profits or no profits and just for exposure / bring more people to detention den and establish early relationship for future events especially for new U0/U1 students

MEdUSA Rep

Amplifying Indigenous Voice Workshop report (MEdUSA Professional Development Event)

- 15 attendees (a great turnout considering that Music Ed is small)
- Youtube links to workshop recording available
 - Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HInDGayV1EM>
 - Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89Qv1aHecrw&feature=youtu.be>

Upcoming events (open to all!)

- Karaoke Fundraiser for MusiCounts
 - November 24, 2023 5-8pm at Schulich School of Music room C-204
 - Entrance by donation
 - MusiCounts is a Canadian non-profit that aims to make music education inclusive, sustainable, and accessible for youth across Canada by providing musical instruments, equipment, and resources. They are associated with The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and The JUNO Awards.
 - Official social media posts coming soon; waiting for room booking approval
- Setting Up Beginner Band Workshop
 - Professional Development Event
 - November 30, 2023
 - Collaboration with Twigg (music store)
- Black History Month Event
 - Professional Development Event
 - February
 - Collaboration with Black Students Network at McGill
 - About Black musicians (and music education influencers) and how their race has affected their social media aspirations and outputs as a musician

SSMU Rep

- Hello everyone, it's my first meeting :)
 - Just signed a confidentiality contract to be able to attend future meetings



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Senator

- I hope you are all having a great semester so far!
- Senate Caucus is coming out with a Survey regarding Food Offerings on Campus (For Food Security)
- Some of my fellow senators will be submitting a question regarding McGill's omissions of Israel's attacks on Palestinians for the next University Senate meeting

Speaker

NOT DONE

Closing

New Business

N/A

Next General Meeting

Nov 15 @ 6 PM in EDUC 233

Adjournment

Siân and Jules