# EdUS General Council Meeting

[Wednesday, November 16th, 2022]

## Call to Order

#### Attendance

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

#### Adoption of the Agenda:

Bailey Roy, Katy Berenbaum

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

Nattamon Takeo, Gabi Spangenberg

## Executive Reports

\*Vote-in Gia Neumann as U1 Secondary Rep

* Passed, elected

### President

Mid-Year Reports/Check-Ins

* I would like all execs to complete their mid year report over the break, uploaded to the drive before the end of the calendar year. If you think you need more time for this, please let me know.
* I also plan on scheduling meetings with execs to discuss the upcoming semester and check in on their portfolios. If any reps would like to have a meeting as well please message me!

Winter Elections

* Will set the dates by the next meeting.
* Execs/Reps start scouting for your position, ask your peers and first/second year students if they would be interested in joining the council (many of us are graduating this year).
* I met with the VP Comms, they will be creating a schedule for IG takeovers in the first few weeks of the winter semester to inform students about the roles of each position.

MOA & Deputy Provost’s Office

* Natalie Phillips-Elgar is replacing Jonathan Nordland, she will be point of contact for future audits and the MOA.
* I reached out yesterday to inquire about our MOA that expired in 2021.
* <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TiMtkzHruXV2DAkp5m_eMR3UYQYzXl5i/view?usp=sharing> → current/expired MOA
* Is there anything you would like added to the agreement that I can tell the Deputy Provost’s office?
  + Storage room concern: is it a shared space with the building? Lili will email the building director to work it out
  + Payroll for execs on student council: Tianna will look into it in relation with other faculties

SSMU President Meeting

* Met with Risann to discuss the Interfaculty policy that will address student society relations with the SSMU and other faculties.
  + I shared that EdUS would like support in creating grants for students, a project that Anna and I are currently trying to work on.
* I shared that the big faculties don’t turn to EdUS for collaborations, we stick with the small faculties like MAC, Art-Sci, Music, PTOT.
* I also asked that in future if the SSMU wants our support on projects we need to know more than a week in advance. Specifically for tonight there is a Town Hall on Accessible Education that will feature a discussion on paid internships. They asked EdUS to co-host last week. We could have offered more support if they had reached out to us sooner.

World Cup Bracket Challenge

* <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=cZYxzedSaEqvqfz4-J8J6jIWm4XKzFxJhKIjNRn3E5NUQzkyVDRTNUtFMUo5NUwxRFRGTVpOS0g5Si4u&web=1&wdLOR=cB7AE5285-2680-9B4E-89CB-AA5E1C876461>
* Received an email from the faculty asking if anyone wanted to join the bracket challenge! Information is found on the link, if you register, list yourself as being a member of the EdUS.
* The Dean’s assistant also asked if we would like to collaborate on a bake sale with the faculty? Can I refer her to VP Externals?
  + Collaboration with December pancake breakfast (all proceeds will be going to “Centraide”)

Council Shirt Design

* So the VP Comms can move forward with the order please vote on your favourite logo for the back of a long sleeve shirt: <https://forms.gle/83D2hXrok3YJmyJU7>

IG Takeovers with the Faculty

* Andee Schuster reached out asking if any execs would like to do a takeover for the McGill Education IG. Any volunteers?
  + Kelly Eden
  + Helena Silen
  + Clare Baillie

### VP External

Movember

* Movember x DD
  + Less turnout than expected but oh well
  + Raised 144$ in cash, 73 with e-transfers = $272!!
* Movember challenges
  + Thanks to all the beauties who are walking and tracking their km’s lurv u
  + Shoutout Kelly for being our top donation collector on behalf of Team Edu!
  + Shoutout to all the handsome mo growers!
* Movember pancake breakfast
  + TOMORROW
  + Who’s available to help? Between 10-3

December

* Pancake breakfast December 1st - charity?? - centraide
* @Wellness - Movie Night early december?
* Jess and I to start working with career advisor Lara Franko for Career Fair <3

Side note

* Potential PedTalk? Or an info session?

### VP Finance

New payment method/website

* Looking into Squarespace (different from Square readers) and possibly moving away from Wix and Stripe
* Would theoretically have somebody redo our whole website over winter break (already have somebody who is willing to do it)

Retreat

* Starting to think about a council retreat (unfortunately, I did not plan in advance enough for a fall 2022 retreat, also because we did not have a full council until now)
  + Would be late January/early Feb
* Will ask for committee members at the next meeting but if you know that you are already interested please let me know!
  + Responsibilities would entail: lots of logistical work! Planning and more planning
  + Isabella, Lexie, Julia Nam, Kelly, Lili, Megan, Nattamon, Danielle, Jessica O’Go
* IDEAS:
  + Day retreat? Night retreat? Weekend? Outing?

Academic bursaries

* Looking to create a framework for FE3 and possibly an FE4 bursary
* FE3 is long, unpaid for, and although we are told we can sub, that process varies and can be long for certain students and school boards
* Am at the SSMU meeting with Justin right now so more information will come next meeting!

Website

* @Comms Can we remove the audits on the finance tab? I will be sending a budget spreadsheet and breakdown for the Comms to post
  + <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10noxBBb9orAdLaoqkVvojA2563nUvDQxEGfYLaBOsWk/edit?usp=sharing> (it’s a work in progress)
  + Just posting very approximated budgets for each month, which will be updated at the end of every month :)
* Post minutes on the website?

Academics

* Have we ever thought about doing NTCs?
  + Ie. note takers club, I know several science associations that do it! (on SUS website as well)
  + I talked to the past president of BUGS who did this and have more information/details if we’re interested!
* I know Justin brought up a large compiled academic course guide that is inter-faculty
  + Would it be useful to have an education course guide? (not sure what type of content might go on there but just an idea for now)

Events and Merch

* For anybody doing events and requiring the cash box, PLEASE take note of the float beforehand! Write it down on a sticky note or paper with the amount in the cash box and the DATE! When the event is over, please total up the event and write it down on the same piece of paper!
  + I will not be at every single event that needs the cash box so I need your help!
  + This is so I can verify our income at each event (e.g. DD, fundraisers, etc.)
* If people are sending e-transfers for merch please ask them to write in the note section of the e-transfer what they got!
  + I don’t need the specifics like size or colour I just need to know what item they purchased (e.g. crewneck, hoodie, tote bag, etc.)

Safe and cash box

* Looking to either order a new safe or fix the one we have right now
* Might get new cash boxes too cause ours are broken at the moment

### VP Internal

Detention Den

* Movember DD was a success!
* Sex & Self DD with giveaway next week!
  + **PLEASE** share with your cohorts @Reps
  + Concerns about ‘drinking culture’: there aren’t any drinks that are non-alcoholic for people who don’t drink
  + Tianna will be bringing some other drink options (juice, soda, etc.) by car to this one
* Bailey has a TV to donate
  + Looking to get a mobile TV stand to be able to roll in and out of the den
* Need to apply for next semester’s permit, do we have insurance?
  + @Anna is waiting to hear back

Holiday Party

* December 12 at McKibbins
* $25 per person, open bar!

Grad Ball

* We have a list of potential venues we’re going to start reaching out to, if you know of any to add please do: [Venues brainstorm](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k6KTonXxFOC67lHWs6y_-4Q2WLKaVUiGrhEFnqbYSJw/edit?usp=sharing) (follow the format that we use please)

Winter event

* We will be having an event in February before stage starts, more details to come

FYRE

* Group made, will have our first meeting soon
* They’re going to be on Mondays

Science Games

* Kin/Mac team: counts for Edu.
* January 10-14th, tickets are $120 per person
* We’re trying to recruit!

FAC-O

* Shawn and I probably won’t be doing it so we’re looking for captains, please DM if interested
* Monday-Friday (in previous years) during March

### VP Student Wellness

November

* Support group for FE1 students with VP Academics →
  + Not so good turnout.
  + Had 8 people come Friday and 0 Sunday
* Apple cider
  + Rescheduling to next week because Jessica’s still in New Brunswick (I'm so sorry guys, i’ll be back next week I promise)
* Wellness packages
  + We are going to combine the November and December wellness package so that they can have more things/ better products
  + Any recommendations for what to have in them is greatly appreciated

December

* Movie night
  + December 2nd, collaboration with VP Externals to raise money for Movember. We will be playing Daddy daycare.
  + Thinking of selling snacks/popcorn, all proceeds from snacks will go to externals for Movember.
* Therapy dogs
  + Request made for getting therapy dogs again for finals, would probably be Monday, December 5th (Monday for FE3 since we did a Friday last time)

Sustainability Committee

* Facebook group made, going to make a when to meet for a meeting
* Sustainable Events certification (how to make your events more sustainable)
  + file:///C:/Users/Lili/Downloads/Information-Sheet-to-Student-Societies.pdf

### VP Academic

First two PedTalk Events

* Mr. Jason Lister
  + The event had a good number of participants (12 excluding the speaker and us)
  + Lasted about an hour, Mr. Lister’s experience and advice were very insightful and he answered a lot of students’ questions
  + Will have to confer with CCR individual from MyInvolvement
* Dr. Emmanuel Tabi
  + The event had 9 participants, a bit less than expected, and we are hoping to get a bit more people at our next event through more marketing
* Our next PedTalk event
  + Is expected to take place on the evening of December 2nd from 5PM to 8PM (inclusively) in the Education lobby with Mr. Terry Price.
  + It will be under a “PedFair” format. Details to come…
    - Question: Do we have money to spend on snacks and juice for the event?
    - Question: What is the MEdUSA VP External email address so Justin can contact them? → Raphael’s email is in the contact Excel sheet

EduBuddies First Event!

* EduBuddies Scunt will happen on the last weekend of November! (Nov 26th-27th)
* Main location will be the Old Port, but there will be accommodations (aka Scunt items) for those who cannot make it
* Weekend long event , no specific time

Meeting with BA Representative

* It was a fruitful and insightful conversation with Helena
* Course of action:
  + We will bring up the key concerns from Helena to UTEPC and seek out the name and contact of the individuals who are best suited to assist.
  + Helena will tag along with this process with the coordinator/person responsible.

FE1 Peer Support Session

* We hosted the Zoom session on Sunday from 11 AM to 3 PM
* Nobody attended unfortunately

### VP Communications

Posts

* Weekly schedules are being posted on Monday so if you have anything to be included, message us please!
  + @reps please share this with your cohorts !!
  + New council members posts every Thursday

Merch

* New order has been made and should be arriving within the next few weeks…
  + If the delivery is not on a Monday, I’ll correspond with whoever has office hours

Council Merch

* Each member gets to order their own sweater (they pick colour)
* We’re thinking of ordering matching long sleeves for everyone to count as our universal item
* Please fill out the google form from Tianna’s report if you haven't yet!
* [Council Sweaters 22-23](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hw6VOli7fWJGfp-I-yU94ltEvsEKHQ3YRtFnrdPv4cY/edit?fbclid=IwAR34LbAfclXeB_wTsq3oc1iqF57JWDUWFVuF6M9GJj9m9OphSISamiAZV3A#gid=0) Please fill this out ASAP so we can complete our order 🙂There’s more colours available now so check it out!
  + If your name is highlighted I have a question for you

Website

* We know that we need to update the council page, we just have quite a bit going on now so we’ll get to it ASAP

Edu Parking lot

* Reached out to McGill parking and the building director and the parking lot is just about ready, they're just missing a few technological pieces and don't have an estimate for the delivery and instalment
* Daily parking passes will be an option
* Once I receive more information I’ll reach out to the reps to share info with your cohort!

### Executive Administrator

Attendance

* Trust system that you’re attending meetings
* If you’re not coming for a valid reason, please tell me and me only so I can keep track of attendance

Office Housekeeping

* Fridge: if you see something is missing, don’t hesitate to pick it up at the store yourself!
  + Just keep the receipt so you can send the bill to Anna
* Make sure you close, lock, and bar the window when you leave! People can hop over very easily

Website

* @Comms: Let’s get our meeting minutes up on the website because that’s information that the faculty should have access to!
* Feel free to download them as Word/pdfs to add to our page ^

Final Council Meeting

* Will not be having a meeting on December 14th because school will be over and exam season will have started
* Final for fall term → November 30th, 6:30pm at the Education Building (room 233)
  + ~~If we need to, we can decide together whether we would want a meeting on December 7th (in addition to November 30th)~~
  + Tianna meeting with execs individually, no need for additional meeting

Council Photos

* Handful of us have taken our photos before the meeting and they look great!
  + If you still have to take your photos today, please head to the learning commons after the meeting
* Will look into (maybe) doing a makeup day since there are a handful of people missing
  + Full council picture today!

## General Reports

### Equity Commissioner(s)

\*Many updates to the IRP - important for all council members to be aware of! Especially when referring people to the IRP Form

Current Holes in the IRP

* Liability concerns raised regarding allowing Complainants the right to anonymity
* Current policy does not fully align with Quebec law
* Anonymity can counteract the right to full defence
* Public case: legal action being taken against student groups
  + Third-party report where the Complainant and the individual in the incident were anonymous; no way to contact for additional information and to sanction for breaking confidentiality by bringing the case to the press
  + Respondent did not have right to full defence and was uninformed of what they were investigated for; was deemed “guilty”; sued student groups in response and won first leg

Future Changes

* We are working with other Faculty Equity Commissioners and SSMU to reform the IRP Policy
* Tentative result: IRP Complaint Form will change to break anonymity
  + Contact information, date and time of reported incident, the name of the event (if applicable), and other details will be required as per the new SSMU policy
  + This change will grant full defence to relevant parties (aligned with Quebec law)
* Definitely some negatives - we may not have students come forward to report incidents they are uncomfortable reporting
  + This is not our choice and we will respect the decision made democratically
  + This all is to be finalised in the IRP Governing Committee

Interim Solutions (requested by SSMU)

* Anonymous reports STILL being accepted in respect to current IRP Policy - adding that if Complainants would like to remain anonymous please still provide an email address Equity Commissioners can use to contact
* No IRP Committee member or relevant parties will have access
  + We are aware this is counterproductive to the notion of “remaining anonymous,” nothing we can do
  + Complainants can use spam emails without their names or information
  + Even with this embedded request, contact information is still optional so really students can still remain fully anonymous
  + Anonymous reports received will be assessed by us, if deemed necessary then sent to SSMU Anti-Violence Coordinators to handle

Other Updates

* No faculty-specific IRP Sanction List will be kept on our end, SSMU Anti-Violence Coordinators will handle it for liability
  + If a name is ever reported, we will ask execs to collect + send the list of attendees for each event to us, and we will coordinate with the AVCs internally
* Equity Commissioners will NEVER sign any form to provide support to any case, movement, etc. for legal reasons - requested by SSMU!
  + We will still sign nomination kits don’t worry lol
  + We will offer support in other ways, just not signatures!
* TRAININGS! We do not have everyone; please register it is mandatory
* <https://www.facebook.com/events/1190957921850275/?ti=ls>
  + Town hall for OSVRSE
  + <https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/83250138166?fbclid=IwAR1cHJgfBdBl9eWS6-SRftP3ZnMu7NLZ_X3QJgdPbdYvOga2w22v6vVxy98#success>

FEEDIC and DEDIC Updates

* FEEDIC
  + Discussed with Dean Rassier, will fund more Indigenous initiatives
  + Seems to be a lot of doubt in success in the meeting
  + Failed to find an Indigenous hire
* DEDIC
  + Town Hall happening in early January; EdUS may be asked to table
  + Mostly working with the Anti-Racism Committee, but will need help from other council members too!
  + Anti-Black Racism Committee discussing the increase in police funding in Montreal; maybe voicing / doing something to condemn or oppose this

### U1 K/Elem Rep

FE1

* Check-in with cohort: Stage is going well!

### U1 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position just filled today]*

### U1 Education in Global Contexts Rep

Meeting with VP Academics about the EGC Program

* Thank you! Feeling hear and excited for further action
* Planning on sending an update email to my cohort tomorrow

### U2 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U2 Secondary Rep

Student Question

* A student in U2 messaged me about the strike at UQAM for the students in the Faculty of Education.
  + The strike revolves around better internship conditions (schedule, distance, etc.)
* They wanted to discuss/show the importance of these strikers but did not know where to reach out.
  + Is there somewhere or someone I should refer her to?
    - SSMU, Town Hall happened this evening (updates will come)

### U3 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U3 Secondary Rep

Student Concerns:

* Lack of consistency of expectations from the different CT’s and supervisors on FE3
  + One student said their CT expects them to do everything and had their supervisor step in due to the borderline abusive behaviour from their CT.
  + Another said they have no guidelines on what to teach from their CT and have full control but no help on what to teach.
  + In regards to supervisors, one student came to me and told me their supervisor is expecting every single lesson they teach (non evaluative) to require a full McGill lesson plan, and will not accept anything less. Their supervisor is also not accommodating when they are extremely stressed and threatened to put them on a Competency Improvement Plan without consulting their CT.
* Who can they contact to report the behaviours?
  + Email ISA / ISA website to submit complaints
  + Proposal to make a FE3 committee to deal with complaints and discuss different ways to move forward with all feedback

### U4 K/Elem Rep

Holiday Giveaway:

* Collaboration with VP External for the next Pancake Breakfast (December 1st).
* Open to only B.Ed students (will check ID)
* Whoever purchases the pancake breakfast qualifies for the giveaway.
  + Participants will fill out a raffle ticket.
  + Winner will be contacted to pick up their prize at the office.
* Any ideas to add to the holiday basket, let me know!

Grad Merch

* Survey cohort (with Dominique) to see what graduates want as grad merch (anything they want to have the option of buying)
* Looking to send out a form in January (i.e. before FE4 starts)

### U4 Secondary Rep

Charcuterie and Chill

* Success!
  + Everyone came down for a snack (around 60 people) and there were only a bit of leftovers so that means everything we bought was worth it
* People are asking if it would be possible to do a Wine and Cheese!
  + I told them about the annual red/white party at the end of the semester as an alternative event
  + Would have to apply for a new permit to be able to drink “officially”, wouldn’t come in time
* Everyone was interested in having more bondings!

### TESL Rep U1 & U2

Nothing to report.

### TESL Rep U3 & U4

Nothing to report.

### SAPEK Rep

Therapy Dogs

* At the gym

### MEdUSA Rep

Nothing to report.

### SSMU Rep

I joined the Board of Directors at SSMU

* I got nominated to be part of a member of the Board of Directors by the legislative council
* My first Board of Directors Meeting will be on November 17, 2022
* I will be attending SSMU Board of Directors Training on November 18, 2022

Legislative Council Meeting on November 16th, 2022

* Motions
  + I voted in favour of the “Motion Regarding Nomination of Council Members to the Board of Directors”
  + I voted in favour to commit this motion to a committee for further review “Motion Regarding an Interim Provision to the Internal Regulations on Elections and Referenda”
* Emailed motions
  + I voted in favour of the “Motion regarding an interim provision to the internal regulations of elections and referenda” (Approved)

I met with the Governance Manager of SSMU, Micah Chernov regarding:

* SSMU Committees
* Media Waiver Form
* SSMU Training
* SSMU Reports and Motions-working on getting information before the voting time to present during EdUs Council meetings to get your opinions ahead of time
* Further information regarding my position as a member of the SSMU Board of Directors

SSMU Fall Referendum 2022-2023

* Has been sent out in everyone’s emails regarding the motions that I presented in the last council meeting
* The renewal of the feel of the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF)
* The renewal of the fee of the Daily Publications Society (DPS)
* I ask all reps to encourage their cohort to vote for the referendum through their McGill emails

The next Legislative Council Meeting date is December 1st, 2022

* Let me know if you have any questions to submit or if you have any announcements to make at Legislative Council

### Senator

Nothing to report.

### Speaker

Question

* Confirmation of EdUS meeting on Wednesday, December 14th?
  + Not happening
* When do we figure out the new meeting times for next term?
  + Lili will send out new links for meeting times and office hours closer to the end of December (after the final exams flux) so schedules will be ready to go by the time the winter semester starts!

## Closing

#### New Business

President

* It’s understandable that meetings are long, but just make sure to stay tuned throughout
* Especially for reps, it might be valuable to go through the minutes to make a compilation of information you should be passing on to your cohorts!

Exec Admin

* Since not everyone is here for the council photo, we’ll take one after the meeting, however, we’ll also revisit this next term to see if we can fill in some more people!

#### Next General Meeting

Wednesday, November 30th @ 6:30pm in the Room 233 (Education Building)

#### Adjournment

Tianna Kloepfer, Jessica O’Gorman