



Queer McGill

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*Located on Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe traditional territories*

# Meeting of the General Assembly

April 2, 2022

Present: Sydney (Finance), Cal (Resource, Trans Working Group), Jordan (Events, QT BIPoC Working Group), Fadwa (Communications), Brooklyn (Administrative), Sarah (Events), Arwyn (Member-at-large), Zeke (Neurodiversity & Trans Working Groups), Skye (Asexual Working Group), Stacey (Elections Officer), Julieta (Member-at-large), Annika (Member-at-large), Shelly (Member-at-large), Jim (Member-at-large), Mae (Member-at-large), Katie (Member-at-large), Chidi (Cat-at-large, observer), Lemon (Cat-at-large, observer), Benzene (Cat-at-large, observer); Toast (Cat-at-large, observer)

Absent:

## Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order: 11:11 (via [Zoom](#))
2. Land Acknowledgment

Queer McGill is located in Tiohtiá:ke, the unceded traditional territory of the Kanien'ké:ha, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and Wendat peoples. This land has long served as a place for meeting and exchange among groups of Indigenous people. While this recognition is an important step, settlers must work to further understand their obligations as guests on Indigenous land.

3. Check-in
  - a. Name, pronouns, accessibility needs, mood
4. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Yes: Unanimous
  - b. No: 0
  - c. Abstain: 0
5. Overview of Electoral Procedures



- a. Election by plurality of votes;
  - b. Each election will follow the general format:
    - i. Candidates allowed to speak for three (3) minutes;
    - ii. [Questions from the incumbent Coordinators](#), and then the audience;
      - Note, questions and answers are recorded in the document attached above.
    - iii. Votes will be conducted through Google Forms;
  - c. Uncontested candidates will be subjected to yes/no vote;
  - d. Nominations from the floor will be permitted;
  - e. Candidates may only accept one position;
6. Report of the Resource Coordinator
  - a. Set up the new library.
  - b. Remote ordering through summer, transitioned back to in person operations later.
  - c. Updated website.
  - d. Introduced HIV self test kits, transtape and STPs.
  - e. Fight bill 2 coalition.
  - f. Asexual awareness events.
  - g. CalExotics wholesale - secured discounted price for our ordering.
  - h. New library books.
  - i. Sex and self collaboration - launching wellness pantry.
  - j. Representing QM on the democratise McGill coalition and helping establish it.
  - k. Staffer training.
  - l. Crowdsourced resource guide.
7. [Election](#) of the Incoming Resource Coordinator
  - a. [Arwyn](#): 3



- i. Digitalize information.
- ii. Access to safe injection materials.
- iii. Aim to modernise digital infrastructure and resource requests, and work on expanding resources available to our community.

b. [Shelly](#): 1

- i. Used to be events coordinator.
- ii. Cares about tailoring a safer space for people.
- iii. Promoting the resources qm offers.

c. [Sydney](#): 8 - Elected

- i. Loves education and outreach.
- ii. Was finance coordinator for qm and collaborated with resource coord.
- iii. Focus on increasing engagement with the library.
- iv. Would like to facilitate more collaborative educational events with other organizations at McGill such as the Eating Disorder and Resource Center and Peer Support Center.

d. [Zeke](#): 3

- i. Has been involved with qm since 2018.
- ii. Have been trying to create an accessible
- iii. Worked in different organisations, uge, qm, wellness hub, ssmunion, qpirg.
- iv. Social work student, helped people access resources to help with their needs.
- v. committed to harm reduction, anti-oppression, and social justice.

8. Report of the [Events Coordinators](#)

- a. Gaymes and movie nights every week.
- b. Events organised include Trivia night, Open mic, Zine launch, Welcome back picnic, CL&E orientation, Spooky scavenger hunt, Halloween crafts and movie night,



Virtual escape room, Bob ross night, Gingerbread houses, Palentines gay, Drag makeup tutorial, Gayme show night.

- c. Good year overall, adapted to online events well.

9. [Election](#) of the Incoming Events Coordinators

a. [Arwyn](#), in absentia: 10 - Elected

- i. Note from the Events Coordinators: While Arwyn was not here for this part, they have been present in lots of events.

b. [Skye](#): 5

- i. Has attended a bunch of events at QM.
- ii. [Hearing](#) feedback from people who attend events and their suggestions.
- iii. Being aware of covid restrictions in order to increase accessibility and turnout.
- iv. Making sure everyone has a good time and is enjoying the events.
- v. Collaborating with other clubs and coords to increase support for students not a part of QM.

c. [Yara](#): 11 - Elected

- i. Lots of experience working with non western queer groups at mcgill, ex. Helem.
- ii. Wants to make it a safer space for non western queers and make events more accessible to neurodivergent students.
- iii. Has experience organizing events with queer plestinians and queer arab folk.
- iv. Wants to organise speed dating events and ellelui collaboration.

10. Report of the [Communications Coordinator](#)

- a. Weekly listserv, informing members of events and activities.
- b. Managing various social media accounts.
  - i. Linked facebook and instagram for cross-posting.



- ii. Answering messages and referring folks to resources.
    - iii. Primarily used for promoting resources and events.
    - iv. New linkin.bio account.
    - v. In future, an automatic approval system of posts should be considered.
  - c. Taking meeting minutes and translating messages.
  - d. Reaching out to groups for cross-promotions.
  - e. Introduced a “Reading Corner” to promote the Library.
11. [Election](#) of the Incoming Communications Coordinator.
- a. [Julieta](#): 4
    - i. Helping advertise for events.
    - ii. Has experience with graphic design for listservs.
    - iii. Has experience with social media.
  - b. [Shelly](#): 9 - Elected
    - i. Comes from a communications background.
    - ii. Facilitated discussions.
    - iii. Active listening training.
    - iv. Sent listservs before.
    - v. Can make graphics through canva. “Graphic design is my passion”.
12. Report of the [Administrative Coordinator](#)
- a. Representative seats on committees.
  - b. Overhauled constitution.
  - c. Designed new document and email signature templates.
  - d. Revised coord job descriptions.
  - e. Facilitated staffer training alongside resource coordinator. (Revamped staffer training to modernize content).



- f. Assisted with founding of QUIPS fund.
- g. Authored operational plan to resume in-person activities.
- h. Contributed to revision of the IRS of student groups.
- i. Negotiated pay-scale increases for 3/6 coords.
- j. Overhauled the safer space policy, adding by-laws.
- k. Note from Zeke: SSMUnion GA is monday night, bargaining almost done, come to GA to answer your questions.

13. [Election](#) of the Incoming Administrative Coordinator

a. [Brooklyn](#): 11 - Elected

- i. Current qm admin.
- ii. Dedicated years to advocacy and policy.
- iii. Experience in student and SMMU governance is an asset to QM.

b. [Zeke](#): 2

- i. Have done similar positions in other organisations, been the admin coord at qm before.
- ii. Loves when2meets.
- iii. Would bring in harm reduction approaches.

14. Report of the [Finance Coordinator](#)

- a. Prepared budget for 2021-2022 school year, budget was 88k.
- b. Discretionary funding.
  - i. For future, need to work out how to provide funding to individuals, people
- c. Filled out a lot of forms.
- d. Staffed the office.

15. [Election](#) of the Incoming Finance Coordinator

a. [Skye](#): 3



- i. Want to be involved in QM.
- ii. Worked with finance coords to make sure budgets were used in a beneficial way, deciding how to best organise finances for events.

b. [Katie](#): 8 - Elected

- i. Working with finances through different positions in club governance.
- ii. Helped with finance in EUS and other groups.
- iii. Fan of being organised.
- iv. Loves spreadsheets (not sarcastic).

## 16. Reports of Working Groups

- a. Asexual Working Group.
  - i. Skye is interested in leading the ace working group.
  - ii. Group is officially active.
- b. Gender & Sexuality Advocacy Committee.
  - i. main project is QUIPS bursary for queer students.
  - ii. day to day advocacy.
  - iii. working with wellness hub to increase trans training, and French language.
  - iv. Working on stopping deadnaming at mcgill.
- c. Neurodiversity Working Group.
  - i. been meeting online, will discuss how to use the budget soon.
- d. QT BIPoC Working Group
  - i. Next meeting is next thursday at 6:30pm, come!!
- e. [Queer Grad Club](#)
- f. Trans Working Group
  - i. Working on bill 2.

## 17. Motions for Consideration



- a. Motion to ratify the [decision of the Coordinating Committee](#) to remove settler names from Queer McGill's official land acknowledgments and to amend **Appendix C: Land Acknowledgement** of [the Constitution of Queer McGill](#) to reflect such changes and to correct any grammatical or orthographic errors currently present in **Appendix C: Land Acknowledgement**
  - i. Yes: Unanimously accepted
  - ii. No: 0
  - iii. Abstain: 0
- b. Motion to adopt the [Safer Space Policy and By-Laws of Queer McGill](#) of 2022-04-02, to supersede and nullify the [Queer McGill Safer Space Policy](#) of 2020
  - i. Yes: Unanimously approved
  - ii. No: 0
  - iii. Abstain: 0
- c. Motion to amend **Appendix A: Safer Space Policy** of [the Constitution of Queer McGill](#) of 2022-11-28 to reflect the adoption of the [Safer Space Policy and By-Laws of Queer McGill](#) of 2022-04-02
  - i. Yes: Unanimously accepted
  - ii. No: 0
  - iii. Abstain: 0
- d. Motion to declare the Bisexual Working Group inactive and reallocate its funding until the Group regains active status
  - i. Yes: Unanimously accepted
  - ii. No: 0
  - iii. Abstain: 0
- e. Motion to confirm Skye Schmitter as leader and representative of the Asexual Working Group, replacing Daisy S.
  - i. Yes: Unanimously approved
  - ii. No: 0



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iii. Abstain: 0

## 18. Open Discussion

- a. Zine launch rescheduled until next sunday! Submit bbs!

## 19. Adjournment: 16:21