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SSMU Councillor Reports

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Shannon Rea – Education Representative

Here are a few things that I have done over the past two weeks:

- Attended an EdUS Council meeting and an EdUS Executive Council meeting.
- Attended my first Steering Committee meeting, It was a lot of fun. I learned a lot of new things about writing, submitting, and the processes of passing a motion.
- Went to a Working Group looking at Undergraduate Outcomes. We focused on what it means to be a McGill Undergraduate and what are they getting out of their experience at the University.
- Signed up to help out at a table at the Consultation Fair on October 16th.

Victor Lam – Arts & Science Representative

A) Arts and Science Related

- AUS candidate stuff, removal of eligibility to vote and nominate – worked with BASiC VP External in getting the rule clarified about Arts and Science students eligibility to vote and nominate for Arts Rep to SSMU, considering that there's a dedicated Arts and Science Representative (me!)
 - at the last AUS Council Meeting, a motion was passed to remove such clauses from the electoral Bylaws
- office Hours – need to desperately advertise, and make a sign so people know to knock on the door to the BASiC Office!
- Arts and Science Senator student-referendum question -> Planning to submit a question to create a conditional Interfaculty Arts&Science seat, given that a first seat is vacant. This will be worked out and clarified as I and the BASiC President, Finola, work out the kinks and get the final motion drafted. This is exciting!

B) Campus

- met up with Shirley (Science Rep) to discuss campus matters, and to get to know her a bit better J
- McGill Farmers' Market, conversed with vendors there. They got some decent stuff, go check it out!
- got to meet a few students in Arts and Science and briefly informed them about SSMU

C) Goals for the next two weeks

- coffee house! Coffee house! Good way to get to students studying or midterms
- ensure students are aware about the referendum question about senate

D) Misc. Notices/Personal Highlights

- sometimes, grad students are really hard to deal with... just saying. J

Devin Bissky Dziadyk – Science Representative

Starting off on tuesday the 25th had office hours from 1-2 in burnside with Shirley and David. At



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6:30 Shirley and I met with two of the old science councillors to see what advice they had to share. Highly informative, and also allowed us to see what projects the old councillors were working on and how we can build on them. Did a bit of outreach on Wednesday and went to the SUMS meeting (Math dept.), Kudo's to them, they are running a really tight ship. Had the SSMU meeting Thursday which was wonderfully productive (and short!). Attempted to go to the strategic summit on Friday but alas it did not happen due to a lack of advertising. On Sunday the 30th popped in on the TASEQ meeting in the afternoon just to observe. Made learning French a priority later in the afternoon. On Monday tried to go to the practice run for the GA. Didn't make it unfortunately due to a lab, but hope it went well! On Tuesday reviewed a few GA motions Robin had sent me. On Wednesday held office hours yet again (1 person asked a question!) and then went to the science general council in the evening. Brought up a topic I should not have at the GC and ended up sending a frantic email to Josh that evening telling him what I had done. Thankfully no harm done and no breach in confidentiality. Tried to make it to community engagement day Friday, but no dice! Hope it went well.

Fadi Tleel – Management Representative

Last week was quite busy for me as I was preparing for my midterms. I set up my office hours to be Tuesdays from 1 - 2:30pm. We had an MUS board of directors meeting that lasted for two hours. As for corporate relations, I went to a cocktail to meet some potential sponsors. I managed to get in contact with a big sponsor that showed interest. Other than that, I participated in a case competition run by MUS and attended a guest speaker "Richard Pound" who spoke a bit about management careers in the sports industry.

Nicole Georges – Arts Representative

Third Arts Representative to the SSMU

- Voting in the Arts Representative By-Election ends on Wednesday (October 4-10).
- Excited to add a third member to the team!

- **Office Hours**
- Colleen and I have coordinated to have weekly office hours:
 - Nicole: Mondays 1035-1135 in the Champagne Room
 - Colleen: Thursdays 1-2 in the Champagne Room
- Looking for new ways to get in touch with the different departments. Collected information from the different departmental executives to know when their weekly meetings are (we want to sit in a few throughout the year).

Colleen Morawetz – Arts Representative

Office Hours:

- Office hours are set, advertised in the AUS listserv
- I've also been updating the Arts Rep Blog on this (but not sure exactly how many people read it/know it's there. We're working on promoting the blog, as it could be a very good



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resource if used well!)

- Nicole and I currently hold our office hours in the Arts Lounge or anywhere else by request. Once our third Rep is elected (very soon! very exciting!) we can all discuss different spaces for office hours so we have some sort of cohesive plan (i.e. making it easier for people to find us)
- Looked into a constituent concern regarding Arts Undergraduate Research Week, pleased to see that the initiative is still happening but merely restructured. I hope to work on that committee once the coordinators are set

Departmental Associations

- Working off of the “Reps Heart Deps” initiative that never really got going last year
- Sent a sign-up sheet around to all departmental representatives at AUS council, they indicated when their meetings are. The Arts Reps can then try to visit the meetings to see what’s going on with the constituents of each departmental association! Hopefully this will allow us to get more viewpoints/concerns/ideas than by soliciting individual students alone

New Arts Rep to SSMU

- By council, we’ll know who our third Arts Rep is, and we can hopefully (if all parties are amenable) do a Meet Your Arts Reps event (better late than never!).
- As stated above, we can also collaborate on logistics such as the blog, where to hold office hours etc.

Committees

- Went to the SSMU office for the first time ever (!) for Nominating Committee meeting
 - o The meeting was short and sweet! Ratified some very cool people for cool positions. All is good.
- Interest Group Committee meeting soon, first to decide on our member-at-large

Sophia-Maria Giannakakis – PT/OT Representative

On October 2nd, I attended the Graffiti Party hosted by POTUS VP Internals. This event allows the students from different university years of the Physical and Occupational Faculty to socialize and get to know each other.

On October 5th, I participated in the Living Library event of Community Engagement day. It was a lot of fun and I highly encourage people to get more involved in the community. The Living Library event itself was unique and very interesting in the simple act of meeting and listening to other people’s experiences.

The days leading up to Community Engagement Day, I helped promote the event to my faculty by communicating with the U1/U2/U3 class reps within my faculty to send out the message via email to all the students.

Shirley Guan – Science Representative



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- Attended meet your SSMU councillor event hosted by the SSMU Execs. It was a lot of fun! Loved the free drinks. Met quite a few new science students and updated them on SSMU council meetings, SUS meetings etc. They really enjoyed this event too.
- Met with the Daily News editor, Juan, and emailed him to post the office hours of SSMU Reps on “The Haps” in the Daily online website. Sadly, didn’t get a reply from him.
- Had a meeting with Allison Qin, last year’s Science Rep to SSMU. Learned about her goals and achievements last year; gained more insight into what being a councillor is about and what kind of work to expect for committees.
- Emailed Jim Niu, last year’s science rep to SSMU and got a reply on tips to being a good councillor. Very helpful! He emphasized the importance of doing the homework before attending council meetings, which is one of my goals for this year.
- Got into contact with Adams Winer from FERC and Enbal from IGC to arrange the time of our first meeting. Haven’t met yet, but will do soon!
- Hosted regular office hours at Stewart Biology Second Cup on Thursday, Oct. 4th. Not many people approached me, but had a conversation going with a student about how SSMU did for frosh this year and his opinions on the SSMU Execs.
- Read over reports by all the councillors to get an idea of what kind of stuff I could be doing but is not doing. Increase relevance of SSMU to Science is key. Read over reports of all the VPs as well.
- Didn’t attend Science GC because I had a midterm at the same time.
- Met up with Councillor Lam and discussed the re-election of the new Arts Councillor

Zachary Rosentzweig – Clubs & Services Representative

- * Held office hours. Awesome!
- * Funding committee: forthcoming
- * Commission des affaires francophones: nothing yet. Councillors need to speak French more.
- * Projects: SQ
- * C&S Council: forthcoming

Farzan Subhani – Engineering Representative

So this week I got to meet with representatives from CTF, to discuss a potential collaboration in student services. The details for this meeting have to be kept confidential for reasons best known to the CTF presidents. I will be discussing these with the EUS President and other concerned Reps.

The McGill Students' Flying Club also hosted a flight instructor from Air Richelieu. The club is currently laying the ground work for a ground and flight school at McGill and the Flying club. I also drafted the budget for the club this week.

The EUS council had a lengthy 4 hour council this Wednesday where the EUS budget was heavily debated upon and discussed. It finally passed with minor changes.