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# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO COUNCIL

**SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

## **Board of Governors**

- Begun attending Board of Governors meetings in May.
  - Attended the May 25<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting.
- Board of Governors' Committees:
  - Voting member of the (1) Executive Committee [met a couple of times over the summer],
  - and a voting member of the (2) Nominating, Governance, and Ethics Committee [did not meet over the summer, next meeting is on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>].
- Working with MCC (McGill's Communities Council) on Board of Governors reform. Currently, the MCC is debating on a common strategy for the year.
- Currently part of the joint Board-Senate meeting working group, planning the Board-Senate meeting in November that focuses on the theme of mentorship.

## **Senate**

- Attended Senate Orientation,
- Attended the first meeting of Senate Caucus,
- Attended Senate meetings in May as an observer to prepare myself to successfully serve on Senate since I did not have someone to train me for this role.



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## Human resources and legal

- Various HR related matters,
- With the help of the HR Manager, Kibi Zhu, I prepared a SSMU student-staff orientation that took place this week (on September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>).

## Board of Directors

- In May, due to all of the resignations from the Board and people graduating, the Board approached a dangerous number of members: if the Board was to find itself with less than 7 members (7 = quorum), the Board would have been not functional and the SSMU would have been mandated to go through a summer Referendum to approve members of the Board. A situation that the SSMU would obviously like to avoid.
- As of today, Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we have a full, fully-functional Board of Directors comprised of 12 members.
- All of the Board of Directors minutes from 2015, 2016, and 2017 have been reviewed by the SSMU General Manager (Ryan Hughes), GM Administrative Assistant (Michal Chernov), and myself.
  - All of the minutes in question have been signed by me and are normally available on the SSMU website for the public to consult.
- **Current goals**
  - (1) working on setting a regular Board of Directors meeting time,
  - (2) making sure that all of the BoD meeting minutes are available to the general public to consult shortly after the meeting (regularly updating BoD documents and board minutes),
  - (3) currently re-starting meetings of Board committees, and lastly,
  - (4) working on a training / orientation for incoming Board members.



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## **Management of relations between the Society and the administration of the University**

- Accomplishment: re-establishing a relationship of mutual trust and respect between the SSMU and members of the McGill Administration,
- Planning a leadership and engagement retreat with the other three student societies and the Dean of Students, Christopher Buddle.

## **Committee work**

- Attended meetings of the McGill Health and Wellness Advisory Committee (along with VP Finance and VP University Affairs),
- McGill Sustainability Advisory Committee,
- McGill's Community Council (MCC),
- LifeAYD,
- Bicentennial Steering Committee [did not meet yet but I met with Gérard Cadet to discuss the role of SSMU in the planning of the celebrations],
- ESAAC (Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee),
- Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Vice-Principal (University Advancement),
- Principal's Awards Advisory Committee,
- CentreAid,
- MASEC.

## **Projects**

- SSMU specific Sexual Violence Policy [the entire exec],
- Reviving Francophone Affairs under the SSMU [with the VP External]
  - Currently working closely with SEDE and the Quebec Studies Department (QSD) on various common projects such as (1) promotion of the newly established Quebec Studies



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Department, (2) promotion and planning for the community building seminar offered by SEDE and QSD // ExCELR.

- Judicial Board Reform [underway].

## **Legislative Council**

- Planning of the Legislative Council training, which took place on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>,
- Legislative Council preparations:
  - Gathering of Councillors' information,
  - Setting the dates for Legislative Council

## **Networking and relationship building**

- Student Care Conference (May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>),
- SUDS 2017 Conference (August 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>),
- Tabling at Parents' Tent (August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>).

## **Long-term integrity of the Society**

- Participated in talks about a potential Bike Facility in the University Building with Jonathan Nordland, Campus Space and Planning, and the McGill Office of Sustainability. The previous executive worked on the Bike Facility project.
- Re-started the McGill-SSMU MoA negotiations (with SSMU VP University Affairs).
- SSMU Day Care (varia).

## **Goals for the next two weeks**

- Attend the Board of Governors Orientation (Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>),
- Roll out free Menstrual Hygiene Products across campus
  - First stop: McConnell Engineering!
- Attend the first Senate meeting of the year (Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>),



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- Attend the McGill Advisory Council on Sustainability,
- Continue developing the SSMU Sexual Violence Policy,
- Attend the workshop on governance for incoming student leaders (admin + VP Student Life + VP University Affairs),
- Francophone Affairs: Quebec Studies Student Association discussion,
- Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Vice-Principal (University Advancement),
- Revive SSMU's relationship with MASEC & attend the McGill Alumni Association Annual General Meeting and Reception,
- Finalize Board of Directors organization,
- Last but not least: START THE PRESIDENTIAL LIST SERV!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Muna Tojiboeva', written in a cursive style.

Muna Tojiboeva

SSMU President