# EdUS General Council Meeting

[Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022]

## Call to Order

#### Attendance

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

#### Adoption of the Agenda:

Katy Berenbaum, Anna Leung, Matthew Diabo

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

Tianna Kloepfer, Susan Zhang

## Executive Reports

### President

Appointing New Council Members - VOTE

* U1 Secondary - still looking for a rep?
	+ Possibly Gia Neuman
* U2 Secondary - Clare Baille
	+ Voted in (0 abstain/no)
* U4 Secondary - Dominique Gonzales-Calma
	+ Voted in (0 abstain/no)

Payment Methods

* Meeting with Anna to try and see if we can come up with a uniform method to collect payment for DD, merch, etc.

APC Meeting

* Cancelled, update to new curriculum will be addressed via email.

Faculty Council

* Is there anyone else who would be able to attend faculty council meetings with me? We have 2 seats as EdUS.

Call to Reps

* Reminder: you are able to plan events for your cohort!
* Zainab shared a google form with our U4 K/Elem cohort asking for feedback or comments if any student had concerns or ideas that they wanted brought up, I recommend you do the same!
* Find out what events your cohort students may be interested in.
* Events for students on field experiences? Reps can work together to plan events as well!

### VP External

Pancake Breakfast

* Second was a success!!
	+ We raised 243$ for Mobilising for Milton Park
* Next one is for Movember
	+ November 17th (Thursday’s work best)

Movember x Detention Den

* On November 9th
* Any fun ideas to make it special? We were thinking a photobooth with moustaches
	+ Pin the moustache?

Movembers Movers

* Strava or Fitbit
	+ Connect it to our team on movember
	+ Can show a demo perhaps
* <https://ca.movember.com/mospace/10261325>
* When signing up, sign up under the McGill Education Undergraduate Society, not McGill University

Beer O

* Cancelled
* Sorry but we’re already doing quite a bit this month and really are unsure if we would make any profit to donate!

### VP Finance

Insurance

* Dealing with insurance right now with internals!

Payment Methods

* Called Square and Moneris but so far not much success, meeting Tianna tomorrow to discuss more
* If you know anybody in organisations that are using Square please let me know!
* Andy has been messaged (SUS)

### VP Internal

Detention Den

* Thank you to everyone who helped out!
* Next week Movember:
	+ Raffle
	+ Prizes
		- Merch
		- A/Maze
		- Free DD GC & drink at every DD until the end of the year
	+ 1 ticket for $3, 3 tickets for $5
	+ All sales being donated
* @ Anna any update on insurance?
	+ Discussed

Power Hour

* Cancelled
* There was no reason to have it, we wouldn’t make any money

Holiday Party

* Getting into contact with SAPEK to plan it
* Possible venues: 2nd floor of Thomson House

FYRE

* We will be starting now that we have our U1 reps!

Grad Ball

* On the hunt for a new grad ball venue!
	+ Would need catering
* Beatrice?

### VP Student Wellness

*\*October was hectic for the both of us but November will be better.*

Wellness Dogs

* Went very successfully
* The volunteer told us that she would come back whenever and that Hunter had a good time

Wellness Packages

* Were a success once again
* The next wellness packages will be for November/December and more oriented to the stresses of finals and winter coming in full speed.

Movie Night

* December 2nd
* We’re pairing with the VP Externals to raise money one last time for Movember.

Hot Cider

* Friday November 18th
* All hands welcome

Garden Workshop

* Was good, a lot of things were planted
* Sustainability will help whenever we can.
* Looking into transforming the space and even having music performances

FE1 Support Group

* FE1 starts in a few weeks
* Looking to set up some sort of support group for FE1 students if U1 reps or VP Academics want to be a part of it.
* The Sustainability Committee will begin Thursday November 7th.

### VP Academic

PedTalks

* Here are the dates for our two November speakers:
1. Mr. Jason Lister: November 8th at 6 PM (via Zoom)
2. Dr. Emmanuel Tabi: Pending November 15th at 6 PM (via Zoom)
3. @ COUNCIL, please show up! Join the call so we have good participation :)
* We are working on a special PedTalk format with Mr. Terry Price
	+ Probably will do the event on the 1st or 2nd of December
	+ We would like to get some MEdUSA students involved (maybe) so @Raphael, please contact Justin (academic.edus@mail.mcgill.ca)!
	+ Question 1: For bookings of rooms, who do we go to? Lili?
	+ Answered by Jessica O’Gorman
	+ Question 2: Can we book the main entrance?

EduBuddies First Event

* The first EduBuddies event will be a Scunt around the Old Port of Montreal!
* Planned on November 12th-13th weekend
* Might move the date because it might be last minute by the time it’s publicised

General questions + comments (Justin)

* Is it possible to reconsider the date of the council pictures because of Movember? I understand if we cannot, as this does not affect anyone else on the council.
* Can someone inform Dean Rassier that I still receive the notifications for Faculty Council in my email?

Booking of Rooms

* Talk to Lili if you want one (let her know what you require, ex; projectors)!

### VP Communications

Merch

* We’re placing the next order by the end of the week
* @Anna we’ll send you the total amount before we confirm the order with Lindsay

Council Merch

* We finally have a full house (yay!)
* We have the budget this year for each member to get 2 things so we decided to do 1 common item (ex: white ¼ zip with EdUS logo and 2-3 lines on sleeve) and then 1 thing per your choice
	+ Will need to double check with @Anna for max price for 2nd item
* We’ll be sending out a Google form for what we would want as a common item and then we’ll get cracking on that!

LISTSERV

* There have been 2 submissions since last week's Listserv
* We’re not sure what’s going on but Education doesn’t seem to be engaging in Listserv this year

POSTS

* We spoke about making posts about how to study for midterms/finals and how to make a lesson plan, etc. but would it be possible for the VP Academics to do it? We can make the canva we would just need for them to make the list of what should be included
* New member posts

### Executive Administrator

Meeting Room

* There is no larger room available to us at this time and day, so unfortunately, we’ll have to make this space work to the best of our ability

New Members meeting

* Met with new members over the weekend
* Talked about office hours, meetings, reports (biweekly, midterm, exit), and committees
* Document can be found in the Drive > Council Info
* Good feedback, people found it helpful, should do it more often with new council members!

Office chores

* Now that office hours have been solidified, I want to make a note about chores and cleanliness in the office and lounge
* Everyone should be doing at least one chore during their hours
* I’ve edited the sheet on the back of the door to include taking out the recycling to the bins (2nd floor) as this is not something the janitor is tasked to do

Council photos/Storage clean out

* Sent the when2meet last week, 19 people have filled it out
	+ **If you haven’t done so, do it now:** <https://www.when2meet.com/?17462157-zWSBG>
	+ This would be for the coming week of the Nov. 7-12th
* Currently, it looks like Saturday Nov. 12th is the option that works best for people
	+ The plan would be to have people rotate from photos to storage room clean up (i.e. after you’ve taken your photo)
	+ Probably not happening this date as Megan, Shawn, and Katy are not present
	+ Julia Santerella might have light fixtures from film club
	+ People on stage don't mind taking photos after the meeting
* Council bonding after?
	+ Depending on start-end time for photos/cleaning
	+ Ideas?
	+ Drinks? Food? @ Internals may need to discuss

## General Reports

### Equity Commissioner(s)

IRP Committee

* Complaint regarding Prof. Appignanesi is resolved!
	+ Complaint was forwarded to Dr. Victoria Talwar, the chair of the Dept. of Educational & Counseling Psychology, who spoke directly to the professor about the case
	+ An official apology was made to the class on Wednesday, October 26th, granting the respondent’s request
* IRP Committee is full; a group will be created ASAP
	+ Online training session required for members (more info will be put in group chat)
* \*Clarification: IRP Committee will only handle reports concerning students
	+ Reports concerning faculty members and/or professors will be dealt internally by Equity Commissioners and department chairs
	+ I.e. Prof. Appignanesi’s case would not be investigated under IRP
	+ We will still be accepting such reports on the IRP form because it is still a good first point of contact
* Creation of a Sanctioned List:
	+ List of students reported to the IRP Committee, found guilty after investigation, and who are considered a threat
	+ Under SSMU policies, students on the list will be banned from attending faculty events
	+ Will add list to council folder; will alert all execs if any names are added (hopefully never)
	+ SSMU said that they need to share this information with any event coordinators
	+ Will confirm with SSMU/training coordinators
* Will discuss with VP Comms later regarding removing IRP Committee recruitment from Listserv + replacing with the IRP Complaint form etc. (we will coordinate later! <3)

Anti-Racism Committee

* Will compile old documents, meeting minutes, etc. for this year’s committee to reference
* Making a new group chat so the old members don’t get spammed? Unless we want to keep the group chat and just invite new members
* Can we have a VP Academic on the committee so we can discuss PedTalks topics? :)

Trainings

* MANDATORY training!
* Details posted on Facebook
* Pick one of the anti-oppression sessions
	+ Anti-Oppression November 17 2-4pm
	+ EdUS Private Session Anti-Oppression November 28th, 10:00 am -12 pm
	+ Anti-Racism November 29 5:30-7:30pm
* Send screenshots of registration
* Understand some people are on stage, please contact us personally :)
* Will post any updates we get & keep council updated on any new December sessions and try to coordinate some private sessions in January

### U1 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U1 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

### U1 Education in Global Contexts Rep

Greeting

* EGC is a new program, elevator pitch:
	+ Designed for educator in non-traditional contexts: in non-profit, government, business, and other career sectors
	+ Designed to be multidisciplinary, with flexible electives
	+ Includes Internship in third year
	+ ≠ teaching credential

Survey

* 11 anonymous replies (class is roughly 23), was open for about a week, U1 only
* Have filtered, focusing on action items (I can give full access if interested)
* Believe this should be brought to faculty attention. Who? How?



* Focus on classroom (program is underdeveloped)
	+ Students say first semester classes feel heavily focused on classroom pedagogy for program emphasising non-classroom context
	+ Restrictive
		- Can’t double major
		- Only 3 options for minors (international development, educational psychology, management)
* Full breakout linked here: [BA.EGC U1 rep (Nov 2, 2022)](https://docs.google.com/document/d/148Fz-IyrZP-bJ1UiA0IUzCsd6VeX4Zrk-0gqiua-cn0/edit?usp=sharing)
* No academic advisor, no internship coordinator
* 40% of cohort is thinking of switching to different programs/faculties

Questions

* How are reps finding success in contacting/informing cohorts? (Facebook, Instagram, word of mouth, mailing list)
* Facebook groups, send link by email
* Facebook group chat
* Don’t be discouraged by lack of engagement
* Tianna is sending list of students in cohort (34 students total)
* How do I communicate this survey to faculty?
* Tianna will discuss with Academic Policy Committee who created the program
* VP Academics
	+ Discuss a similar problem with secondary students where they take the same amount of credits for minors/double majors but do not receive the credential
* When are teacher surveys? (a lot of my students have complaints about a teacher they are hoping to communicate)
	+ Complaints can be brought to the attention of equity commissioners
	+ Minerva course evaluations

### U2 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

* What are some examples of events?
	+ Event budget is approximately $50 but flexible (talk to Anna)
	+ Brunch, outing, cafes, ice skating, study sessions, movie nights

### U2 Secondary Rep

*N/A [Position unfilled]*

### U3 K/Elem Rep

Nothing to report.

### U3 Secondary Rep

Nothing to report.

### U4 K/Elem Rep

Semester Concerns/Questions

* I sent out a Google form survey to our cohort asking students if they have any specific concerns or questions.
* <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-s_CNWEBcSaMAth1sH4HVYJGVsH-SyDD77Zq0WW9Rtu-CWw/viewform?usp=sf_link>
* Will update the council if there’s anything that pops up.

Buttons in the Office

* I got us about 100 “Non a la Loi 21” buttons for now. They are in a basket, placed at the window.
* Please make sure that if you are in the office to bring out the basket when you open, and bring it in when you close. Thank you!

McGill Coalition Against Bill 21

* Was wondering if it will be possible to arrange a day/time where we hand-out buttons in the Education lobby? Sometime this week or next?
	+ Talk to Lili so she can get confirmation from the building
	+ If you can help out, please fill-out the when2meet so that we can set a date :)
		- <https://www.when2meet.com/?17546549-XP1w6>

### U4 Secondary Rep

* Possible bonding with U3 on FE3, in between classes?
* Destress time/ Chill out time

### TESL Rep U1 & U2

* Created a submission form for the cohort to send their concerns and comments.
	+ No one has submitted anything yet.
* Asked Gia Neuman if she would be open to filling the U1 Secondary rep
	+ She said yes.

### TESL Rep U3 & U4

Nothing to report.

### SAPEK Rep

Nothing to report.

* Kin career fair on November 10th at Thomson Hall
* Please promote Science Games (Bailey, Kelly are captains for the kin group)
	+ Hype Night

### MEdUSA Rep

Detention Den incentive

* MEdUSA will be paying for the first drink and grilled cheese as an incentive
* Reach out to Internal to talk about how purchases may work (maybe purchasing tickets, or tallying up people and then e-transferring EdUS)

Visibility

* MEdUSA visibility in the Ed. building + EDUS visibility in the music building
* Send promo items to external.medusa.mcgill@gmail.com
* DD poster will be sent
* Talk to Lili about figuring out which billboards need EdUS stamps and if we can take down the outdated posters

Upcoming events and activities

* Body Percussion Workshop - Nov 15th 5:30-6:30 in A832 (Elizabeth Wirth Building)
* MusiCounts Music Teaching night for charity (learning an instrument for a night)

### SSMU Rep

Contact

* edrep.edus@ssmu.ca

Legislative Council Meeting on October 25th, 2022

* I voted in favour of the “Motion Regarding the Referendum Questions on the Renewal of the Daily Publication Society (DPS) Fee” (Passed)
* I voted in favour of the “Motion Regarding Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) fee renewal” (Passed)
* Motion regarding an interim provision to the internal regulations of governance concerning councillor reports (Unanimously Approved)
* The next Legislative Council Meeting date is November 3rd, 2022

### Senator

Nothing to report.

### Speaker

Alternating Position

* Today is Lexie

Question

* Instagram posts for new council members?

## Closing

#### New Business

None.

#### Next General Meeting

Wednesday, November 16th @ 6:30pm in the Room 233 (Education Building)

#### Adjournment

Megan Berty, Kelly Eden