

McGill University, ZOOM  
November 30, 2022 (3:00 PM – 4:30 PM)

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F. Miller welcomes the group to the 2nd meeting of 4 for 2022-2023. F. Miller asks for approval of the minutes from the last meeting. The Council approves. There are no additions to today's agenda. F. Miller welcomes guests Lauren MacDonald and Kimberly John to the meeting.

K. Houser presents recent sustainability news, including:

- Online Sustainability Module has been available as of mid-November for a soft launch. Accessibility testing with students is underway and a launch event will take place on January 26.
- The MCSS and SSMU student societies held a referendum this fall for the renewal of the SPF. Both votes were successful, and the referenda passed. The last vote to renew the SPF will be held by the PGSS during the winter semester. This will help renew the SPF for the next five years.
- 60 ambassadors were recruited in the newly updated Sustainability Ambassadors Program, which has SPF, zero-waste, and sustainable event streams.
- McGill is a finalist for the AASHE Campus Sustainability Achievement Award for the Bayano-McGill Reforestation Project in Panama. This reforestation project allows us to offset a part of McGill's greenhouse gas emissions.
- As part of the project "Improving McGill's Waste Systems to Achieve Zero-Waste" funded by the Sustainability Projects Fund, several new exterior sorting stations have been installed by the Buildings and Grounds team. These new bins now offer the recycling stream outdoors.
- The Sustainability Education Fellows program that Blane Harvey and Jessica Latus presented about at the last meeting was launched. 10 participants were recruited from 6 faculties, and a faculty retreat is planned for December.
- An enhanced partnership between the Office of Sustainability and the McGill Sustainability Systems Initiative (MSSI) is underway.
- The Sustainability Policy is up for review in 2023 and we are proposing a few revisions. One key addition will aim to express the idea that students will learn about sustainability during their time at McGill. Several initiatives are already underway that will help achieve this. Adding this text will help us make significant progress towards the University's KPI to reach a STARS platinum rating.

Members suggested:

- Take care with the policy wording: focus on sustainability awareness and education.
- The initiatives mentioned may not reach all students; there may need to be progress markers and expansion of reach.
- Members would like to see an update on COP15 and what McGill is doing on biodiversity.

L. MacDonald presents the Zero-Waste Zone project, which is a flagship action in McGill's Climate and Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025. This flagship action is in its initial design phase and the hope is to start the implementation in 2023.

improve sustainability in labs. We feel that developing a certification program for sustainable labs would make sense for the McGill community, and we are working to develop an in-house certification program versus a pre-made certification.

While a certification would touch on all aspects of a lab, we are also taking another action aimed at reducing energy consumption: participating in the Inte0 g2 792 ret "aë