



## Report of the President to Legislative Council

October 11, 2012

### Student Democracy and Constituencies

*Judicial Board* – We have a full five justices now! Interviews are still on-going for the two members at large (read: non-law justices). The AUS case is now being decided on. Results in about a week. Contrary to popular belief, the decision of this JBoard will not pass through SSMU Board of Directors as it does not pertain at all to SSMU.

*Council* – I'm excited that we had a shorter Council than normal, but shorter can also mean that not enough debate, conversation, or questioning is taking place. Furthermore, please ask us more questions about our reports! I'm also glad we had our first closed member session. I think there could've been way more criticism and feedback; please don't be afraid to be harsh or critical (but constructive; that's the point!). Also, our first roaming Council will be at Mac Campus this Thursday! While they are not technically our constituents, they represent a very important body at McGill. We will then be partaking in one of their big annual parties! It will be a great time to meet McGill students you probably never knew existed and get a chance to hear about their very unique campus and the issues that come with it!

*Handbook* – The SSMU Mobile Handbook will be launching on October 10! Look for it at <http://ssmuhandbook.ca>. You can check it out now if you'd like; the finishing touches will come up until the 10<sup>th</sup>!

*Presidents' Roundtable* – I am compiling a “ten things SSMU does for you” list, as requested by several presidents, for presentation at their own faculty councils. I will be traveling to those meetings over the next month and a bit. I'm interested to hear from other faculties and see their councils in action!

*Elections SSMU* – Lot's going on...

*General Assembly* – Ramping up for the event itself! Besides working towards completion of the items mentioned before, there is nothing new to note.

*Forces Avenir Gala* – I had the honour of being able to attend the Forces Avenir Gala in Quebec City last night. It was amazing and inspiring to see all of the cool projects students from across Quebec are working on, and it was awesome to see three McGill groups get placed in top three in their own categories (and one actually winning a full prize!). LOVE MCGILL STUDENTS!

### McGill Governance & Relations

*Lease* – Working as per the mandate given at the last closed session.



*Board of Governors* – The first BoG was actually quite good. While I cannot talk about details, I was surprised by the amount of hard questions board members pose to administration... they were hard questions requiring concrete answers on the spot, and that made a lot of people think hard about the decisions being made. I am also going to be proposing a “student activities fair” supper thing for board members. I want to invite lots of clubs, services, and student projects from across campus to set up a poster fair of sorts, and then invite board members to come and tour the fair and have a big dining hall-style supper with these students, so they can get a very firsthand perspective of what students at McGill are working on right now. It will be a huge thing to organize, but I think it would have great impact on BoG.

*Senate* – More committee meetings!

*Alumni Association/Campus Community Committee* – MAA board meeting tonight! I also am working on a few projects with DAR and CCC. I am really excited about developing a new component to Homecoming: a welcome back to retirees and old staff (as opposed to just alumni). I think they are such an integral part of the McGill community, and it would be great to celebrate their contributions to McGill over the years in addition to celebrating alumni “coming home.” I am also working on a new kind of “class action” project that would focus on improvements to residences (I’ll go into more detail in person). Finally, DAR and myself will be working on better promotion on the “giving” funds that students pay into... we really want to develop a “thank you” program for that and help it evolve in the future!

## **Sustainability**

*Environment Commissioners* – Status quo.

*ECOLE* – The team will be evolving this project further into a group project. Aaron and Allison will be passing the management and head research off to other interested students. They have completed some more interesting research. I also pointed them in the direction of QI people, as I think they could surely [literally] find a home there.

*Green Events* – Will start analyzing frosh very soon.

*Green Building* – Status quo.

*E-Waste Bin* – Status quo.

## **Human Resources**

*Student Staff for 2012-2013* – Waiting for all of the workplans to come in! I am compiling all of our goals into a project wall so we can all track each other’s progress and self-identify points of collaboration. I will also be compiling all of the staff and exec workplans into something similar for public display. It will be a cool way for everyone to track our progress through the year!



*HR Policy and Bylaws* – Status quo.

*Archivist* – Keep thinking up projects! We have a huge resource here, so if there are any projects people would like to see realized from archived material, bring them forward!

Peace, love, and happiness,

Josh Redel  
*President*