PGSS

POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF McGILL UNIVERSITY INC.
Executive Commissioner Caucus Meeting - Minutes
Thomson House 405
07 December 2010 – 18h00
ECC-10-12-#05

Present: President Alexandra Bishop, **VP External** Ryan Hughes, **VP Internal** Magnus Bein, **VP Finance** Natalie Lee, **VP Academic** Roland Nassim, **Council Commissioner** Daniel Simeone, **Student Support Commissioner** Ulrike Trojahn, **Family Care Commissioner** Hadley Meyers, **Elections Commissioner** Tarek Hamade, **Equity Commissioner** Erin Sirett, **Health Commissioner** Jonathan Mooney

Call to Order
18h05

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Announcements

No announcements.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 ECC-10-11-#04
Minutes approved.

4. Reports

No reports.

5. New Business

5.1 Restricted Insurance Fund (ECC-10-12-#012) (Health Commissioner)
WHEREAS PGSS' Restricted Insurance Fund has a large and growing surplus;
WHEREAS the PGSS Health and Wellness Committee feels that funds collected from a group of students should benefit those students directly through HAWC events and activities;
WHEREAS the Commissioner Pool is already being heavily utilized by the Health and

Wellness Committee to fund valuable events of benefit to graduate students and should retain funds to support other commissioner projects;
BIRT the PGSS Health and Wellness Committee be granted the authorization to spend sums of up to $500 from the Restricted Insurance Fund for its events and activities.

Motion referred to the PGSS Board of Directors.

5.2 Meeting Minutes (ECC-10-12-#013) (Health Commissioner)
WHEREAS Corporate Bylaw 3.7 requires the posting of Board of Directors meeting minutes;
WHEREAS Executive and Executive-Commissioner Caucus meeting minutes must be also made available to members;
WHEREAS Board of Directors meeting minutes have not been updated on the PGSS website in nearly 2 years;

BIRT the PGSS website be updated within 7 days with all approved Board of Directors, Executive, and Executive-Commissioner Caucus meeting minutes;
BIFRT all future Board of Directors, Executive, and Executive-Commissioner Caucus meeting minutes be posted on the PGSS website within 7 days of approval.

Motion tabled.

5.3 Physical Absence (ECC-10-12-#014) (Health Commissioner)
WHEREAS the Constitution does not made explicit provision for the effect of physical absence of an officer;
WHEREAS the physical absence of an officer will necessary affect the officer's interaction with the society;
WHEREAS Society Bylaw 5.3.7 grants the Executive-Commissioner Caucus the authority to enact rules of procedure;
BIRT the Executive Commissioner Caucus adopt the following rule of procedure:
Members may vote and participate in committee activities and count toward quorum if they join the meeting by teleconference, Skype, or any other electronic means that allows for meaningful participation in committee meetings;
BIFRT the Executive-Commissioner Caucus discuss the effect that physical absence should have with regard to leaves of absence and issue a report to Council and to the Executive recommending how physical absence should count toward an officer's leave of absence.

Motion tabled.

5.4 Student Newspapers invited to Council (ECC-10-12-#015) (Health Commissioner)
BIRT the student newspapers be invited to at least two future council meetings this year.

Motion passed.

6. Discussion

6.1 December 6th (VP External)
Discussion ensued.

6.2 Mobilization (VP External)
Discussion ensued.

6.3 Mat-pat project (VP External)
Discussion ensued.

6.4 Decorations (Equity Commissioner)
Discussion ensued.

6.5 Tenor and content of December council meeting; Preparation for January council meeting (Health Commissioner)
Discussion ensued.

6.6 Executive work plan (Health Commissioner)
Discussion ensued.

6.7 Recognition referendum (Health Commissioner)
Discussion ensued.

6.8 Announcements at council (Health Commissioner)
Discussion ensued.

6.9 Family Care Program (Family Care Commissioner)
Discussion ensued.

6.10 Schedule of meetings for the winter (President)
Discussion ensued.

6.11 Exec-Commissioner Caucus Attendance
Discussion ensued.

Adjournment
21h15