



MCGSS Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 8th, 2021

12 PM (noon), EDT

MCGSS 2020-2021 Annual General Meeting Agenda

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1. Approval of Agenda

2. Announcements

2.1. Nominations results for the 2021-2022 executive elections

Following the end of the Nomination period for the MCGSS Executive Committee positions held between March 22nd and April 6th 2021, we will announce the retained candidates on the day of the Annual General Assembly (AGM).

2.2. Campaign and voting periods

The Campaign period for MCGSS Executive Candidates will be held between April 9th to 15th at 11:59 PM, inclusively. Candidates should read the By-laws Of The Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society, section 6.4, to ensure they follow the Campaign rules. Candidates who do not conform could be eliminated from the electoral process. Any enquiries should be addressed to the Chief Returning Officer, (Carolyne Dubreuil mcgss-vp.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca) or one of the co-returning officers (Meha Sharma (mcgss-prez.pgss@mail.mcgill.ca) or Philip Wiredu Addo philip.addo@mail.mcgill.ca).

The Voting period will be held from April 16th to 22nd, inclusively, and will take place via the online voting platform SimplyVote.

2.3. Unveiling of the new MCGSS logo

MCGSS has a brand new logo to represent us, which will be shown to the student body for the first time at the AGM. This logo will replace the previous one on our website, social media and all other communications and merchandise.

2.4. Upcoming MCGSS council meetings



All MCGSS members are welcome to attend the Society's Council meetings, held monthly. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for April 15th, 2021. A Zoom link will now be sent to your McGill email before each Council meeting.

2.5. Mac Commissioner Position Applications

Applications for the Mac Commissioner are now being accepted until April 10th at 11:59 PM. This is a paid position under the PGSS, with the purpose of representing Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' interests in PGSS affairs and collaborating with PGSS Executives and Councilors. Visit <https://pgss.mcgill.ca/en/event/1004> for more information.

2.6. MyThesis mandatory for PhDs

MyThesis is currently in use for all master's theses, and will be mandatory for PhDs as of April 16th, 2021. Note: If you are on leave you must re-enrol to be able to use it.

2.7. Upcoming Events

2.7.1. Picture A Scientist Documentary Screening

Join the virtual screening of the award-winning documentary *Picture a Scientist* open to all Macdonald Campus community members, hosted by Linley Sherrin (NRS departmental representative and councilor), on April 8th at 3pm followed by an open-format discussion regarding gender inequality in STEM on Zoom. To register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8PZQZmq899Iw3R3oiM475ETsOCDyZrV5nZjwftzCV7uMC3A/viewform>

2.7.2. Earth day

Environment and sustainability-related events will be announced shortly via social media, website posting and email.

3. MCGSS Annual Report



3.1. Presentation of the Executive Committee Annual Reports

- 3.1.1. President - Meha Sharma
- 3.1.2. Vice-President - Carolyne Dubreuil
- 3.1.3. Secretary - Md Sazan Rahman
- 3.1.4. Treasurer - Diksha Bhola
- 3.1.5. Public Relations Officer - Mathilde Guglielmi
- 3.1.6. Representative to the Macdonald Campus Students' Society - Simran Kaur
Jawanda
- 3.1.7. Representative to the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- Mohamed Antar

3.2. Presentation of the Annual Financial Report

4. Business arising

4.1. Tabled - Motion - Ratification of the Amended section 6.5 of the By-laws Of The Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society

Whereas, the Macdonald Campus Graduate Students' Society (MCGSS) primary governing document is the By-laws;

Whereas, any changes to the Election Period require amendment of the By-laws to state the changes involved;

Whereas, the rationale for recommending changes to the voting process can be found in the attached amendment;

Whereas, there is an ever increasing need for accessibility and transparency in the electoral process;

Whereas, the current COVID-19 pandemic has induced limited in-person campus activities;

Whereas, technology has progressed sufficiently in the last decades;

Whereas, the proposed amendments have been approved by the MCGSS Council on April 1st, 2021;



BIRT, the MCGSS Annual General Meeting ratify the attached amendment to Section 6.5 of the MCGSS By-laws outlining the shift to a 5-working day online Voting period with an optional in-person polling booth for all future MCGSS Elections.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1T39ZLk5is_t2hqtfqCNOOnYot4i6q-7aEIDE/LAd3emVI/edit?usp=sharing

5. Discussion Items

5.1. Mac Community Garden plots

The MCGSS has acquired two plots in the Mac community garden (near the Ecoresidences) for use by graduate students. The MCGSS will be available to hear your thoughts and recommendations regarding the use of these gardens over the Summer.

5.2. Shuttle bus

The MCGSS will be available to listen to the Shuttle bus users' complaints and suggestions regarding the management of the Shuttle bus service, both during the ongoing pandemic and prior.

6. Question period

This period will be dedicated to miscellaneous questions brought forward by students.