

## Faculty Club Annual General Meeting - McGill University

*Meeting: June 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Location: Faculty Club Gold Room*

### **Faculty Club Council Members in Attendance:**

*Prof. Brendan Gillon (Linguistics) – President*  
*Prof. Edith Zorychta (Pathology) – Treasurer*  
*Ms. Heidi Emami (Registrar's Office) – Secretary*  
*Mr. Nicolas Zrihen, General Manager, Faculty Club*  
*Prof. Stefano Algieri (Music) – Past-President*  
*Prof. Andrew Kirk (Electrical and Computer Engineering)*  
*Mr. Michael David Miller (McGill Libraries)*  
*Prof. Gerbern Oegema (Religious Studies)*  
*Prof. Milica Popovic (Electrical and Computer Engineering)*  
*Prof. Bernard Robaire (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)*

**Regrets/Absence:** *Prof. Caroline Riches (Education) – Vice-President; Prof. David Harpp – Honorary Past-President; Prof. Christopher Barrett (Chemistry); Prof. Masad Damha (Chemistry); Prof. Ian Butler (Emeritus) – Honorary Past-President; Prof. Tina Piper (Law)*

### **Faculty Club Members in Attendance:**

Prof. Emeritus Neil Stewart  
Prof. Emeritus Peter McNally

### **Meeting Notes:**

1. *Approval of Agenda, adoption of Minutes*  
The agenda was approved, and minutes of the June 2022 meeting were adopted.
2. *President's Remarks (Prof. Brendan Gillon)*  
Prof. Gillon welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on upcoming changes to the Council membership, as follows:

Members whose terms are ending: Prof. Andrew Kirk, Mr. Michael David Miller, Prof. Gerbern Oegema, Prof. Tina Piper. Prof. Gillon thanked these members for their time on the Council and mentioned that Prof. Oegema would remain on Council for another term to work on the Faculty Club Building book project.

New members joining the Council: Prof. John Galaty (Anthropology) as the incoming President, Prof. Juliet Johnson (Political Science), Prof. Guylaine Beaudry (McGill Libraries) and Prof. Kyoko Hashimoto (Music).

Prof. Gillon mentioned that a special meeting would be held for the membership to vote on the new Council.

### **Book on the history of the Faculty Club Building:**

Prof. Gillon reported that Prof. Emeritus Neil Stewart had approached him about a project to write a book about the Faculty Club Building: Baumgarten House. Prof. Stewart has spent a lot of time searching the archives and has written the first three chapters as a draft. This draft is a description of everything that he has obtained about the history of the Faculty Club.

Prof. Stewart shared that the centennial of the Faculty Club will be on October 29, 2023, and the Club first opened its door in its current location of the Baumgarten House, on January 24, 1935. His suggestion is to have the book published in time for the anniversary of when the Faculty Club opened its doors in the Baumgarten House.

Prof. Gillon explained that he and Prof. Oegema would review this first draft and determine how the information could be arranged to be presented as a book and establish a project timeline. The draft and any budget required for this project would have to be approved by the Faculty Club Council.

### **Scanning the minutes of the Faculty Club Council:**

Prof. Gillon reported that this summer he would take on the project of scanning hardcopy minutes of the Faculty Club Council. A small budget is required to hire someone to scan the documents. The hardcopy documents are being gathered, and Prof. Gillon will reach out to past presidents or past treasurers to share old records. A Digitization Specialist, Greg Houston, from the McGill Libraries, recommended by Mr. Miller, would be available for advice and consultation. Prof. McNally mentioned that there are gaps in the Faculty Club Council meeting documents as some of the past presidents have destroyed them.

### **3. Treasurer's Report (Prof. Edith Zorychta)**

Prof. Zorychta reported that the Faculty Club had to close during the pandemic and the endowment fund was used to support the operations and staff. She mentioned that many renovation projects were undertaken during this time and supported by this fund. Prof. Zorychta explained that since operations have resumed after the pandemic, the Faculty Club business is great, the Club finances are doing well, and the endowment fund is being built up again. A request was made to have a written financial report presented at the general meeting, as a point of comparison from one year to the next. Prof. Gillon mentioned that in his role as

the President of the Council, he would be available to meet and share the financial reports of the Club.

4. *Manager's Report (Mr. Nicolas Zrihen, General Manager)*

Mr. Zrihen reported that Club activities for the membership were a big success this year especially in the dining room and at the cocktail hour. The Club has been serving 60-70 lunches a day. He shared that the Club has many younger members who are frequenting the venue, and that membership overall is on the rise. The Club membership now stands at 1,300 members.

Mr. Zrihen mentioned that the Club had changed its reporting structure from Facilities Management (FMAS) to Student Housing and Hospitality Services (SHHS), which is part of the Student Life and Learning umbrella.

Mr. Zrihen shared that this summer the inside of the front door would be retouched and a caving floor in the basement level would be fixed. He ended by thanking his team for doing a great job to serve the Club membership and thanked the Council for their support.

5. *Other Business*

There was no other business.

6. *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

*Minutes by Heidi Emami*