# EdUS General Council Meeting

[Wednesday, January 11th, 2022]

## Call to Order

#### Attendance

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

#### Adoption of the Agenda:

Bailey Roy, Justin Liao

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

Tianna Kloepfer, Jessica Talbot

## Executive Reports

### President

Welcome back to campus!

* I hope everyone had a restful break and are ready to get this next semester started!
* Since many of us are going on FE4, you may share the same push that I feel to try and get as much done before we leave in February.

Mandatory Meetings and Office Hours

* This is just a firm reminder that meetings are a mandatory commitment of being on council, as outlined in your contracts.
* We try our best to accommodate as many members as we can, Wednesday at 6pm is the date that the majority of the council can attend.
  + I trust that you are all doing everything in your power to be able to attend meetings on a biweekly basis. We do not meet as often as other councils, so our meetings are highly important when they happen.
  + I understand things come up, which is why it is also important to let Lili know when you will not be attending a meeting.
  + The same goes for office hours, again we understand things come up, but you should be finding someone to replace your office hours as soon as possible so that the office remains open.

Elections 2023-2024

* Who plans on running again for next semester?
* Hiring a new CRO, have received 2 applications so far.
* Nomination Period: January 16th - January 27th
* Campaign Period: January 28th - February 3rd
* Voting Period: February 4th - February 6th

**Extended** Nom Period: January 16th - February 3rd

**Extended** Campaign Period: February 4th - February 10th

**Extended** Voting Period: February 11th - February 13th

Faculty Council Meeting Update

* Associate Dean of Academic Programs reported that probationary licences are now being distributed to individuals out of Canada with teaching experience and degrees upon immigration due to the shortage of teachers. They must take 5 courses and pass an exam to then be able to teach in Canada.
* New models of academic delivery are being discussed, the idea of introducing a hybrid approach to classes. For education students, we reported that online learning would **NOT** be entirely beneficial for our courses as they rely on collaboration and discussion for learning. Idea that some classes could be allotted a % of hybrid classes. None of this has been decided on concretely.
* Progress is promising for the garage, still facing delays in the wiring
* June 2023 Schulich library will be opening, McLennan-Redpath will be closing. June-December 2023 materials will be moved into a collection preservation facility that is in Valleyfield, Quebec. In terms of accessing items in this time it will be predominantly through e-books, interlibrary loans, university will purchase the material, or access to the stacks of McGill faculty. The renovations will make the library brighter, add more plants, and will close the connection between McLennan and Redpath libraries. McLennan will be more accessible however with a new entrance being added right on Sherbrooke St. The print collection will be accessible from 2024-2027 through the preservation facility, you will have to request the book and it will be delivered to you (they did not go over this well in the meeting). The libraries will (hopefully?) reopen in 2028.
* <https://reimagined.library.mcgill.ca/>
  + Tianna will bring up in the next Faculty council about the possibility to restrict access into the Education Building to guarantee that our students receive priority in the new library space we have.

IG Takeover with the Faculty

* At one of the past meetings, I had some people volunteer to work with the faculty to create some social media posts (remind me who would be interested?). I met with Andee to further discuss what she is looking for, see [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13ZaP4F_IQDJxKqWLxtKCalgeN9_964ehnlf254af0KA/edit?usp=sharing).
* Looking for day in the life posts, tips and tricks of the building, what I wish I knew in my first year, best part of my stage.
* I proposed reel/TikTok style videos to post.

Valedictorian Committee

* We have been given the ‘GO’ from the Dean’s Office to begin the selection process for valedictorian.
* Who would like to run the committee? (Justin, Kelly, Jessica Talbot, Helena, Chloe, Gabi)
* Roles:
  + 1. Committee will meet to establish an ideal criterion for applicants and produce a google form to collect submissions.
    2. Set a date to collect all submissions, meet as a committee to decide who will be given an interview.
    3. Schedule interviews (Zoom will allow for the recording so any other committee members can watch on their own).
    4. Meet as a committee to select a valedictorian and alert me so I can forward the information to the Dean’s Office.

Hanging posters on the walls

* Please use sticky tack if you’re going to put up posters on painted walls.

Mental Health & Wellness Resources

* Received an email asking for an update to our mental health and wellness resource page on the EdUS website.
* Can VP Wellness work with VP Comms to ensure we have an easily accessible resource page?
* <https://www.drugwatch.com/health/mental-health/> I was sent the following link and asked to upload this.

Bursaries and Scholarships from Quebec

* There are lots of misconceptions about what scholarships Bachelor of Education students are eligible for.
* As of this school year, 2022-2023 the government is removing the FE4 internship bursary. As they are phasing this out, they have announced to all students that completed FE4 off-cycle in the fall that they can still receive the bursary, though they have to apply through the financial aid office at McGill.
* To restate, we are no longer eligible for the FE4 bursary for our upcoming internship, and those to follow in the years to come.
* However, we are all eligible now for the Bourse Perspective scholarship, found on <https://www.quebec.ca/education/aide-financiere-aux-etudes/bourses-perspective/faire-demande-bourse>
* The application will be posted **next Wednesday** and will be taking applications until **February 28** for the fall semester. This application will open again in the spring for students to apply for their winter semester.
* Lastly the Bourse Excellence is awarded automatically to Quebec students with a high GPA in their cohort, that is given automatically, no application necessary.
* **Despite the amount of time I have gone back and forth with ISA they continue to give unclear information. I will be meeting with Yasmine tomorrow to hopefully clear up these inconsistencies.**
* If you qualify for the Excellence bursary, you can’t apply to the Perspective bursary (still confirming) → need to differentiate between Excellence, Perspective, and IPSS (who qualifies, etc.)

EdUS Handbook/Course Guidebook

* Justin will take over the explanation.
  + The EdUS Handbook and the Course Guidebook will be two separate entities
  + Initiative is inspired by the SUS student handbook ^
  + Will be focusing on the Guidebook this semester: has the goal to enlighten students on what courses are available to them throughout their time here at McGill
    - Basic course descriptions (emphasis placed on student voice and feedback), available complementary/electives/subject area courses, specific pre-requisites for (ideally) Elementary and Secondary programs (includes the BA. Global Context)
    - Resources for student society, contact information, description of roles, etc.
    - Keep it as subjective/professional as possible (one file where anyone can find information for their options, course codes, etc.)
    - Thinking about how we will be distributing this: want to keep this as a “pamphlet” online, so QR codes, links, etc.
* Which reps would like to help organise?
  + Calling on executives to outline some parts of their portfolio
  + Will be surveying members on council (those who would like to participate) on providing course suggestions/experience

### VP External

Career Fair

* To take place on Wednesday, February 8th, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm
* We need volunteers!
* Fill this form if you’d like to volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgZFw2HrtRir08AzH_jRU3FIclLDQM3NDLwCVwVA0xvYjzOQ/viewform>

Grilled Cheese

* To take place on Thursday, January 26th, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm
* Can we do this in the lobby? Competing with caf? Or should we do it in the lounge to be safe?
* Might change date as FE4 students all have seminar from 11:35 am - 2:25 pm

Virtual Education Career Fair Info Session

* To take place on Tuesday, January 31st, from 6:30 - 7:30pm

CV Drop In - Virtual

* Two sessions:
  + Friday, January 27th, from 10:30am - 12:00pm
  + Friday, February 3rd, from 1:30 - 3:00pm

CV Drop In - In Person

* Two sessions:
  + Monday, January 30th, from 1:30pm - 3:00pm
  + Monday, February 6th from 10:30am - 12:00pm

### VP Finance

Banking

* Finished organising the transactions, just need to do a few more for the credit card transactions
* I got asked again by our RBC advisor about GICs but I kindly turned him down
* Having difficulty with MCSS about frosh as they have been unresponsive (Shawn and I are still working on it)
* Trying to support Pavlos with all the après ski returns, some transfers didn’t go through so I need to remeet with him again
* Got a reply back from Loïc (MEdUSA Finance) about student fees but I need to double-check the information he gave me before sending the fees

NTCs

* Talked to Justin about NTCs after it was brought up by another Education professor
* We contacted Kerry Yang (SSMU VP UA) to investigate further action possible

Office

* If you purchase things that you know will be used by everybody in the office, I will reimburse you.

Retreat

* Please fill out the car sign-up sheet right now if you have not already: [EdUS Retreat Carpool Sign Up Sheet](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EDFG0xu_jTtU3aeMnYoS8-WTnndzPIqieno8k-z2Quk/edit?usp=sharing)

Dietary Restrictions/Meetings

* Please fill out this form ASAP → I will communicate if there is food at the meetings the day before, do not expect there to always be meals but there will always be snacks :)
* <https://forms.gle/a4CEy1sgZ8nyuLem8>

Local Wellness Advisor

* Does anybody know where she is? Is she on leave? All appointments that were scheduled were cancelled.
* Whatever is going on, we need to communicate what is going on to students and faculty.
* VP Wellnesses will contact the Wellness group: Is the LWA taking appointments this semester? Who can we redirect students to?
  + Can try referring students to Dialogue, however counselling costs approximately $175 outside of the first session.

### VP Internal

Christmas Party

* Didn’t happen, we had to cancel
  + Relationship with McKibbins essentially ruined
* Not sure if the Christmas party is something realistic to do in future years due to scheduling, final exams, etc.

Power Hour

* Doing it with PTOT
* Contacting Cafe Campus to see when
* Expecting it to take place early-mid February

Grad Ball

* Looks like we have a venue: Vieux-Port Steakhouse
  + Hold for April 22nd, will see to have a contract drawn up and a set up a site visit
* We will be assembling a committee shortly. Please join, it will not be too much work and we want to enjoy our own grad ball!
  + Kelly Eden, Jessica O’Gorman, Jessica Talbot, Julia Santarella, Isabella Xia, Megan Berty

FACO

* FACO will take place during the Lester B. Pearson School Board spring break, which means we will be captaining in the end (week of March 6th)
* One team only this year so SAPEK will not have their own (usually 50 people on a team)
* More information to come, stay tuned!

Detention Den

* Building reservation problems again!
* Looks like we may not have the permits in time for our first DD, if we don’t have the papers by January 18th, we will host DD at Tipsy Cow

Apartment Crawl (?)

* Potentially (would be in March)
* Would do a collaboration with VP External
* Let us know if you have potential spots in the ghetto!

### VP Student Wellness

Wellness Week

* Start focusing and budgeting for Wellness Week
* Our ideas as of now are puppies, Instagram takeovers, giveaways, yoga (inquire with Jess Tweed), smoothies, give out healthy snacks, etc,.
* We are open to suggestions!

Wellness Hub and Resources

* Create an instagram post explaining the Wellness hub and the various resources provided by them.

Instagram Posts

* Create an Instagram post introducing Co-Vp wellness, and what we do.

Wellness Packages

* We will be continuing our monthly wellness packages
* Send us ideas for what stuff to put in them!
  + Candy, stickers, Pop-its

Other Ideas

* We Sent out a Google Form on the last Listserv asking for ideas for this semester
* We will be reviewing what people suggested to modify our plans for events in the upcoming months.

Meeting with the new Mental Health Advisor

* Legally binding contract (3 year)
* Meeting with her on Monday to see what we can provide to Education students in specific to support us.

### VP Academic

Final PedTalk of Fall 2022 with Mr. Terry Price

* Event went TREMENDOUSLY WELL
* Huge turnout (surprised us!)
* Terry and other students had fun singing and presenting songs
* Terry wants to do this again next year, so the next VP academics will be strongly advised to do this again

PedTalks in 2023

* We are meeting Dr. Low tomorrow at 1 PM
* We are also meeting with Dr. Chestnutt on Friday at 10 AM
* Dr. Jafralie is tough to schedule with, as she’s been delaying meeting with us for a while. We will attempt to schedule a discussion with her for the first week of February
  + Try contacting Rachel Thorne (Indigenous Education)

### VP Communications

Merch

* Council merch is ready and I’ll be bringing it next week. Sorry for the delay, I wasn't able to bring it this week.
* Arranging a time with Lindsay for delivery for regular merch early next week.
  + I know how hard and tiring it’s been for you to “defend” us.
  + Lindsay was late for the merch order due to her provider and it was only ready during the break. It really was no one's fault for the delay, it’s just how it is.
* UPDATE: Both merch will be there on **Tuesday, January 17th**!

Website

* If you haven't filled out the Google form that was sent out in September please do it ASAP.

Instagram

* Getting back into it and will be posting all events once we receive them all

Other Concerns

* A lot of people are enrolled in EDEA 204, 307 and 496: the professor is on medical leave and there was no replacement, so now there is no professor and no class for the time being
* Everyone in these classes are waiting for DISE to do something and they’re worried how it might backfire in the long run
  + Update: DISE said how they’ll “look into it” and Lisa Starr replied to my friends email how they were unaware of the professor's medical leave and are trying to find a qualified prof to teach the classes
  + My friend took art as her subject area A and needs these courses to graduate
* Has anyone else heard of this? Do we know what we can do to support them during the time being?
  + This happened last semester, students were asked to switch to another class before the add/drop deadline.

### Executive Administrator

Office hours

* The schedule is basically finalised, please let me know if your classes change and conflict with your current hours!
* This is just a reminder for the new year to please do a chore during your hours. For the majority of the week, there are 2+ people in there at the same time so let’s all make the effort to keep our shared space clean and neat!
  + This includes the fridge, office, and lounge area

Lockers

* It’s my goal this coming week to figure out what is going on with the lockers
  + I’m going to be remaking the spreadsheet (currently linked in the Drive) and figuring out which locks to get cut

Website

* I believe now is a good time to have our meeting minutes uploaded to our website.
* Where are we in the revamp process? Who is overseeing the management of the website?
  + VP Communications
  + Trying to connect online shop and new website (VP Finance and President)

Reports

* Tianna will be messaging those who have not submitted their reports on time on Wednesdays before our meetings.
* I hope this is the last time I have to emphasize this: please leave a report in the respective meeting folder ***even if you have nothing to report***.
  + I understand we forget sometimes and I appreciate that people are messaging me to let me know.
  + However, I’m seeing a trend before our meetings that people who are absent or who have nothing to report don’t leave a report in the Drive, and I’ve emphasized this from the beginning that we should have them there for bookkeeping.
  + Additionally, to be respectful of my time, or others, I shouldn’t have to be waiting around to see if you have something to report or not.

Plans to Come

* I would like to get 1) the photoshoot makeup day and 2) the storage room clean out day established for us.
  + Both will probably take place at the end of January or beginning of February!
  + I think both, at least the photoshoot makeup day will happen before a council meeting like last semester, and for the storage room clean up, I haven’t decided yet.
    - Photos (if on January 25th): before the meeting, because there will be a FACO Hype Night after
    - Storage room: maybe Tuesdays (VP Internals and Externals need to be there)
* Please stay tuned for the links to come!

## General Reports

### Equity Commissioner(s)

Event

* DEDIC (DISE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee) Town Hall
  + January 13 (this Friday), 14:30-16:00
  + In-person: Education Building @ Room 129
  + Online Zoom meeting: 847-941-46295
  + Reps can share the poster (it is in our Facebook group) with your cohort groups
  + We will discuss students’ experiences, issues, and successes with EDI in DISE. We also get opportunities to express our expectations for the future. We hope to see you there! It is essential to let our voices be heard
    - Anyone else attending?
* Current topics we will bring up:
  + Bill 21 and field experiences
  + Lack of inclusivity in EETC exam; low success rate for neurodivergent students
  + Lack of Indigenous spaces; Indigenous Education classes being not up to standard, fees, etc.
  + Need for new, younger course lecturers; older professors are prone to dated ideas and microaggressions
  + Any more ideas?

Trainings

* The January schedule for training Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression) and registration links are listed below & posted in Facebook group
  + EdUS private session
    - Anti-Oppression @ Thursday, January 19th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Zoom link will be released soon]
  + Sessions open to all undergraduate students
    - Introduction to Anti-Oppression @ Wednesday, January 25th, 2:00PM-4:00PM [https://involvement.mcgill.ca/event/222773](https://involvement.mcgill.ca/event/222773?fbclid=IwAR3tGzcEJFzRgXkyLB0Iv0TZ8TnvBSp4mg0pWZm0aZDv_M1L-JsOcaECu4w)
    - Introduction to Anti-Racism @ Tuesday, January 31st, 5:30PM-7:30PM [https://involvement.mcgill.ca/event/222775](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Finvolvement.mcgill.ca%2Fevent%2F222775%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3CqF7rfgw0cM5Gu6sELyBK55NBkh9ibcZk0OcCG2XnrrryveXJK5xoPR0&h=AT0eXa-4selhFnFS0eYopC53aj0654zDsU0ZFJv_jdSo25sJVeq8BIriq8SDfvb1PQtuT6kv8oez_hS4p0qiIHbgrGxfe_pIKU4aEhhrPZyKa4ZJ2vd0MPzneJxF7QIL0zExliFtoQ&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5B0%5D=AT2HJ3TyjWkLsogLTqAq67GtPVIlyTL17o8dvUTGfZDUfuWRT9PfpdHH4gH8i2eL2Zn4BaEhotw7miGHrA1Xmtl8E9t300lodvqM1-RscjPx-uFZtTwbjYpVjUzZNMjIyW3ldfwwemNRO4lG8c4aS7EbKiueL_sVLkeB9QcgW0rvDLAJ05fycDYZS5R0vl3HZyWK8l4V1GIex30eDDp9Fg)
* If you have not sent a screenshot of the confirmation screen for each training you registered for to either Nattamon or Susan, please do so!
* Working with Tianna to provide an alternative option for council members who are unable to attend trainings but has taken these trainings before (multiple times)
  + Current idea: written plan of how you plan to implement Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression in your council position
  + Word count, page minimum, etc. will be provided

Case

* Privately working with a student regarding academic accommodations (or currently, lack thereof) for physical injury
  + Lack of accommodations for physical impairments will be brought up in EDI Town Hall as well; because the building is uphill, students have no choice but to take a leave or drop out
  + VP Academics have been contacted and will be working with us to figure out this situation with the department/faculty

### U1 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U1 Secondary Rep

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### U1 Education in Global Contexts Rep

Updates

* Susie told me that a new advisor has been hired and is/has started this week. I Expect to hear from them soon.
* Will be sending out a survey about the career fair by tomorrow midday (wanted to get any additional information to include in a weekly newsletter to BA students).
* Overall, this semester feels much more coherent and teachers are addressing the program competencies. Good vibes, yay!

Question

* U1 and U2 reps for the Fall? Everything under the U2 rep?
* Teacher mentioned an Innovation Fund for improving technology in classrooms and mentioned he didn’t know what happened to it ... is it still a thing?
  + Tianna will bring up with Faculty Council

### U2 K/Elem Rep

Welcome Back Event

* Doing a welcome back to campus event for my cohort tomorrow, on January 12th
* It’s going to be hot chocolate and donuts!

FE2 Dinner

* Planning on doing a dinner or something similar during our FE2, before seminar or something like that
* Thank you very much Lexie for the idea, she said a cohort did this last year? If so, how did they do it?
  + Dominique did a breakfast/potluck, EdUS provided a lot of food (did it during class)

### U2 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report.

### U3 K/Elem Rep

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### U3 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report.

### U4 K/Elem Rep

Grad Merch

* Will send out a survey by the end of the week asking my cohort what options they would like to have for their Grad merch.

Coffee and Chill

* I am planning a “Coffee and Chill” event for my cohort. I am just trying to find out which day the k/elem students are the most present (Tuesday or Thursday).
* Coffee and baked goods will be provided.

### U4 Secondary Rep

Brunch on Friday Dec 2, 2022

* Successful event!
* Receipts sent to Anna and I was reimbursed

Bursary

* There has been a lot of confusion about the bursaries for U4 students. Which bursary would U4 Education students be eligible to apply for?
* It seems that the Perspective and Internship Bursaries are not available to U4 students.

### TESL Rep U1 & U2

Nothing to report.

### TESL Rep U3 & U4

Questions

* What is happening with grad merch?
  + Redirecting to VP Communications
* Do we know what options we will have?
  + Can work with U4 Reps

### SAPEK Rep

Nothing to report.

### MEdUSA Rep

Regards

* Apologies for my continued absence. Currently in Japan and was unable to find a replacement for this meeting.
* I will try to have someone from MEdUSA come to the next meeting.

### SSMU Rep

Upcoming Meetings

* Legislative Council Meeting on January 12, 2023

Question

* Wondering if it’s possible to get a PIF Rep?
  + Some of issues experienced by PIF students can be addressed to VP Academics or other resources to help
* They can run for K/Elem Rep (might not work out)
  + Encourage them to run for positions on council!

### Senator

Nothing to report

### Speaker

Nothing to report.

## Closing

#### New Business

Retreat questions

* More to come in the groupchat!

#### Next General Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th, beginning @ 6:00 pm

#### Adjournment

Kelly Eden, Jessica Talbot