



## Medical Students' Society of McGill University

L'Association Étudiante de Médecine de l'Université McGill

### First GC Meeting Minutes September 17, 2019

**Present:** Rami, Yseult, Michelle, Sophie, Victor, Blaise, Samuel, Sarah, Julia, Kelan, Rosmarie, Adam, Anna, Andrew, Élise, Jack Marianne, André, Denis, Vincent, Julie-Anne, Benson, Ryan, Corinne, Calia, Noémie, Léanne, Jesse, Kimberly, Karmin

**Regrets:** Rose, Carlos, Sabrina, Gabriel, Neyla

**Chair of the meeting:** Rami

TOPIC	SPEAKER	TIME REQUIRED	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTIONS TO TAKE	BY	TIMELINE
Call to order	Rami		Opening of the meeting			
Land Acknowledgment	Rami	1 min	McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXCMDTcFB1c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXCMDTcFB1c</a>			
Approval of the agenda.	Rami		Approval or modifications to the agenda.	Items added to the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• CSTAR</li> </ul>		
Introductions	Rami	10 mins				
General council introduction	Rami	5 mins	Set expectations. Clarify any questions about internal regulations pertaining to GC (ie modifications to Robert's rules)			
Class Updates		8 mins	<b>Med-1:</b> Mixed feelings about block A, but generally excited to start <b>Med-2:</b> Have experienced many technology problems regarding the new lecture recording system. Aside with that meetings with various administrative committees have gone well and new TCP changes are coming starting for class 2022			

			<p><b>Med-3:</b> Everything is going well. Internal and surgical rotations of TCP are the most difficult, but an update to come. Met with Clerkship committee and there is nothing remarkable to report.</p> <p><b>Med-4:</b> The two courses are going well and there are many social events to be planned - grad ball, post-match party and ski trip</p>			
Exec and Officer updates		1.5 mins/person	<p><b>SSMU Rep:</b> FMEQ meeting in Laval is coming up. Guide to residency was just published with mean salary and mean days of salary</p> <p><b>GAAC:</b> Environmental strike is set and wishes to organize a group of the MSS to write cards and make signs. Press release will come up in the meeting later. Federal election campaign is coming up. Wants to make a weekly press review.</p> <p><b>IT Officer:</b> Website is now updated and the SSL has been activated so the website is secure. Also has worked on elections and voting (on the agenda).</p> <p><b>Student Space Officer:</b> currently waiting for an ID scanner on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor and coffee. New wellness room is set up and working well.</p> <p><b>Medicine Senator:</b> Available for questions regarding SSMU and other committees.</p> <p><b>Gatineau Rep:</b> The new campus is a lot of work. Rose has been reoriented to student leadership, TCP and clerkship committee. Major issue is lack of WiFi in hospitals, which is an accreditation requirement. Other issues include difficulties with student feedback and communication</p> <p><b>VP Academics:</b> Currently in recruitment. First meeting is October 1. Priorities are curriculum mapping and IT aspects – looking for input. Working on student perspectives, mistreatment, new guidelines for elective selection and better feedback from faculty.</p> <p><b>VP Global Health:</b> Blood drive was a success, even though it was just the truck it met the same quota. Upcoming projects – working on climate change, health and sustainability, recruitment of local officers and interfaculty programs.</p> <p><b>VP Wellness:</b> Currently recruiting for standing committee. Meetings with the well office to work on advocacy projects and curriculum reform among others. Goal is to try and make lectures more relatable to the needs of the students. A podcast for students is being created by the well office and peer support groups.</p> <p><b>VP Corp:</b> Currently renewing contracts with sponsors, which is unremarkable aside from the specific sponsor on the agenda. Aside, elections went well and the referendum passed for the climate strike.</p> <p><b>VP Social:</b> Frosh went really well. Currently planning the Halloween party with Law on Oct 26. First Chez Mer is October 10 with the Wellness open house. Aim to centralize med games recruitment with the help of Jack. Internals is set to be February 15.</p> <p><b>VP Finance:</b> Main focus is budget and audits. No current investments in MD financial.</p> <p><b>VP External Canada:</b> Upcoming trip to Saint John's New Brunswick for the annual meeting and two travel awards were given. The first year meeting has gone well.</p>			

			<p>VP Quebec.</p> <p><b>VP Internal:</b> Finished recruitment, but will likely extend it because of remaining open spaces</p> <p><b>MSS President:</b> Currently setting up for new strategic plan, current ends in 2020. Working on new Gatineau campus and integrating it – looking for more qualitative data.</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Directory has been set up and everyone should have access to the drive now.</p>			
IT Committee	Jack	5 mins	<p><b>IT Committee:</b> existed years ago and has become relevant again because there are changes which have increased the work load.</p>	Create terms of reference for the IT committee to be a standing committee	Jack	Next GC
Costco cards & Interac mobile card reader	Léanne Michelle and Sophie	10 mins	<p><b>Costco Cards</b> – proposal to allocated 250\$ per class council to buy Costco cards. Some class council already have access to Costco cards and so it was suggested to allocated 250\$ to the budget and the purchasing can be at the discretion of the class rep.</p> <p>VP Socials would appreciate having a Costco Card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tabled to vote later but was never readdressed</li> </ul> <p><b>Interact Card for Chez Mers</b> there is an interact which is used for talent show and is available for Chez Mers. Money is sent to email like receiving an E Transfer</p>	Vote on buy Costco cards for VP Socials and Class Reps		
Approval of the budget	Victor	20 mins	<p><b>Audits</b> 60 000\$ will be received from the faculty if the audits are finished.</p> <p><b>Med Games Budget</b> was decreased and amalgamated with the Cheer Team budget. VP socials believed there would not be enough money for transportation and T-shirts.</p> <p><u>Cheer Team</u> Amendment from last year is that the MDSA would provide ½ of the money and the MSS would provide ½ of money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further discussed later.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lawsuit Budget</b> proposed to put a small amount into an account each year in case of legal attack.</p> <p>It would be difficult to keep track of every year. There is 240 00\$ in investments. It would be relevant for the Board of Governors to be protected by director’s liability insurance.</p> <p>A summary of our current insurance for events is requested to be sent via slack</p> <p><b>Internos</b> the budget was decreased from last year. Members are worried it will not be sufficient to cover the costs as 13 000 was saved last year from the year before.</p> <p>- <b>Amendment</b> Proposed to increase budget to the same as the budget of last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vote: 14 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 9 ABSTAIN – <b>Passes</b></li> </ul> <p><b>CSTAR:</b> in the previous year they had been given a MAP grant but not all the money had been awarded because the council was in financial difficulty.</p> <p><u>Requested</u> 2600\$</p>	<p>(1) Directors Liability Insurance</p> <p>(2) Summary of current event insurance on slack</p>	<p>(1) Board of Governors</p> <p>(2) Rami</p>	ASAP

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Amendment</b> amend budget from 2600\$ to 1200\$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Vote: 6 FOR, 10 AGAINST, 9 ABSTAIN – <b>Does not pass</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Amendment</b> amend budget from 2600\$ to 2100\$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Vote: 17 FOR, 6 AGAINST, 3 ABSTAIN – <b>Passes</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Cheer Team	Leanne	5 mins	<p>Amount previously allocated in the budget is unfair to the MSS because the majority of the members participating are Med/Dent Ps rather than MSS members. Therefore, it was changed last year such that the MDSA would pay half of the budget. <b>Current Discussion</b> change MSS funding of Cheer Team to the club formula – funding = [total funding for returning clubs] / [total event-attendances of all clubs] ) x [event-attendances of club A].</p> <p><u>Main Argument</u> it is unfair to pay from pocket, wanted to get new uniforms, it is a dangerous sport and removing funding puts safety into risk and it is an important part of the Med Games Culture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Amendment</b> amend the cheer team budget to the formula used for club funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Vote: 18 FOR, 6 AGAINST, 4 ABSTAIN – <b>Passes</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Approval of a budget for a Wine and Cheese event	Sophie and Michelle	6 mins	<p>Desire to use money saved from Frosh and money made at Halloween party to fund Wine and Cheese (5000\$) and the remaining would be paid by the tickets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amendment to only profit from Halloween party because the money saved from frosh was already incorporated into the budget</li> <li>- Motion Tabled to next GC – Passed Nemocontra</li> </ul>	TABLED – Bring up at next meeting	Sophie and Michelle	Next GC
[Sponsorships] National Bank dilemma	Yseult	8 mins	<p><b>National Bank</b> usually gives 8500\$ for 2 conferences, murmur and facebook post. New rep says he cannot justify it for the bank and has refused all offers. Current offer is 5000\$ for 3 conferences and murmur (much lower offer than other sponsors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggestions: refuse but direct them to other groups like the class council and cstar to avoid loosing the money without jeporadizing other sponsors.</li> <li>- In the future have new sponsors sign a confidentiality agreement.</li> </ul>			
ABCmedical 6 Stethoscopes	Samuel and Yseult)	8 mins	<p>Company has given 2 stethoscopes per year to the student association and MSS has received 6. Options – C star, prizes at GA, raffle them off to each class or sell them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Motion</b> give 1 to C star and the others to med 1</li> <li>- <b>Amendment</b> raffle the remaining 5 for the purposes of fundraising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Vote: 16 FOR, 7 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAIN – <b>Passes</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Amendment</b> give one to C star and deal with the others later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Vote: 10 FOR, 11 AGAINST, 3 ABSTAIN – <b>Does not pass</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Table Topic until May GC</b> passes nemo contra</p>	TABLED – Bring up at May GC	Samuel and Yseult	May GC

Allowing access to Slack by old GC members?	Rami	8 mins	Should old council members have access to slack – confidentiality and cost. Costs 7\$ per person per year - <b>Motion</b> to remove old members from slack: <b>passes nemo contra</b>	Remove old members from slack	Rami	
MSS press release about the Strike for the Environment.	Élise	5 mins	- <b>Motion</b> to vote on press release - <b>Amendment</b> put it on slack, 5 days to review and e vote 3 days later – <b>passes nemo contra</b> Found here: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_cIHct8sspdM3qdhp3TxAY1rZPBd2-k3KT9kpsKYHnw/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_cIHct8sspdM3qdhp3TxAY1rZPBd2-k3KT9kpsKYHnw/edit</a>	Put Press Release on Slack and Evote	Elise (put press release) Anna and Rami (E Vote)	September 27
Fall retreat	Rami	10 mins	Fall retreat is October 5 <sup>th</sup> . Goal is to move forward points of the year. All execs and officers must come. Class Reps are recommended to come in addition to to any member of the GC – just let VP socials know who is coming. Create an agenda and each EC must create a workshop	Create an agenda and EC organize workshops		
Post Elections Recap	Rami	10 mins	Brainstorm to avoid the same problem with the previous election and look into better ways to ensure it doesn't happen again - <b>Motion</b> to mandate GAAC to organize education, advertisement and support to students to – <b>passes nemocontra</b>	Think of ways to improve election and how to prevent many votes being throw out due to improper voting	GAAC	Before next election
Media Responsibilities for the social reps	Sarah	8 mins	- <b>Motion</b> Suggesting to add responsibility to Social Reps of Classes because help is needed with mediatic advertising of activities. - <b>Amendment</b> creation of a standing committee – terms of reference would need to be brought forward and voted on via e vote – <b>passes nemo contra</b> - Other suggestions – include the social reps, restructure, obtain pics from clubs and create more awareness	Create terms of reference for social media standing committee	Sarah	

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. Next Meeting: Oct 15, 2019