



Education Undergraduate Society of McGill University
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EdUS General Council Meeting

February @ 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Attendance

Attendees	Jules Nam, Jaydee Neumann, Humaira Abedin, Danielle Foster, Siân Morris, Elliott Corriveau, Jennifer Chong, Lorna Sheridan, Charlotte Collett, Maria Trica-Mavrodin, Naomi Hanna, Nattamon Tokaeo, Maya Tick, Laura Di Paola, Cole Gowdy, Helena Silen, Serena Sethi, Alexia Levac, Evelyn Nguyen, Tommy Schnarr, Benjamin Hamilton, Jeremy Francey, Natalia Absar
Late Attendees	Geoffrey Nelson (Sorry).
Regrets	Dylan Beauchamp, Grace Howard, Lexie Pasquariello, Annika Belair
Absent without Regrets	

Adoption of the Agenda:

Tommy and Kelly

Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting:

Maya and Siân

Executive Reports

President

SPEAQ Sponsorship

- Thank you for the \$1500 sponsorship! We came in very under budget at \$120!

Winter Retreat Day

- Retreat Day was so fun! Thank you for coming! And I hope you learned a lot about collaboration and team building.



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Winter 2025 Election Dates

- Voting this Friday! Council members may **not** post anything like “Vote for X!” as it will lead to the candidate’s disqualification.

Faculty Council

- Cole! 😊

VP Academic

Meetings

- APC — Upcoming Feb 12th
- MART — Winter dates not established

ISA and Student Concerns

- Meeting with Annie on February 12th to discuss next steps

EduBuddies

- 100% Bagels: An EduBuddies Study Event
 - Date TBD, likely Thursday, February 27 in the afternoon

Redesigning VP Academic Portfolio

- Will be consulting with incoming VP Academics once elected to ensure that priorities regarding the portfolio are aligned + to ensure smooth transition of new portfolio items
- Thoughts on the undergraduate research journal?
 - This would need a committee to be successful, please let us know if you’re interested in joining or see yourself joining the committee if this were to be a part of next year’s portfolio
 - Should members of this committee only consist of elected members of EdUS, MEDUSA, and SAPEK? Or should it be opened to the broader education undergraduate student body based on applications (recent grads? Certificate students? Minor in education, anyone who is interested?), some other recruitment/selection process?
 - Perhaps opening the idea of what is put into this journal not just research ideas. Research ideas could limit the engagement and positions, which could become competitive which is not what we want.
 - Will be a place to put out research but not a formal journal for this. More academic work (reviews, reflections, assignments) but also informal work.



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- Maybe changing the name to define it in a better way.
- SSMU does have a journal and are wanting Education students involved.
 - But we would like our own faculty journal.

VP Communications

VP External

CAREER FAIR

- Happened today, and it was a success-all exhibitors had positive things to say! Yay
- Boundless and Monarque tutoring dropped last minute but other than that everyone came
- Thanks to all of our lovely volunteers, we appreciate you! <3
- Please share with your cohorts Feedback form that will be posted tomorrow on @Mcgilleducationisa
 - Repls send to your cohorts to enter Raffle.
- Professional Photos - google drive - QR code on social medias and website

SOCK DRIVE

- soooo many donations
 - BIG SHOUT OUT TO LEXIE FOR ALLLLL THE SOCKS
- will donate at the end of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Potential collab with FYRE Grilled Cheese Fest for mid-end of February
 - FOR CHARITY COMMITTEE if you could please vote on our next place of proceeds :)
(only takes 3 seconds)
- Link: <https://forms.gle/bCNs2qnxBp3LCAWm9>

(Always posted on the facebook group)

VP Finance

1. Donation from External Events revenues



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- Leucan- The Association for children with cancer (\$134)
- The Native Women's Shelter of Montreal (\$114)
- In the future, if anyone wants to donate under the EdUS name, please let me know, and I will make the donation for you. If you choose to donate on your own using the revenue from your events, please download the tax receipt and send it to me for reimbursement.

2. SaleTaxes Registration Update:

- I spent 2 weeks asking our neighbors about their sales taxes status and all of them have registered for sales taxes. It looks like EdUS would need to register for sales tax for Detention Den and internal events like Frosh and Grad Ball.
- To ensure that we truly need to register for sales tax, we would need to consult with an auditing firm for professional advice and start the registration process if necessary. However, as I mentioned in our last a meeting, there's a chance this process won't be completed during my tenure, which raises concerns about starting it this year and not finishing it. **We need to decide whether to begin this year or wait until the next VP Finance takes over (risks of penalties).**
- Proposed solution: If the newly elected president and/or an interim VP Finance are willing to assume their roles immediately after the election results are announced, I'll be happy to begin the registration this year. I will include them in all relevant communication emails so that they are well-informed about the process and can continue after the year-end.
- Btw, are we going to have an interim VP Finance during the summer for Frosh if there is actually no one running for the position?
- Please discuss this in today's meeting and let me know what we want to do, sorry I have to work tonight:(

3. Frosh Splitwise: still waiting for payments from collaborated events.

4. McGill has not deposited our funds into our account for the winter 2025 semester, and it has been one month since they uploaded the receipt on Minerva

5. for Danielle and me. Does anyone know who I should contact to get the fund?

Please let me know:)

- Who gave you the receipt? They uploaded it on Minerva**
- admin.odpsll@mcgill.ca**

- At this point it is looking like the president will need to adopt this position. If it becomes a lot for the president then they can have their work dispersed through the exec position for help.
- Possibility of a By-election for VP Finance,(motion being written NOW)
- Possibility of it not being an election but an application.



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- Cole feels comfortable starting the taxes now
- Ok when/if he gets elected I'll bring him to bargain with me with the auditing firm

VP Internal

Frosh

- We're getting PAID (hopefully)
 - Must pay compound 10% a week interest... funny how these faculties signed on it yet won't pay for it now that they're late after ample warning.
 - Not going well, turning into a 2 day frosh...
 - Still being discussed about weekend or night events... also during school.
 - Reminder: they have other issues higher on their list, also only for 1 year.
 - Fire J'Ogo

Detention Den

- Great turnouts lately.
- Please watch for coats / jackets / office access: ONLY SERVER TRAINED DD VOLUNTEERS can be inside the office during permit hours. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- Next theme: LOVE DEN

APARTMENT CRAWL

- Funds will go to Gradball
- St Paddy's Day the Saturday before

Grad Ball

- Date : April 25th!
 - Form to join the committee: <https://forms.gle/1qi88bRJnxU4EssT9>
 - Hi! We are so happy to hear that you are interested in the Gradball Committee position.
 - Grad ball will happen on APRIL 25 2025.
 - **Composition of the Committee:**
 1. Clare Baillie and Kelly Eden, your EdUS Co-VP Internal as Event Chairs;
 2. **7 additional members, including:** 3 SAPEK members, 1 MEdUSA member (if MEdUSA does not join, this spot will be filled by an EdUS member.), 3 EdUS members
- *Priority will be given to elected members of each council for the 2024-2025 mandate.*

The committee will be comprised of a majority of non-graduating members (i.e. at least four non-graduating members, if numbers warrant.)



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FORM CLOSES on FEBRUARY 14th.

Please email internal.edus@mail.mcgill.ca with any suggestions, concerns, or questions regarding Grad Ball 2025 and the composition of the committee.

Executive Administrator

Office hours:

- 13 Members going on FE 4
- Members who have not signed up for office hours, I will be reaching out again.
- We really need those of you who aren't going on stage to look at your schedule and fill in for the times where no one will be able to be there.
 - Thank you in advance!
 - Move days around to take more time
- I have noticed many of you are not doing any office duties during your time. If you need a refresher of what those duties are let me know and I will go over them with you.

Also, cross your fingers for me that I get my stage placement soon!!!

VP Student Wellness

Wellness Week

- Went well, a lot of participation
- Lion Dance (with equity!!) was great- suggest maintaining this in future years
- More yoga, very popular and requests for more classes.
- Feedback form sent out
 - Top feedback: "more people", "more advertisement"
 - Reps, please keep sending this to your cohort, it would be great to get a representative number of responses.
 - Will send this to next Wellness Execs for the 2024/2025 academic year

Can pilot project

- \$20.70 - In the future please don't squish cans:)

Epi-pen Training

- MISA x EdUS x MSERT
- Date: March 11 or 13 → 5-7pm tentative (waiting on MSERT confirmation)
- Registration type: TBD

Avery will be on FE4 soon (eek), Maria will primarily lead events during the week.



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General Reports

Equity Commissioner(s)

Equity Trainings

- If you were not present for either equity training, please send us a message so we can arrange another one for you

Lion Dance

- Thank you Wellness for the collab! And thank you Finance for allowing us to splurge on this event.
- Had really good feedback. Perhaps can be revisited in EdUS continues to be financially comfortable.
- @ EVERYONE - Please feel free to reach out to us if you would like to collaborate on events or want advice on implementing culturally diverse practices.

Mentees

- Welcome Dhara and Geoffrey! Onboarding meeting this weekend.
- Until then - please advocate for equity and equity initiatives on all committees!
(Valedictorian especially, because Serena and I are not on this comm.)

Constitution

- To be edited and updated ASAP!
- We edited the By-Laws last semester.

U0 Rep

- **FYRE:**
 - We did a giveaway for a sweater that went well...alright.
 - Improvements for the future:



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- More table time.
- Go right in the front lobby.
- Better signage.
- We are doing a grilled cheese event!!!
 - Feb 19, 2025 11:00 AM EST
 - We are still deciding where the proceeds will go.
 - Maybe equity has some ideas.
- Ideas for the future:
 - Possible: Donuts/ snack and chat.
 - Maple syrup on a stick thing.
- **U0 Rep:**
 - Wrote emails for open council positions.
 - Working on cumulating all of the position related documents for the person next year :).
- **General Concerns:**
 - Do we have a VP finance?
 - If no, what are we gonna do?
 - Updating by-laws and constitution.
 - Maybe should be done...

U1 EGC Rep

- Nothing to report

U1 K/Elem Rep

- I did a merch giveaway for my cohort.
- We had a second FYRE meeting (I forgot to mention the first FYRE meeting last meeting). It went well, and we are planning to do an event soon (grilled cheese).
 - We did a merch giveaway on January 27th.

U1 Secondary Rep

- We had a merch giveaway and not many people came for FYRE
- We are planning on a grilled cheese sale and to maybe collab with external to then donate the earnings
- Also we are looking at doing a sugar shack outing with wellness



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- I am captaining a Motionball team for education and we still have space for 2 people to join the team but if there are more people who are interested we can see about possibly making a second team!
 - Thoughts on possibly having EdUS making a donation?

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**
 - The hot chocolate and cookies event went well (like 5 people came)

U3 Secondary Rep

Merch Giveaway:

- Selected a winner and she came to pick up the merch!

U3 K/Elem Collab:

- Successful collab event
- Gave out the hot chocolate and cookies
- Ok turnout

Valedictorian Committee:

- Interviews are underway
- Started yesterday and should be done by the end of the week
- Setting up a meeting with committee members for final deliberation



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U4 K/Elem Rep

- Nothing to report!

U4 Secondary Rep

TESL Rep U1 & U2

TESL Rep U3 & U4

- Made plans (for food) with prof for last day of class 🍕🍷
- Speaq giveaway

SAPEK Rep

- 2 upcoming events!!!
- SAPEK Valentine's day
- SAPEK X McGill Athletics Hockey Game
 - Comms please post:))

MEdUSA Rep

- Nothing to Report

SSMU Rep

We have our next EdUS report for SSMU at the next council meeting (Feb 13th)

- Execs, please let me know what we should be updating them on!!
 - This includes general complete/incompleted transactions (specifically regarding other faculties ie frosh), upcoming events, elections, etc.
 - You can tell me now or after the meeting or email it to me!!
(mayatick@gmail.com)
- It is due Feb 9th, so please let me know before then. Thanks besties!!!
- It has been brought to my attention that certain faculties have yet to pay back Education for their share of certain frosh expenditures (as well as the compounded interest, as signed on a MoA/MoU by the Frosh IOC 2024 committee.)



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Nothing of note to report from the January 30th LC meeting.

Senator

- Faculty Council- Jan 29th
 - Budget difficulties
 - 2 emergency hires
 - Enrolment is struggling
 - Targeting internationalization at undergrad and masters level
 - B.Ed. is struggling, BA and PE specifically are somewhat masking the issue
 - Still working on strategic plan, poster policy advisory group
 - Overall- somewhat dull meeting

- Upcoming Senate- Feb 12th
 - One question submitted on AI policy and usage
 - Sooooo many reports
 - Apc, edic, SLL, new committee on campus expression, committee on student services
 - Will be read over the next week
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qJUeP4S04E45qDcpi1DL15PT_YRknTId/view

- First Year Support Meetings
 - Planning meetings with Associate Director of Residence Life, Senior Advisor of Residence Life
 - Larger meeting with admin (DPSLL & DoS) happening next tuesday
 - Meeting with director of suicide prevention sometime this month
 - Ideas, concerns, questions are very very welcome

- Valedictorian Selection Committee
 - Initial deliberations completed
 - 3 faculty volunteers involved
 - DONT ASK COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABOUT THINGS PLEASE AND THANK YOU
 - Email me with qs!

- Looking Forward
 - The EdUS Constitution is a bit of a mess
 - Fun issues: many reps not recorded/official, Senator can never be removed, BA students don't have to pay fees



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- Once elections are over, I'd like to look into review of constitution and by-laws
- I'd like to meet with execs to learn more about each portfolio
 - Prob in march or april
- Also meeting with sus prez and aus prez sometime soon

Speaker

- Nothing to report

Closing

New Business

- **Motion for By-Election for VP Finance**
- Office Hours
 - Comms please make directions/office hours schedule/what office hours are for to post/put somewhere

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, February 19 @6pm

Adjournment

Sian and Kelly