



March 19th, 2019

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An Introduction to Robert's Rules

Introduction of the General Assembly Staff

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(1) Call to Order and Standing Rules

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Standing rules are made available to the student body. If questions appear during the meeting, members may contact the medicine senator at medicinesenator@ssmu.ca. For any technological issues, members may email vpit.mss@mail.mcgill.ca.

(2) Land Acknowledgement

McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations

(3) Approval of the Speaker

64: Motion to approve the officers of the general assembly.

115 seconded

Majority vote to approve as is.

(4) Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes. We have two sets of minutes to approve during this GA. The first being the Fall meeting minutes, the second being the Emergency GA minutes. All typographical errors would be fixed if needed and so it is not necessary to change the minutes for this reason.

Seeing as they were distributed ahead of time and there are no corrections at this time, the minutes from the Fall GA and the Emergency GA stand approved as is.

(5) Adoption of the Agenda

To change the order or add something in, now is the time to do so.

113: Motion to move New Business G to new Business A

65 seconded

Motion fails

Division of the vote – at least 10 more opposed than in favour so this **motion fails**

If there are no more corrections than we can proceed to approve the agenda as it stands.

Motion to approve the agenda: 104

Seconded: 67

Motion passes



(6) Old Business

- (A) Report of the Vice-President Finance, including a presentation of the budget and audited financial statement.

(7) New Business

- (A) Motion to Inaugurate the Social Committee of the MSS

We are the VP socials at the moment for the MSS and this motion is to make the Social Committee an official standing committee. This year the social committee had been working unofficially and has been helping us for every single event. In previous years they made one for Internos but this year we decided to make one for the entire year. The reason to make this official is to make them accountable and to allow the people who do the work, to have the credit they deserve. The positions are VP socials (2), VP Human resources (1), Med-1 reps (2), Med-2 reps (2), Med3 reps (2), Med4 reps (2), Graphic design (1) and the MSS Executive President.

Question period begins:

67: I have several questions: could you describe the current social committee? Who were the members and what did they do?

Currently we do not have a Med3 or Med4 reps but all the other positions were filled. We have a graphic design rep who designed the logos for us for the events, 2 Med2 reps that helped us coordinate with the Med2s, a VP human resources who coordinated and recruit volunteers for the events to help us out and 2 Med1 reps that gave us the feedback from the Med1s in order to understand their point of view.

Are these members part of the MSS exec? Or the MSS at large?

The majority are on the MSS exec but there are 2 members who are on the MSS at large.

60: I was wondering if you can elaborate on the added value for the Med3/4 reps? Sometimes spreading the effort is counter productive.

I think for us we just wanted to open it up to the MSS at large in case there was a student in Med3 or Med4 who wasn't the president or on their council but still wanted to be a part of this but didn't have a current mandate.

88: Is it a recurrent problem to have the VP socials to handle and if it's a new issue or if it's an issue that hasn't been addressed?

We got feedback at the beginning of of the year which said that these events require lots of planning and team effort, from the brainstorming stage onwards. It's not something that the VP socials alone can do by themselves. From past years it is always something that requires a big and well organized team to get things done properly. They've had unofficial teams but we wanted to make this a formality and make it accountable and transparent. This would also aid in making sure it is not a mad scramble to make events.



Motion to extend: 87. Motion to extend by 3 minutes.

Seconded: 67

Motion passes

87: Does the standing committee of the MSS be subject to the recruitment process of the MSS?

Yes. I yield to the President.

MSS President: My understanding of the recruitment policy is that if it is an elected member of the MSS, this recruitment policy does not apply to them.

66: Would you be choosing your members after April or May? Or is the initial selection in the beginning of September?

That's basically why we have the Fall and Spring recruitment period. This was done because we had a lot of difficulty for frosh so that would make this much easier in the future. It would also work if you wanted to be a Med1 rep they can be added afterwards.

6: I'm wondering what events – what are you looking for in having this official? Is it for more funding?

It has nothing to do with funding – its under the preexisting VP Social budget. The major point is to make this accountable and give the people the credit they deserve.

We obviously can't reach a lot by direct contact so this would give us access to recruit as many people as possible and do this officially.

Proceed to debate:

67: I am speaking against this motion – although I agree that the role can be quite demanding, I don't see the need to create an official committee to fulfill this mandate. There are already extensive support from the EC and GC with good success most notably having the class reps that already help disseminate the things for the MSS. The VP socials basically have a given mandate and extending this mandate over a group of people is not worth it.

41: I wish to speak against this motion as it stands currently just because of the way the roles were explained. I don't understand the fact that there are reps per year – we need to have people who have specific roles. I think it should be members that have defined roles that the VP socials find is too difficult to do on their own.



Proceed to voting:

Motion fails

(B) Motion: Consultation: Bringing Artworks Into 2nd & 3rd Floor McIntyre

I am part of the MSS Committee of Art and Medicine. I would like to present an idea that has been brought to our group by Dean Eidelman in the Fall and we thought it would be necessary to consult at large. He wrote to our group about what do you think about bringing the artwork from the collection into the McIntyre building? McGill has a store of professional artworks and they are rotated throughout the different buildings on campus. Since the purpose of this group is to foster a space for arts and humanities we wanted to learn more. The next month they spoke with a member in Communications at the Faculty of Medicine and we wanted to know what her vision was. Her response was that everyone on the administrative side wanted to make where our students study and work more inspiring. She wanted to make it student-centered. The students offered that in addition to the professional art collection maybe it would be possible to make the artwork by the patients and caregivers representing the community. We wanted to bring artwork that are inspired by health or illness into the hospitals

The mover presents some samples of artwork. I invite you to please reference the link to the GA written above if you are interested in hearing more about them specifically.

87: Motion to extend by 3 minutes

Seconded 57

Motion passes

In no particular order these are the things we want to discuss. What do we want the artwork to do for us, who should they be done by, what themes should it be about? We would like to establish a committee to do this.

Question period commences - There are no questions.

104: Motion for a 10 minute discussion period.

Seconded: 9

Motion passes

3: The reason there is a lack of hands for the question period was because we all think this is a great idea. McIntyre is definitely a bit drab. This would be a great idea to add some colour and add something meaningful and I really look forward to this being implemented.



72: Just to go off of what 3 is saying, I think that working with other faculties will really represent what McIntyre is and that it's for all other faculties. Bringing other faculties does work toward diversity and it might help us know what suits the building better.

(C) Referendum Question: Thomson House Fee

Just to quickly explain where this comes from. Can't find when this started exactly but the last renewal was in 2013. Us and Law students are all associate members of PGSS and we are also members of SSMU. Through this we have access to Thomson house and groups like standing committees can book and use the rooms there. There is a significant number of clubs that use the rooms at Thompson House. For this reason, everyone pays \$27 to the PGSS for Fall and Winter. We also apparently have many opportunities to do activities such as snowshoeing, skiing, yoga, Quebec Carnaval etc. So this is just to renew the fee and if we want to renew it, we vote for it. This will be seen in the student accounts for your Fall and Winter semesters. Without being renewed we can't have access to the restaurant and bar there. So I would like you to see the question: Do you agree with the renewal of the non-opt-outable Thomson House Membership fee of \$27.00 per term (Fall and Winter Semesters only) for all undergraduate medical students in order to maintain access to the Thomson House and other advantages for MSS members, with the understanding that a YES vote would lead to the renewal of the fee from the Fall 2019 semester to the Winter 2023 semester, at which time another renewal referendum will be conducted? If you vote yes, the renewal would be for Fall 2019 until Winter 2023 where the new MSS President will deal with this renewal once again.

Question period begins:

87: I would like to know if we renew the fee, will there be a better promotion to have these activities that we never heard of before?

PGSS has expressed that they have a willingness to have more advertisement to us.

49: Do we have a PGSS rep? We currently have SSMU rep.

Currently we do not.

77: I was wondering about when you were discussing with the PGSS reps, did they seem like they're open to negotiation since \$27 to this is a lot of money.

Full members pay \$35 per semester so we are already paying less. There was no willingness to decrease the price and they didn't want to decrease the cost per student. When I said that there might be a possibility that this motion doesn't pass there was maybe some willingness that maybe only Med1s would be part of this motion and have to pay the fees but it is out of the scope of this motion.



3: In terms of the data – is there any other idea about how many people actually use the rooms in terms of how often its used?

When we had this discussion at the beginning of the semester he did email me a list of a list of 7 clubs which use the boardrooms quite often.

107: Extend the motion by 5 minutes.

Seconded 63

Motion passes by 2/3 majority.

104: I was just wondering about if there was a consultation or a survey done to gauge the interest in Thomson house services.

No formal consultation has been done. The extent of the consultation is bringing it to the GA.

107: A lot of clubs use it – but we only know 7 do. Do you think that there are other spaces which the MSS would be able to use to replace this?

There is always the Annex but again we recognize that maybe I should have asked for more data and maybe there are a few rooms at McMed or the Annex.

80: Have there been conservative efforts to combine more equally for both student associations?

Interesting idea and point but we didn't think of this when we spoke in the EC.

63: I understand that this is still possible that McGill approves to have things booked at Thomson house without having to be a member of PGSS – if we weren't to go through with this are people still able to book there?

If clubs and standing committees individually wanted to then they would have to do so at a price which I have not been able to get. There is a way for individual students to pay themselves and I think you have to pay as a full member which is \$35. Instead of presenting your ID then you have to be on a list.

60: I want to know if the PGSS is a non-profit and if the \$27 make them break even or are they making profit?

Recognize a point of information - The PGSS is non-for profit and proceeds of the restaurant and the bar is going towards the student society and going towards Thomson House.



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77: If this were to fail, what's the plan?

Should this fail, as I said they didn't want to discuss specifics and they had said that maybe they can have only Med1s and only Med4s pay etc. We also brought up if it was going to only some students who opt-in would they have the associate status and get to pay the reduced \$27 to be a member. This is a discussion that will occur if this motion fails.

88: Quick question: is there a deadline in terms of if this motion were to fail? How long do we not have access?

The deadline is that we have to have a decision 2 months before the fees are due. So if we do an online referendum then we have to do it before July. We then submit it to McGill and the fee will be, hopefully, accepted. If not, then our membership won't be accepted for the Fall semester and we won't have access.

113: Motion to extend the question period by 3 minutes.

Seconded 43

Motion fails

77: I would like to speak against motion. Does not seem like amount was negotiated properly. Do the math, it gives \$42,000 from MSS to PGSS per year which is a lot of money just to have access to a bar, resto and room booking services. I think we should negotiate it. PGSS' budget is public from this year so we can see that \$72,000 comes from MSS and the LSA, their operating budget this year is over a million. So this is probably not a big deal to them if they are short 10k but our budgets are smaller.

104: I would like to speak against this motion. In order to continue this membership we should have a better idea of student interest. I do appreciate this being brought forwards but think we need more info first.

113: I would like to speak against motion. It is unclear if \$42,000 would be paid by us students of the MSS or knocked off our tuition.

64: At this moment \$27/student/term does not go into MSS account. It goes straight to PGSS. This doesn't impact the MSS as a group, just individuals.

77: I would like to correct error that I made. Operating budget error. Revenues are \$4,500,000. Expenses are 4,516,000, projecting surplus of 16000 with cash budget of approximately 1 million so I think we can get a better deal.



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104: Just to clarify, 2 million/4 million is the insurance plan for PGSS members. The surplus is for 1 year, so if you look over long term you get a better idea of financial status.

MSS President: If this fails, I would like feedback in a murmur google form as to how to move forward.

107: Maybe it would be better to have an online motion for referendum. Maybe better to get peoples opinions online as opposed to having it fail then taking it online .

6: I want to speak against the motion. I really enjoyed Thomson house but I still think we need to consider this amount and we should negotiate more with this partnership. I hope to continue but maybe not with this agreement.

107: Point of personal inquiry, if tabled, when would it be for?

Speaker: Table would be later in meeting. If we postpone it would reject motion as there are no other GAs planned. Since next year is a new session, any pending procedures would be dropped. The best option would be voting on this today and making amendments. These are the options for today.

3: Question, if we postpone and drop do we still need to pay fee?

Speaker: No, if we don't renew it would cease to exist.

64: If this fails If I bring a slightly different motion back is that allowed or is there certain amount of time to wait?

Speaker: Generally, it is not allowed unless there is substantive change to it. This question would go to the Board of Governors, not me. Time for debate is exhausted.

87: Point of parliamentary inquiry. Can we amend motion to that we mandate MSS to ask members.

Motion to amend motion to: Be it resolved that the MSS passes a referendum following questions.

Seconded by 67.

77: If we transform to referendum question would only delay question. Invite assembly to avoid turning this to referendum question – this would only delay the process.

Speaker: My understanding in MSS talking to deputy provost, info received is that the motion would be considered valid if approved at referendum.



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104: I speak in favor of modification. I think it would allow us to ask all members online if they want to continue use of this service.

Vote of amendment: ***Motion passes.***

Wording may be changed to respect McGill Policy but amendment is accepted.

Proceed to voting procedures:

Motion passes

(D) Referendum Question: MSS Student Affairs Fund

MSS President: Prior to 2013, when individual computers were not a big deal and not everyone had one, every MSS member was contributing \$10/semester to the IT fund. In 2013, the MSS realized that everyone now had computers and we didn't need them in the Annex. In 2015, they took 80% of what was in the fund and put it in an endowment - like an investment. What you make every year becomes your income from the endowment. The endowment is called the MSS Student Affairs Endowment Fund. It currently has \$152,233.52. This provides the MSS with a sustainable income, as an example this year we got \$4912 out of it. When they originally made this motion they made it end in Fall of 2018 and so this Winter it has not been taken into account in your tuition because it had not been renewed. The question is can we reinstate? Currently, every student gives \$4/semester, and this goes into the endowment and also increasing the income from endowment. Given inflation rate we want to continue \$4 per student to have a sustainable income for the MSS.

22: Is the investment portfolio fossil free and engaged in responsible investments in general?

Speaker: It is my guess that due to it being administered by McGill, is it is not completely fossil free. My guess is that it is similar to their other endowments but does follow responsible investment guidelines on their website.

95: Non-profits have an upper limit they can have in investments and how much their return can get on these. Is this managed by MSS or is it managed by McGill? If it is done by the MSS, do we know what upper limits are?

MSS President: This fund is managed by McGill but comes from MSS funds originally. We do have investments but we are pretty far from the limit, like 100k or something.

107: What is negative to withdrawing funds?



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MSS President: It is sustainable income. If all else fails we still get tht 5k. If we were to retract it all and use it on projects, it leaves us with a less strong financial background.

72 moves to extend by 3 min

57 seconds.

Motion passes by reaching 2/3 threshold.

87: If I understand well right now, endowment is \$152,000 and will remain that way? Why do we need to put more money in?

MSS President: Yes. The goal is because inflation exists and so we don't want the income to be worth less than it is right now.

Prematurely exhausts question period.

Moves into debate.

17: Can we just reinvest the 1.7% that were getting instead of a \$4 fee. I speak against the motion.

3: If we keep investing and it keeps increasing, is anything ever going to be used, hopefully in my lifetime?

MSS VP Finance: We can always ask the Faculty to give money back. This does however give us a good stable income every year and it is managed by the Faculty. They do take a minimal percentage but they're actually doing us a favor by managing this account for us.

60: How much would students have to pay each per semester to keep up with inflation rate?

64: I speak in favor of motion. The faculty is doing us a favor because this year we would be able to get money and reinvest 1.7% because we are on top of things but it does happen in student societies that finances are always stable. Pretty much nothing would happen with \$152,000 in your lifetime but it would just continue in the long term. This is how a lot of bursaries work. In terms of the other question, the mean inflation rate: \$2.8 student per semester. The Executive Council spoke about this and there are different options like compounding fee to adjust for inflation. The Deputy Provost recommended against this as it is a lot of work and is complicated for not much benefit. He said to just continue and stick to base fee and review in 5 years.



33: McGill has a history of investing in fossil fuels. Since we do not know where money is going, I am not comfortable going forward with this.

113: I would like to speak in favor of motion. In the past 4 years our MSS didn't even put audits forward so \$5,000 a year will ensure audits. Every 5 years, we may get an excellent MSS that actually audits themselves like our current MSS and this will allow them to do so.

Vote by division, must count.

Final tally is 69 in favor, 12 opposed, 6 abstaining,

Motion passes

(E) Motion to inaugurate the CFMS' HEART Curricular Competencies into McGill University's Medical Curriculum

Movers:

- 1) Julie: VP Global Health Senior/Student Rep for Social Accountability and Health Advocacy on the Medical Education Committee
- 2) Jessica: HEART representative for McGill.

HEART is a CFMS task force that has students from every school across country. They have been creating curricular components for environmental health and climate change to be included in the medical curriculum. They have been working with student representatives and a panel of experts and have come up with 11 curricular components. Food security, refugees and migratory patterns, basically everything emergency/disaster risk related to emergency and climate change. The goal is to train physicians in impact of climate change on health seeing as we are advocates for public health.

SAPHHA is a committee led by Dr. Andermann. Last year, 2 students did a curriculum review of the public health component of the curriculum and a created document with recommendations. One of the points was we have no climate change education. There were 3 big proposals: include climate change and environmental health as a subtheme and get experts to link to every block as longitudinal theme. It would also be ideal to have guidance on this and to get the Canadian Association of Physicians to help guide this.

The HEART proposal responds to all 3 of those demands. Also, the committee meets very infrequently, only 1 meeting all year. This is going to be brought to the SGM for the CFMS in September, so if it doesn't pass now we would need to wait until April to advocate for this pan-canadian project.



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60: Speaks strongly in favor. There has been important movements for students to bring new things into curriculum like ASL, organ donation, gender health etc.

Placard vote.

Motion passes unanimously with 1 abstention

(F) Motion to Adopt the Guide to Equitable Events

We proposed a guide for equitable events at the last GA. We thought it was important to have and incorporated feedback and make it more reasonable and feasible.

Main points that were changed:

- 2019-2020 year will be a pilot year and no true consequences will be applied since this will be a transition year.
- As of Fall 2020, this guide will be taken as a rule so that each event must follow it and consequences will be made towards groups that do not.
- In the appendix: they highlight that “this policy applies to any event hosted by an MSS member, that (1) has, at minimum, 15 people intended on attending; (2), is open (e.g. open to the class, all MSS members, members of the public); and (3) advertised (Murmur, Facebook, MSS website, email, etc). If your event meets all criteria, you must submit the checklist to mss.equity@gmail.com at least 3 days before your event”.
- In terms of attendance: “The Equity Committee believes first come first serve is an inaccessible method of recruitment for events, due to the fact that people have external obligations and may not be able to access the internet via their phones or computers at the time the sign up is posted”. They therefore would like to have a lottery so that events that reach a capacity, especially those that sell out quickly, can all be fair in terms of ability to attend. The lottery must have a reasonable window of time for sign up and the draw can take place after this time has elapsed.
- In terms of accessibility: “The Equity Committee believes MSS events should be easily accessible to everyone and should be non-discriminatory for all marginalized groups”. Ideas included are wheelchair accessibility, gender neutral bathrooms, close proximity to public transport and have a space in the sign-up form that is entitled “accessibility needs”. They took out the parking requirements since they realize that was unreasonable.
- In terms of cost: Trying to keep cost to a minimum when it is feasible is very important.
- In terms of food preferences: Trying to distribute the food equally, non-alcoholic options, and events should not offer a special rate for drinks according to gender.
- There are recommendations which include:



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- Consider religious holidays in the planning of your event.
- Consider potential hearing, language and reading challenges.
- Consider offering child care services.
- Be clear on whether your event is offering a full meal or snacks.
- Consider reminding participants to follow a scent-free policy, and that strong smelling perfumes or lotions can be a barrier to access for some.
- If an attendee is going to be late to an event and notifies an organizing member, the organizing members may keep some food on reserve as some circumstances are beyond the control of attendees.
- When you invite multiple speakers to your event, try to think about diversity and gender equality.
- Notify the audience if there are any sensitive topics being presented at your event via, for instance, trigger warnings.
- When you have a theme for an event, avoid themes that could be perceived as cultural appropriation. For example, try to avoid themes in which people could wear offensive costumes or “dress up” as a culture or identity that is not their own.
- If your event includes discussion amongst peers (club meetings, committee meetings, etc.), share an agenda before so people can incorporate topics they want to discuss beforehand. Encourage the opinion of those who are sharing less and those who are under-represented.
- They are implementing a stepwise friendly warning system. A warning is granted based on a breach of the guide such as: “No form submitted or no explanation as to why your event can not fulfil the criteria”. The system will work as follows:
 - First warning: event organizer(s) will receive a message from the Equity Committee notifying them that a warning has been documented.
 - Second warning: event organizer(s) will be invited to a meeting with the Equity Committee to discuss reasons for failing to submit the Equitable Events Form or to discuss why no explanation was provided as to why the event did not fulfil the requirements and to find try to find solutions.
 - Third warning: event organizer(s) will receive an email from the Equity Committee notifying them of a 6-month suspension from organizing a subsequent event.

Question period begins:

67: Could you just quickly summarize what changes were from last one?



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Last time we were going to give consequences without specifying what they would be, now made protocol. We took out the rules of having an epipen and parking spaces available. We also made full meal/snacks a recommendation instead of a requirement.

17: Would the form be electronic to reduce waste and make it easier to fill out?

Yes, definitely! Electronically would be easier and we said to email in the form.

94: Can you summarize criteria on the form to fill out?

Please see the form that is attached to their motion.

55: Are consequences removed after a certain time?

They are reset after 6 months.

107: Motion to extend by 5 min

It is seconded.

Motion passes

72: If unable to fulfill any of criteria and they do give a reason, who will judge whether it is valid or not?

Coming up in our Spring elections, we will form a new committee to review events. We understand and have a lot of flexibility, we just want you to think about these things.

107: I applaud the changes you made and having pilot period. Accessibility - how do we address lack of gender neutral bathrooms at McMed?

You can direct people to the Annex, there are single stalls on 5th floor. Again, if you give an explanation like “a building does not offer gender neutral bathrooms” is okay.

37: Great work on improvements. I have a question about 20\$ for small events, can you elaborate on what is meant by small event other than block parties?

Small = class events,

Bigger = open to all groups of people.

This is however, case by case where events like grad ball would be an exception.

Frequent events should be under 20\$. If it's a one time bigger event then over \$20 is ok and reasonable.

52: I'm curious to know whether such policy exists in SSMU or McGill. Why does McGill Med need one?



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McGill does have recommendations but not a policy. FMEQ passed something recently and PGSS has a discussion group coming up about this. This would be a milestone for us, and sets a precedent.

Motion to extend question period. $\frac{2}{3}$ majority not reached. Moving into debate

78: Food restriction is great point but logistically it is hard to accommodate everyone because there are so many food restrictions these days. Let's say we always offer pizza, given that we have a limited amount of money every semester, if we have to buy gluten free and vegan pizza to accommodate everyone, I don't know if we will be able to it.

88: The point is to make an effort, it is understandable if it is budgetary. We made this motion having in mind what is feasible.

3: Thanks for the comments. While we want flexibility and thank you for your efforts, we want you to put in effort. You may not think there is a way to be able to always accommodate everyone, but there usually is a way to do so. It requires a bit more effort and I think that's the point.

72: In the case of a 3rd warning how would it be enforced? What would hold the club or council from organizing a 3rd event?

You cannot actually stop but sanctions include funding from MSS being withdrawn.

113: As future individuals advocating for patient health we should not be thinking about pizza but fruit or veggies. We can think about cheaper alternatives than Dominos pizza.

77: I want to amend the motion. I would like to change dietary restriction to preference. It is appalling that some people think accommodating to food preferences is unreasonable. It is possible to find cheaper alternatives. The word restriction makes it sound like dairy allergies, kosher etc. is an impairment but we should make it more positive. It is upsetting that people think accommodating diets is a focus of the motion.

113: I'd like to speak as someone with a dietary preference. I wouldn't die if I eat meat or fish but I really appreciate it when people acknowledge that I don't want to eat it.

Vote on the amendment clearly passes



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78: We are already struggling with money and will probably have to cut events because of it. When you buy in volume, one thing you have is discounts. If you have to accommodate one person you don't get these discounts. I don't think it's fair for others.

22: I want to reiterate the pivotal role of pilot year. If the Equity Committee sees that they can help with alternatives/subsidies to food costs then this will be taken into account.

87: would like to move to extend motion by 10 min.

88 seconds. Motion passes.

77: Speak in favor of motion. I think this is good work overall but I disagree on our minor things that are not worth amending. I want to speak briefly about cost and dietary preferences. Not more expensive to cater to vegans. The argument I heard was that if you start accommodating everyone, it will be more expensive. If you cater everyone towards vegans, it would actually be cheaper.

9: Most events already support what the guide says. It is easy to make everyone comfortable, most already do it. As a medical association we should think of an environmental and equitable image, which would be a great way to make a stand.

72: I want to speak in favor of motion. I hope the Equity Committee can put in place measures to make sure the consequences will not have an abuse of power. As long as that it is in place and criteria is met its not an issue. As long as no one uses this to hurt a club/student initiative then it's fine.

37: I have a concern/question - In terms of forms and logistics. MSS clubs run 1 million events per week - is there a system in place to determine how forms will be run through? How will it be efficient?

60: Calls the question.

Seconded by 67.

Motion passes

(G) Motion to Mandate the MSS to Start an Open Call for Applications to Repurpose Room 104 of the Meredith Annex.

Student Space Officer: It has come to the MSS' attention that students want to repurpose room 104 of Annex. This is us therefore coming to the GA to make it equitable and make sure this is done in the most democratic way. One thing we want to enforce is that because it is part of the Annex it will always be open to all MSS members. We are therefore asking for



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an open call to whoever wants to apply to do something with the room to submit their ideas and then we can make it a democratic vote.

MSS President: I will just add to clarify the timeline. I want to underline that the deadline to vote would coincide with Spring elections starting April 3rd. This gives you about 2 weeks to submit proposals. Winning project will be submitted to MAP (MSS advancement project). Students can suggest projects to better student life and get grant. If project X wins they could be granted up to the entirety of the budget.

106: During elections usually there are campaigns, will there be allowance for this?

Wasn't discussed before but interesting idea, will keep it in mind.

9: To clarify, people can propose things to make the room better? Right now the room is where some people sleep so could some people submit an idea to make the room better to sleep in?

Yes

3: Is there a reason you are doing it at same time as elections? There were timeline concerns brought forth to Equity Committee.

It is easier for IT to have everything done at the same time. Right now we don't need specific plans for implementation, just reasonable ideas. The deadline for a MAP grant is April 15th or so, and elections end April 7. By doing it this way we will know who wins so by the 15th they will need to submit budget etc. to MAP.

6: Where is room 104?

MSS President maps out how to get to the Wellness Room.

72: Move to extend 1 min.

Seconded.

Motion passes

72: One of the "Be it resolved" says that it should be accessible at all times, does that mean always open or always with certain clubs?

MSS President: As an example, if my project is locker space for the MSS President and I request a lock in my budget, this only allows me to access and no one else and will not be allowed.

24: Would it be possible to restrict access to room?



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No.

57: I would like to speak in favor of motion. The room is currently woefully underutilised and I see only benefits in this motion.

113: I second that.

3: Some groups are already invested in what this will become and for the sake of transparency we should make sure to advertise it and open it to as many propositions as possible.

2: I want to speak in favor of the motion. Currently it is in a pretty dishevelled state. Whatever proposal passes to give structure to room would bring benefits. Some people aren't even aware the room exists.

Move to vote - **Motion passes.**

(H) Motion to Support National Medical Licensure for all Canadian Doctors.

Currently we have 13 bodies of licensure and we need to pay additional fees to go to different provinces. Currently we cannot go on vacation without being replaced and this limits that. Proposition is to support our national partners CFMS, CMA, RDOC, to alleviate some of the administrative burden on doctors who want to practice more broadly within Canada.

No questions. Proceed to debate.

14: Doesn't Quebec have separate language requirements? How would that work

While recognizing linguistic requirements of Quebec, it is advantageous to have broader licensure from a conceptual standpoint - it makes the most sense.

3: I am in support of this but may encourage you to write a position paper in future outlining arguments for and against - this would allow you to advocate on broader scale.

33: I'm sure we are not first ones to propose this in history of Canada - what has happened in past? What are obstacles?

77: I want to make an amendment. I want to change any reference to National to Canadian and Provincial to Quebec.



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87: Would like the amendment to make sure not all “national”s are changed to Canadian in order for the motion to read correctly.

64: Similarly would like to make sure that not all “provinces” are changed to Quebec in order for the motion to read correctly.

Motion to approve amendment: *Motion passes*

Move into adopting the motion as it stands: **Motion passes**

(8) Question Period

Given no questions, question period time elapses.

(9) Reports

- a) Reports of the Executive Council was presented. For further information please refer to the MSS website where bimonthly updates are written for each position.

(10) Adjournment

MSS Winter General Assembly 2019 - **Adjourned at 9:38 pm**

Final Note:

To the MSS, I wish you the very best in the remaining months of the 2018-2019 academic year. To the Med4s graduating, I want to say congratulations and good luck in your future endeavours!

Madison Meehan

Secretary General 2018 - 2019