# EdUS General Council Meeting

[Wednesday, February 8th, 2022]

## Call to Order

#### Attendance

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

#### Adoption of the Agenda:

Julia Nam, Matthew Diabo

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

Kelly Eden, Katy Berenbaum

## Executive Reports

### President

Career Fair

* Very successful, great feedback was received!

Campaign Period

* Good luck to all those running!
* As members of council please be wary of supporting candidates running opposed, do not give any bias to one candidate over the other!

Scholarships

* There is no FE4 Internship scholarship. Even those who were accepted will most likely not receive it in the end. The Bachelor of Ed is not eligible anymore.
* Direct Quebec Residents to apply for Bourses Perspective.

McGill 24

* Met with Amanda D’Andrea, Education Development Officer to discuss plans for McGill 24, the 24-hour fundraising initiative for McGill.
* Gelato Montreal stand will be coming.
* Really want to engage core students and young alumni.
* They also want pictures of students on their field experiences to share on McGill 24.
* I will be on FE4 so can I have VP Externals take over and collaborate with her?
* You will need volunteers to help manage the day.
* Last year we had people volunteer to get pied in the face, upon proof of donation students could vote on who they wanted to get pied. Is this something we would still want to do?

Sleeman Contract with SSMU

* Kelly and I will be meeting with the SSMU to discuss new contracts for future alcohol orders.
* No more cups :(

FE4

* Our next meeting will be during the beginning of FE4. I hope most of those going are still able to come in-person, but I do understand the commute is difficult.
* Who will be needing a Zoom link to join meetings?
  + Shawn, Audrey, Zainab, Dominique, Anna, Lili
  + Lili will make a reoccurring Zoom link and post it on Facebook

### VP External

Career Fair

* Today
* Very successful, great feedback!

Valentine’s Day Waffle Brunch Fundraiser

* Tuesday, February 14th from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

### VP Finance

NTC Initiative

* Met with Kerry Yang and Isabella Scurfield
* Meeting minutes: [January 30th, 2023 (EdUS and OSD/SAA Meeting)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O_LYPaVw9OPW2eoouASI7-I22MQKNVjbDa81d-A7EFY/edit?usp=sharing)

Bookkeeping

* Looking to finish all bookkeeping before my stage starts so we don’t get backed up!

Emergency Support Grant

* In discussion with Academics and President on what to do with the Emergency Support Grant
* Will provide a May 31st, 2023 report to the Faculty detailing what we used the money for

### VP Internal

We apologise for the super long report tonight!

Detention Den

* First DD was very successful! Hoping the hype stays but realistically there will be a drop mid-semester
* **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE OFFICE EVER DURING DD!!!!** If we get caught with anyone in the office who is not server trained we will lose our permit. Other on-campus events have been visited by inspectors recently! **ONLY** the following people have their server training at this point:

1. Bailey
2. Shawn
3. Kelly
4. Gabi
5. Dom
6. Audrey
7. Anna
8. Justin

* You all also need to find somewhere else for your stuff. Only DD staff may leave their things in the office during DD (not even council members). There was way too much stuff last time and we were tripping over it trying to serve. If you are staff and not server trained, hand your stuff over the counter to whoever is back there at that time!
  + Look into getting a coat rack (wall or standing) for people coming in
* The people from the psych labs may complain to you. Tell them to speak to Bailey or Shawn, but we have a right to be there and we have permission from McGill to be running a student bar. This is our tenth year, they should not continue to be surprised every time there is the tiniest bit of noise.
* The DD stock is not a free-for-all. If you are on committee, you receive one free drink and one free grilled cheese (or two of either). Otherwise, you must pay for what you consume - even if you are on council, even if you are friends with the managers. It’s super awkward for us to have to say no to you so please do not ask for free things.
* We are going to start having meetings with the other associations and with Gerts to renegotiate our alcohol vendor contract. New contract will be ready this summer so the new president and DD manager will need to attend the meeting to sign that contract.
* NO MORE CUPS! We will be posting about it on our next DD page but we do not have many more Sleeman cups and they are going extinct so we cannot just give them out! So bring your own cup OR we might do like $5 deposit to use a Frosh cup which has to be returned

Grad Ball

* We received the estimate … definitely higher than previous years but we need to remember that because we had a hold for last year from 2019 (pre-covid, pre-inflation, so expect the price to go up)
* We are thinking of doing tiered ticketing to increase ticket sales since events have been a hit or miss
  + Tier 1 EDU grads $80 (20 people)
  + Tier 2 EDU grads $90 (20 people)
  + Tier 3 EDU grads $100 (everyone else)
  + Tier 1 general $110 (10 people)
  + Tier 2 general $120 (10 people)
  + Tier 3 general $130 (everyone else)
* We will need to finalise the release date of tickets (will do a countdown), most likely to place place mid-end of March (approximately one month before)
* We definitely need sponsors and fundraising
  + PTOT usually gets faculty sponsors for the whole year, something to think about for next year

Skating Night

* Thursday, February 16th with PTOT
* Free and dry, which people always ask for but then don’t come to so please promote! We want to keep doing them!
* Please set the example to the faculty of coming to events even if they are dry.
* **Skate rental fee not covered**

Apartment Crawl

* On Friday, March 24
* Will do the planning soon with VP Externals

Next Year

* Had a meeting with Tianna to separate our role for next year
* New execs can interview to hold roles that work as portions of the VP Internal position
  + Frosh director
  + Detention Den manager
  + Head of internal committee (includes Grad Ball)
* Interviews will take place after the elections are over but before FE4 so we will send Execs a meeting time after this weekend!

FYRE

* Danielle is on her shit <3

### VP Student Wellness

Wellness Packages distributed this week.

* There are (were) 100 packages.
* We know they are tempting, but council members please refrain from touching, handling, or taking any items from the office. This is highly pervasive– we buy enough stock for our packages and our packages only. Please be aware of this.

Take What You Need Basket

* Has been refilled twice.
* Council members, please do not take all of the products we put there. Within 24 hours, over 100 chocolate bars were gone.
  + A sign will be put out (or moved to the window) to clarify this for the general public entering the lounge.
  + Something will be worked out with Tianna, Kelly, Jessica Talbot, and Anna

New Resources sent to VP Communications.

* List was sent this past week!

Local Wellness Advisor

* LWA is back, officially.
* Other resources will be/are listed on our website

SSMU Mental Health Commissioners

* Still waiting back on the initial draft from them
* Once accepted, these requests will be ratified by the SSMU and legally binding. We are hoping that our requests made to Loren, SSMU Mental Health Commissioner, will be approved.

Valentine’s Day

* Roses to be distributed on February 14th.

Wellness Week

* It will take place the week of March 20th.
* We will be bringing out a schedule shortly— council members do let us know if/when you will be able to help us lead activities.

### VP Academic

Meeting with SAA about paid note-taking on January 30th

* Matthew and Anna have met with Isabella Scurfield and Kerry Yang to discuss NTCs

PedTalk with Dr. Hannah Chesttnut

* PedTalk is tomorrow!
* Topic is about teaching abroad
* Fear for a low turnout because Dr. Chestnutt took a while to send us her information
* Please share it with your cohorts!

APC Meeting of February 8th

* They discussed a graduate-level ERC course in the meeting, and we voted to remove it. When I brought up EDER 360, Sheryl said that they had not considered that yet, but thanked me for bringing it up, and it will likely be removed as well.
* They were also talking about a new graduate-level course on conflict management (EDTL 550), and they mentioned it may be possible for undergraduates to take, especially those who struggled in field experiences.

Meeting with TLS on February 10th @ 2:30 PM

* On Friday, we (Justin, Tianna, and Matthew) will be meeting with TLS to offer student feedback on their SKILLS21 workshops

Matthew attended Faculty Council on February 1st

* No updates on the garage
* They are making a new office/lab to be directed by Dr. Adam Dube
  + The goal is to bring Ed-Tech innovation to McGill

### VP Communications

Merch

* Council merch
  + If you didn’t get your long sleeve yet you’ll get it today
* Sold out of full front logo crewnecks (yay!)
  + Makes sense since this was new to edu
  + Not sure if we’ll be ordering more of them yet
* Let’s keep on encouraging students to buy merch (they would make a great Valentine’s Day gift)
* We’re thinking of doing a promo for FACO … Buy a sweater (crewneck or hoodie) and get $5 off a bucket hat!!
  + Captains will organise, e-transfer and only applicable for FACO team members

Grad Merch

* The grad website is up and ready but things have been confusing with Lindsay since we want to gift the first 100 students who order with a cute tumbler..
* Just waiting for her to finalise if she can promise to fulfill the order of tumblers.
  + UPDATE!!! Lindsay answered and she’s going ahead with the tumblers and will add 1 tumbler to the first 100 orders
  + If people are ordering with a friend (to save $ on shipping) she’ll add the necessary amount of tumblers.
  + Just waiting for Lindsay to add one more button to the website and then I’ll be posting (hopefully by tomorrow) and then U4 reps pls start sharing!!!!!!

Posts

* We’ve been pretty active and receiving good engagement with insta
* We know other execs post things which are totally cool, but let us know ahead of time because sometimes we want to post other things and if there’s already something posted it gets too busy and things get lost in the timeline..
* If we forget to post something please remind us sooner than later!!! We’ll probably tell you to just email us so it doesn’t get lost in our messages

LISTSERV

* Sent out this morning or being sent out tomorrow morning, just waiting for someone to answer my email! We got submissions this week for events end of this week/early next
* If you have something to be included in the listserv, please email us ASAP instead of texting! admin.edus@mail.mcgill.ca

Website

* We updated the resource page so check that and reps share with your cohort!!
  + McGill Resources
    - <https://www.edusmcgill.com/mcgill-resources>
  + Greater Montreal and Virtual resources
    - <https://www.edusmcgill.com/montreal-and-virtual-resources>
* Will be updating the council page once the photos are uploaded in the drive

### Executive Administrator

Council Photos

* Solo photos will be uploaded into the Photo Drive like before and will be organised by name.
* Remember to stay after our meeting so we can take the group photo in the Learning Commons!

Storage Room

* The VP Internals and Externals and myself will be cleaning out/organising the storage room next week on: **Tuesday, February 14th starting at 2:30 pm** 
  + Bleach
  + Mops
  + Febreeze
* If you’re available, it would be best for you to join! The more the better, even if you have 15 minutes to spare, that would be great!

Future Meetings

* I will be going on a distant placement (Ontario) for FE4 so I won’t be physically in Montreal until the end of April.
* I’ll have most of the in-person things I want to do wrapped up by the time I leave, however, I may need to reach out for any in-person situations that may arise.
  + Kendra has volunteered to help out! Anyone else (just in case)?
* I will still be completing my portfolio (putting together the agenda, staying in touch with the building manager, etc.) but will need someone to take notes on my behalf during meetings (because it’s easy to miss information when Zooming in from the computer).
  + As part of the portfolio for VP Comms, Katy will be taking over minute meetings for the rest of the term!

## General Reports

### Equity Commissioner(s)

BHM Workshop with Professor Rinaldo Walcott

* Incredibly informative; important terms and discussions were raised
* Some key takeaways:
  + The term “push-outs” as opposed to “drop-outs”
  + No racism is “micro” - it is violence, not microaggression, call it what it is!
  + We must continue to be actively conscious of anti-Black racism still rooted in education; i.e., police in low-income schools creating the school to prison pipeline among Black youth

Training with ECs

* We are working on reinventing the languages in Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism training to make them more relevant to our experiences in Education + more progressive.
  + I.e., Rather than “Anti-Oppression Training” we may shift it to “Encouraging Diversity” or so (as recommended by Professor Nanre!)
  + When2Meet link will be sent out to find the best session for those who still have to complete the training(s)!

Miscellaneous

* We are super busy lately - sorry if anyone passed on any work to us and haven’t heard back from us yet! We are doing a lot for our roles as well as our academics :’)
* Looking to recruit the next Equity Commissioners - Nattamon will run again, Susan will be running for Speaker!
  + Have had some interest; very happy about them

FE4 Concerns

* ISA has placed a student at a school they have had previous problems with.
* The Equity Commissioners will look into this situation with ISA and VP Academics will be updated as well

### U1 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U1 Secondary Rep

*Position unfulfilled.*

### U1 Education in Global Contexts Rep

Bill 21 Discussion

* Attended with Zainab

Next UTEPC meeting

* Have been invited by Hannah Chesttnut and new advisor for the BA in attendance

Feedback

* Feedback from class has been distributed to next semester teachers so that courses can match student interests in the next few weeks

### U2 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U2 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report.

### U3 K/Elem Rep

No report..

### U3 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report.

### U4 K/Elem Rep

(Sparkling) Wine and Cheese

* There was a U4 event on February 8th, before Career Fair: (Sparkling) Wine and Cheese.

Valentine’s Day/Good Luck on FE4

* I will be handing out little “Good luck on your FE4” treat bags on Valentine’s day to my cohort.

Bill 21 Town Hall

* I had a few people who wanted to attend the town hall meeting through a live stream last Wednesday, but they couldn’t find the link…
* Many concerning issues were brought up at the meeting, mainly discussing the lack of support for students impacted by the bill (mainly for Education students). All concerns were addressed to Angela Campbell.
* In the future, maybe have more members of the council present at these meetings to support our education students as we are a minority within the program.
  + Equity Commissioners will be supporting more and taking a lead on situations related to this.
  + VP Comms will be making a post/link for resources and support.

### U4 Secondary Rep

(Sparkling) Wine and Cheese

* There was a U4 event on February 8th, before Career Fair: (Sparkling) Wine and Cheese.

Brunch

* Thinking of organising a brunch at Saint-Houblon Sunday, February 12th
* Asking my cohort right away and will update this.

### TESL Rep U1 & U2

Nomination Kit

* Thank you for your help in getting my nomination kit to 100 signatures. It must be a record to get over 100 signatures within 24 hours. I truly could not have done it without your support. I’m very grateful, and I look forward to the year ahead.

Care Package

* There is a care package for a very special person (I’m not naming who it is in case they read the minutes). I will be delivering it to them sometime this weekend. It’s in the office on the desk towards the back.
* Please feel free to contribute fun things like merch, and please sign the card inside. There are markers, pens, and stamps inside the box.

MUSA Collab

* I will meet on February 8th with the MUSA first-year reps to plan a collaborative first-year event with music and education students.
* So far, we’re thinking of doing a trivia or family feud event at Gert’s at the end of the month.

Local Wellness Advisor

* It seems that the LWA is back! I was able to book an appointment with her.

### TESL Rep U3 & U4

(Sparkling) Wine and Cheese

* There was a U4 event on February 8th, before Career Fair: (Sparkling) Wine and Cheese.

U4 Dinner

* The TESL U4s are having dinner together on February 16th as one last event before we leave on FE4.
  + Sante’s at 6:00 pm

U3s Pizza

* I will also buy some pizza for the U3s so they don’t feel left out!

### SAPEK Rep

McKibbens Event

* Thursday, February 16th
* Almost sold out!

### MEdUSA Rep

Music Ed gets Detention Recap

* Super successful. We had 13 of us, which is record-breaking. Thank you for such a great night.
* Who should the money be sent to? Directly to VP Finance from ours?
  + Raphael will transfer Anna

Performances in the Education Garden (VP Student Wellness)

* Was mentioned in October as a potential collaboration with MEdUSA.
* Is this still on the table? We are interested in taking part.
  + Will speak with VP Wellness (for sometime in April)

Reminder: Supply Teaching Workshop

* Reminder that this is taking place next Thursday (February 16th) from 5:30 - 6:30pm at A-832 (Elizabeth Wirth Music Building)
* Not just music, general

### SSMU Rep

Next legislative Council Meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023

* I will be presenting our faculty’s report
* Here is a link to my report: [Faculty of Education Report- Legislative Council Feb 9th](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ajbXscOLUE12aiVWX84HOxObjSCfDirHOOyA0jKsm-4/edit?usp=sharing)

Motion to discuss

* Motion regarding Student Support Fee Referendum Question[Faculty of Education Report- Legislative Council Feb 9th](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ajbXscOLUE12aiVWX84HOxObjSCfDirHOOyA0jKsm-4/edit?usp=sharing)
  + Student Support is seeking a renewal for its opt-outable levy fee for 11.03/semester in exchange for providing McGill students access to Mental Health, Academic, and Career support for a 5 year term
    - Examples: Calm (wellness and meditation platform), Grammarly (writing assistant platform), Udemy (online learning and teaching marketplace providing access to over 17, 000 courses)
  + The question would be included in the Winter 2023 Referendum period by Elections SSMU and sent to the Membership for approval. If the question is approved by the Membership, the fee will be into effect as of the semester of Fall 2023
  + Motion: Passed (unanimous)
* Motion Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Internal Regulations of Student Groups
  + Aims to improve support for student groups by amending the IRs to reflect current best practices
  + If approved, the Office of the Vice-President (Student Life) will inform and circulate the most updated version of the Internal Regulations of Student Groups to the student groups at SSMU
  + The Internal Regulations (IRs) of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU) are reviewed regularly to ensure that they meet students’ needs, align with the Society’s mission, and conform to current best practices
  + Motion: Passed (2 abstains)

### Senator

My Wellness

* During COVID, the Wellness Hub put a contract for a navigation tool for students.
* $160k contract to build a website for the next three years. <https://mywellness.checkcompass.ca/#/login>

Bill 96 Survey

* <https://blocksurvey.io/survey/1ExH9zfazt4W1J3X2Axuy2GLqc13GLRFFT/57a6cb6a-dabb-4566-aecd-1dc50b98078e>

### Speaker

Feedback

* Really great feedback on all the events we’ve been holding.
* I’ve even seen people outside of council post some of the things we’ve given away (wellness bags, pancakes) on their own personal instagrams.
* Would be great if we can continue at this rate throughout the end of the semester!

Meeting Etiquette

* Quick reminder on meeting etiquette: for the sake of meeting concision and productivity, please remember the etiquette in place for meetings. Please try to keep side conversations to an absolute minimum, and participate in group conversation when appropriate. If you feel a discussion or response to a topic does not require the whole group's attention and can be discussed later on/in private, please do so. We love our meetings but let's try to keep them under 2 hours! (Your speakers do not want to play bad cop but we will if necessary, it's called tough love).

Valedictorian

* New reminder for Valedictorian applications on social media! We have few applications. Possibly Instagram Q&A?
* February 17 @ midnight

## Closing

#### New Business

None.

#### Next General Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023 at 6:00 pm (Conference Room 233)

#### Adjournment

neShawn and Megan