

Board of Governors Regular Meeting, 2023-01-22

1. Attendance

2. Absence

3. Opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at 10:22 AM.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Agenda adopted.

5. Announcements

6. *There were none.*

7. Approval of the [minutes of the last meeting](#)

Yassi: Is there a way for us to outline corrections?

Owen: I'm a big fan of the suggestion tool.

Thomas: That sounds great to me.

Owen: Yassi has some spelling errors to fix, otherwise minutes approved.

8. New Business/Discussion Topics

8.1. [Motion RE: Creation of The Container Policy](#)

Aidan: Last week, I got 4k for a container, the board wanted me to make a policy governing its use. It's similar to the clubs hub policy. Responsibilities are under DT director instead of clubs director.

David: Generally, does the policy give an EUS exec or someone in the position such as yourself the discretion to manage the space? Article 3.1 says they will be allowed to use the space, but I don't want to get into a situation where people are fighting for the space.

Aidan: It's the VPSL pipeline. There's an article that specifies how to justify the need for space and allocation. Also, this adds an additional document specifically about this space.

David: Can we make sure it's uploaded the the wiki?

Aidan: Can someone tell me when it goes in the drive?

Owen: I'll do a big update. Voting...

Motion passes unanimously.

8.2. [Motion RE: Amendment to the Clubs & Design Teams Bylaws](#)

Aidan: This started last time, requesting that the new responsibilities of clubs hub director be reflected in clubs & DT bylaws. I added 9.2.5 saying that the clubs director is responsible for managing clubs hub and container (which refers back to container policy). Then, Andy fixed the formatting. We realized that DTs and club status are not explicitly mutually exclusive. Finally, I added 10.2.6 requiring equity training for leadership positions.

Yassi: Great initiative, but have you talked to equity? I see an issue where a team wants DT status very quickly and it's not available.

Aidan: It's in 10.2--something to retain design team status, something that would be checked at DTFC.

Owen: As someone who has given equity training to DTs in the past, it's difficult to get them out. Are you comfortable requiring that everyone in leadership positions want to do it?

Aidan: Yes.

Owen: Voting...

Motion passes unanimously.

8.3. [Motion RE: Temporary Amendments to the Standing Orders of the EUS Council Policy](#)

Owen: Whereas the VPSL position has been filled by Owen, the EUS speaker, and the policy states that speaker cannot hold any other position, and furthermore deputy speaker applications have been open since December (and speaker position requires lengthy transition process), I would like to propose the following temporary amendment to be reverted after new speaker has been trained. Small conflict of interest as I will be gaining a vote on the body I oversee. I'll start with questions, I think Flo had this question online. We are looking to strike out 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 temporarily.

David: I propose an amendment that this will be very clear to apply retroactively to the start of your term as VPSL.

Owen: Voting...

Motion passes unanimously with one abstention from Owen.

8.4. [Motion RE: Proposed Amendments to the Blues Pub Policy](#)

Chris: This is my motion proposing an amendment to the Blues policy. Currently gelatine based drinks are banned under Blues Pub policy, but the EUS tries to be equitable, so people who have difficulty swallowing liquid based drinks, I seek to strike that from the EUS Blues Pub policy.

Yassi: Is your proposed amendment to strike this out or to put guidelines on it?

Chris: I propose just to strike it, but we must stay under the 50% alcohol. Right now, someone could serve a non-gelatin based drink at Blues.

Owen: The current amendments are unrelated to the alcohol by volume percentage.

David: Why is this rule here? Was it because Jell-O shots are particularly more dangerous? Is this something to do with our permit/McGill?

Owen: I was with Chris when this issue was brought up, I could not find a lot of information to back up that Jell-O shots are more dangerous than just drinking

alcohol. I could imagine that alcohol could be absorbed a bit more slowly when it's solid.

Chris: The Jell-O would still be low alcohol content.

Owen: We can look at the edit history and see when they're banned. We'd need to dig through the old minutes to see.

David: I think Yassi goes on to something interesting where she mentions restrictions/guidelines. I would be surprised if people with dysphagia form any specific margin of our base. If we are just trying to diversify blues and offer more options to people who medically do not need this, I think those are two different approaches.

Zania: I would ensure safety. There is a lot of margin for error, so we must be sure that it is being produced safely for people and making sure it's not dirty or gross.

Owen: My one concern for this is that the Jell-O must be made ahead of time due to the setting time. At least the mixed drink is made at Blues Pub. If people just show up with Jell-O and I taste it, it becomes a lot harder to control. Maybe we are leading back to why this is banned in the first place.

David: Is there a fridge at Blues?

Owen: There are freezers.

Yassi: General storage over a four-hour period.

Owen: It's gonna melt. You can just add Jell-O to the mixed drink, it'll still be liquid.

Yassi: If it becomes liquid, the whole motivation behind this is a gelatinous-based swallowing thing.

Owen: It would still be a little more viscous.

Chris: There's nothing stopping people from making a non-gelatin based Jell-O shot (e.g. vegan Jell-O).

David: All in all, I think that just striking the clause/amending it to be a little different is not taking advantage of the opportunity this motion presents. We discussed some potential oversight problems with this becoming a thing. Do we actually want to pursue this motion? How do we feel about that? I think it could be really fun to ask Blues manager to come back with more policy reforms to make this work. Is that a lot of effort for something we don't think is worth it.

Owen: We had a lot of discussion about bringing more options to Blues, I think adding Jell-O is within that spirit.

?: Isn't there gelatin in some ice creams?

Chris: It's the alcohol that needs to be contained in the ice cream.

Owen: Chapman's is what we get from Frostbite.

David: Do we want to do more than strike this?

Yassi: I think it's a really fun idea. I also have a lot of theories about adding some more alcoholic options. I would want to keep that in mind. I don't know if striking this specific clause will make a change.

David: 9.8, I feel like there have been Boat Race practices during Blues Pub. ESC has a boat race tryouts table at Blues.

Owen: This is definitely a QC law thing.

David: Right now, I get the feeling that the energy is "blues is good as is, it has some quirks, but this may or may not affect anything if we strike it". I'm not super convinced that dysphagia is rampant at Blues. Are there any other projects you think this would apply to?

Chris: It could be a great source of revenue for clubs as well. I don't see it being different other than the difficulty in monitoring alcohol content.

David: I would propose an amendment to Blues Pub, add 7.14.1, something along the lines of "managing the Jell-O shots".

Yassi: We're adding it under Blues Pub manager responsibility? That's very specific.

Owen: I would add a new responsibility, making sure all mixed drinks, Jell-O shots, etc. fall under the Blues Pub manager.

Yassi: How would you check that as a manager?

Owen: Presently, during setup managers just taste it. We're walking around the room during setup, so we're always present, and I'll look at the stuff for the mixed drink.

Walid: What about what we said about the absence of cooling at Blues Pub?

Owen: We could put them on ice at the cooler.

David: I'm confident people will figure out that part. I don't think people will go all-in on the Jell-O without experimenting a little first. That is something that will emerge. I definitely would want to add Owen's amendment. "The general supervision of" smth.

Owen: I would propose to add after article 7.13: "to ensure that all mixed/specialty drinks prepared by the hosts fall within all guidelines as layed out in article 9.9".

Chris: I'm a little worried about the word "ensure". Perhaps "supervise".

Owen: "To supervise the preparation..."

David: You feel like what is going on now would reasonably fall under that clause.

Owen: Any further discussion points regarding this motion?

Yassi: I know we have the big gatorade thingy--that limits the amount of the specialty drink. Do we want to put a limit on the amount of Jell-O shots?

David: Theoretically, people could serve “mixed drink shots” right now. Do we feel that Jell-O shots are significantly more dangerous than a mixed drink shot, for example. Let’s say we want this to go ahead, but we also want to keep Blues on a short leash for the next year when it comes to Jell-O shots. Would it be part of this motion? Would it be a policy? Or do we task the Blues managers with that? Is this a council resolution?

Owen: I think it’s unnecessary, there’s always an exec on shift, and two Blues managers—they would take on the responsibility. I don’t think we need to put specific barriers for Jell-O shots. Any further discussion points?

Voting...

Two in favor, 5 abstentions.

8.5. [Motion RE: Proposed Amendments to the 2022-2023 Electoral Calendar](#)

Yassi: This motion as written by Kells. The electoral calendar was presented to y’all. We have made further edits to better outline the timeline. Basically, everything has been pushed out by a week, which gives us more time to prepare and get more engagement.

Owen: Voting...

Unanimous in favor, one abstention from Yassi.

8.6. [Motion Re: Selection of New Point of Contact with the Plumber’s Philharmonic Orchestra](#)

Zania: The EUS and the PPO have an understanding, as the PPO is an external group to the EUS that outlines the responsibilities of the points of contact we have with the PPO. Last year, I fulfilled the role as a non-PPO contact, but I am now a member of the PPO which makes me ineligible.

Owen: Nominations...

Yassi: For more information, there are two non-members, Kells and Zania, and Kells is still staying on. It’s not a lonely role.

Walid: What does that role involve?

Zania: There are a couple guidelines we ensure the PPO upholds, such as respecting our spaces, providing # of active members, basically holding them accountable. As of yet, I haven’t had to do something more than send a message in our Messenger group.

Owen: I’d like to nominate David.

David: I shadely decline.

Owen: I’d like to nominate Walid.

Walid: I decline.

Owen: I’d like to nominate Ian.

Ian: I accept.

Owen: Voting...

Unanimous in favor, motion passes.

9. Reports

9.1. General Reports

9.2. BoG Committees

9.2.1. Chair [Kells]

Yassi: I am very excited about the restructuring committee. No information about the one-on-ones. By next meeting, we should have another BoG member.

9.2.2. IH [Kells]

No updates.

9.2.3. Special Projects [Ali]

No updates.

9.2.4. Finance [Ali]

No updates.

9.2.5. OAP [Saman]

Saman: The only update is that they're meeting today. Nothing new from last week.

9.2.6. E-Week

Owen: E-Week happened. No updates since the last board meeting. We met with the equity commissioners, any problems during E-Week are being resolved. The missing DJ equipment is still outstanding. We are still losing about 4k. The audio person keeps calling the office. It will be paid.

9.3. Senator Report [David]

David: A couple things, McGill is running a deficit. This goes in line with its maintenance backlog. That will factor into the behavior of McGill. Senate caucus had a long debate on Monday about academic freedom. The QC government had already required universities to formulate an academic freedom policy. There is currently no student representation on the committee. It's all MABT. We really want in on that committee, and that is a pressing issue. We can't really know what McGill is doing or what the teachers want before we get in. Otherwise, senate was not that spicy. We are not sending a letter to the principle as he still works at Dalhouse. We knew he was only coming on in April/May. We decided not to contact him through his Dalhouse email. That is on ice until April or May.

Owen: Regarding the academic freedom committee, which students would you be looking to appoint to that?

David: First and foremost people from the SSMU senate caucus. Maybe president or VPUA. Definitely that was the track we were taking. This would be a SSMU-level thing.

9.4. Council [Owen]

Owen: Council last week, we had no motions, as Kells was ill last week. Postponed to this Wednesday. We started exec midterm reports. The remaining 3 execs will be giving their reports at this upcoming meeting. Emile and I will not be giving midterm reports as the incoming exec team. Following exec midterm reports, there will be an anonymous feedback session. If you'd like to come by and roast the execs (or sing their praises) you are welcome to. Last council we had an update from CDE conference delegates, told us about their time in Manitoba. And there are no motions upcoming currently except the BoG one.

9.5. Executive Committee [Yassi]

Yassi: Starting with VP Academic, the exec committee has decided that it is not very sustainable to onboard someone now, so we are splitting the responsibilities of VP Academic. VP Communications, Shafaq has not had much going on, she is working with IT director to get TENS screens back up. Next, VP Events, they hired their coord team for MERTWinter. VP External, Emile is nearly onboarded. Attended CELC. He's still getting into the role. EngGames also are choosing their new chiefs soon. Application for internal director is open now. VP Internal, everything is running well. Efe is going over printouts. Space manager is thinking of revamping committee and potentially common room. Blues is hiring a new manager. JC has a networking event coming up. VPSL, Owen is looking into involvement day, clubs council, and he has a lot of good ideas.

9.6. President [Yassi]

Yassi: Nothing much is happening in the president's portfolio, we just got done onboarding office admins. I have set up my checking with some of the people I work with, we'll be meeting biweekly.

9.7. VP Finance [Saman]

Saman: All of the funding dates have been pretty much confirmed, and you can either see them on the calendar if they're up, or they will be by today. Finally, we checked the OAP account printouts, we're in a 37k profit. That's after security charges and other payments. The only thing left to do is to give our PCC donation, as Michael from Provigo is nice enough to give us rebates on our food. Even after the donation, our profits will look like 12k, 13k. All good news.

10. Set the time and date of the next meeting

10.1. Sunday February 5th at 10 AM.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.