PGSS

POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF McGILL UNIVERSITY INC.
Minutes – Executive Meeting
Thomson House 403
1 September 2010 – 19h00
E-10-09-#11

Present: President Alexandra Bishop**, VP External** Ryan Hughes, **VP Internal** Magnus Bein, **VP Academic** Dahlia ElShafie

Regrets: VP Finance Natalie Lee

Call to Order
19h00

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Announcements

2.1 Robert Myles, English and French Language Centre
Discussion ensued.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3.1 E-10-08-#10
Minutes approved.

4. New Business

4.1 PGSS/ SSMU Event (E-10-09-#023) (VP External)
Whereas the PGSS and the SSMU are planning a premiere event in the month of October that will offer a platform for intellectual exchange for both students and prominent leaders in the scientific, academic, and corporate fields;
BIRT $500 be allocated from the executive pool to support this initiative.

Motion passed.

4.2 Long-form census press release (E-10-09-#024) (VP External)

Whereas the actual price for the joint CSU, GSA, PGSS, SSMU press release regarding the termination of the mandatory long-form census exceeded the quoted amount by $75;
BIRT that an additional $75 be allocated from the VP External budget to cover this cost.

Motion passed.

4.3 Montreal Board of Trade (E-10-09-#025) (VP External)
Whereas the PGSS lacks contact with the greater Montreal business community;
BIRT $325 be allocated from the executive pool to join the Montreal Board of Trade for a period of one (1) year on a trial basis.

Motion passed.

4.4 Science & Policy Exchange volunteers (E-10-09-#026) (VP External)
Whereas the Science & Policy Exchange volunteers have been working tirelessly to create a joint PGSS/SSMU conference;
BIRT $100 be allocated from the VP External budget to purchase food and refreshments for the next meeting.

Motion passed.

4.5 Vice-President (Academic) Resignation (E-10-09-#027) (President)
Whereas the Vice-President Academic, Dahlia ElShafie, has submitted her resignation for the 30th of September 2010;
BIRT the executive accept this resignation and extend our thanks to Ms. ElShafie for her service to the PGSS.

Motion passed.

4.6 SSMU Homecoming Event (E-10-09-#028) (President)
Whereas SSMU is organizing a Homecoming event for all McGill students;
Whereas SSMU is asking for $1,000 to support activities at this event;
BIRT $1,000 be allotted from the Executive budget to support this event.

Motion postponed.

4.7 Motion of Censure and Ad-hoc Committee (E-10-09-#029) (VP Internal)
Whereas Executives are obligated to ensure PGSS business and finances are managed adequately;
Whereas the Executive Committee believes that the VP Finance has not fulfilled her duties according to the constitution;
BIRT the Executive committee censure her lack of involvement and refer the issue to an ad hoc committee that will be elected immediately at the September 8th Council meeting to study the situation and report to Council at the October 6th Council meeting;

BIFRT the committee be comprised of five members who are impartiality to the issue.

Motion passed.

5. Discussion

5.1 Executive Presence and Commitment (VP Internal)
Discussion ensued.

5.2 Executive Meeting Minutes and Structure (VP Finance)
Discussion removed.

5.3 Homecoming Event with SSMU (President)
Discussion ensued.

5.4 McGill Email Policy Change (VP Internal)
Discussion postponed.

5.5 Sustainability Projects Fund Meeting
Availabilities to meet (MWF after 11:30, Tues before 3:30)

5.6 Timeline for Ph.D. students (VP Academic)
Discussion ensued.

Adjournment
20h40