



**Report of the Vice President (Clubs and Services)
to SSMU Legislative Council**

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Announcements:

- CKUT AGM (Oct. 10th, 6pm, 177 Pine Ave!)
- Culture Shock! (Oct. 15th-19th around SSMU!)

Office hours: Mondays 3-4pm, Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm!

PERSONAL

Finally kind of got my courses figured out. Kind of. Ancient Egyptian Archaeology class FTW.

CLUBS, SERVICES, and INDEPENDENT STUDENT GROUPS

Fall 2012 Activities Night Debrief, part 2: Had a really nice meeting with some of the staff and execs who did so much at Activities Night about how it could be better. I still want to get in touch with McGill about possible using part of the Brown building as well next year to reduce building capacity issues and ideally avoid the pass system altogether, although this would increase security etc costs for the event.

- Still to do: send out a survey for feedback on the C&S listserv.

Club Applications: Enbal, Interest Group Coordinator, is still compiling summaries and recommendations for all the many applications received; we will hopefully have an IGC meeting next week, as the members-at-large callout was just sent out.

Office Allocations: Still just a few pending offices where groups haven't moved out yet; I'll spend some quality time over Thanksgiving weekend moving their stuff out..! Otherwise excited about how many people have been on the fourth floor/groups working together.

Meetings with SSMU Services: JP and I have been doing lots of follow-up meetings with services about various projects/things..!

CKUT Board of Directors: I sit on this Board as the SSMU-appointed representative. They are a wonderful group of people, currently preparing a lot for the CKUT Annual General Assembly (October 10th, 6pm, at the Bahai center: 177 des Pins—come!!) and of course referendum time...!

PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES

“Co-curricular record”: A big conversation generally for the future of “involvement at McGill” and SSMU clubs/services—I'm currently the only student (THEY NEED



MORE STUDENT INPUT!) on the “co-curricular record advisory committee,” for which I went to a meeting in May with Carol, and just went to their only other meeting this week. It’s like a combination facebook/LinkedIn for all kinds of groups/departments on campus to serve as a central hub for involvement/events, which is cool, but I’m worried about McGill having administrative control over SSMU clubs etc and generally being in their system as a separate corporation/body. Lots more discussions to ensue..! Check out what they’ve done so far at involvement.mcgill.ca !

Club audits: The re-design of the club audit is still pending the design/distribution of the club “accounting kits” JP and I were working on.

New Executive Contact sheet/club database system: Enbal and I will look into this more after we finish our big priority for this week: the Official Clubs Master List! Any suggestions for the database system are welcome, we’re asking for ideas! Could certainly eventually be integrated with McGill’s “co-curricular record” project (see above) IF we can work out a way to co-administer it.

SSMURBS: Oh, the SSMU Room Booking System ... the developer gave us updates, and we are working on a parallel version to experiment with data import of the new executive contact information.

The “Club Hub” website: Still working on how to design the content in the current website’s structure.

“Clubs and Services Representation/Resources” Info cards: They are almost all gone, so I want to print another batch of 500 (with a couple little edits..!)—great response so far. Ask me or come by the front desk for the last remaining samples!

BUILDING PROJECTS

MSA 418 Renovations: Met with Muslim Students’ Association president to check out the space that was allocated for them as part of the larger “services moving project” last year and discuss how they’d ideally like it to be renovated. Will probably have an ablution-sink-lined entryway (separate for men and women), a larger prayer space, and space for their extensive library; we’ll need to get another door installed as well so they can access the office without disrupting prayers. This office (418) was once in history the SSMU executives’ apartment (!!!!)—hence the kitchenette and bathroom, perfect for MSA because the plumbing can be renovated to be ablution sinks—and until now housed the Safety Network services: M-SERT has moved near Gerts, and Walksafe and Drivesafe are moving to another space on the fourth floor.

Building committee: I am working on drafting committee terms of reference which will be discussed at Building Committee.

Plate Club office expansion & sub-basement Musicians’ Collective renovations: A very exciting project to better use a large storage space in the sub-



basement (dividing Players' Theatre/Savoy storage space to make room for the extremely cool Musicians' Collective) is on the same work order to McGill as the expansion of the Plate Club's tiny windowless space (thanks to the wonderful handsome Josh Redel's brilliant idea)—both projects were supposed to start last week, still waiting though... Big thanks to these groups who have put so much time into designing these spaces and cleaning out space for renovations to happen!

Lockers: Pauline and I found more space for lockers in the sub-basement garage (to supplement those already on the fourth floor and replace those that will be eliminated due to MSA renovations in 418)—this is why locker allocations for this year haven't been done yet. McGill Parking Services OK'ed our use of some space down there (we only have access to some of the rooms in the sub-basement, the rest is McGill's storage space), we just need to get the new ones delivered. I think we'll be able to fit about 16 more.

Sub-basement space audit/Bouldering wall!: I think we are looking at this point to make one room just for groups' storage of large bulky things for events etc (with a MOA like office space), and to consolidate all the rentable equipment inventory in a separate room. Pauline and I also met with the McGill (Students) Outdoors Club about finding space for the bouldering wall idea! I've been meeting with them since the summer, really excited about the idea; the only other major hurdles for that project are supplemental insurance fees and if McGill will allow it...which are both pretty major, but we also need to make sure there's space for it somewhere first. Will be discussed at the GA..!

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

- **Gardens & Grounds Committee** – lots of great updates from this great Senate subcommittee: first, please let me know if any groups you know of regularly use the goal posts on Lower Field, as the campus space planning office is looking into getting rid of them to allow the space to be more dynamic (we could make temporary things to better suit group's needs instead). Also, lots of great projects like the ice rink are in the works, and the huge reservoir/pipes renovation project is starting this week (!) which will have HUGE effects on campus/traffic/the hospital/the whole area for years. Let me know if you want to see my notes!
- **Committee on Student Services** – Senator Azmy and I attended this first very introductory meeting of this committee.
- **C&S Reps**—still trying to find time to meet, but great to see you around the SSMU office for your office hours!
- **Interest Group Committee**—waiting for the members at large and then hopefully will have our first meeting hopefully next week!

OTHER EVENTS/MEETINGS ATTENDED in the past two weeks:

- Orientation week thank you lunch event hosted by the DPSLL office: nice because almost the whole Quidditch team exec was there, they're great!!



- Community Engagement Day: Robin did a great job keeping SSMU in touch with this and working with the wonderful SEDE team who put it on! The little snippet of the afternoon Milton-Parc community event that I got to see (the reflection/wind-down with HMB!) was really nice.
- DPSLL team/SSMU exec check-in meeting
- New Building Signage planning meetings with the General Manager and Communications & Publications Manager
- Marie-Elaine, SSMU's HR Advisor, and HR Agent Austin prepared a great presentation for the execs about staff evaluations, as these check-in meetings are coming up for all SSMU's year-long student staff!
- SEDE Calendar Launch event: This was a great group of involved people from across campus, coming together to celebrate the completion of the beautiful new artistic/informative SEDE calendars. If you don't know what SEDE is, definitely check them out—McGill's Social Equity and Diversity Education office—and pick up a free calendar while you're there!
- BSN's Soul Food Friday: AMMMMMMAZING. Thanks so much to the Black Students' Network for inviting us!!!!
- Shag Shop check-in/idea meeting: I learnt so much about how the Health Promotions team works when they approached me for a meeting with really cool "condoms & coffee" ideas for a student-run café!
- SACOMSS A-branch: discussed the University's policies in relation to harassment etc and how SSMU can help..!
- Nominating Committee

OTHER ONGOING & UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- Working on getting new storage solutions for MUPSS and helping TVM settle in to their new space (go check it out—it's gorgeous!)
- Still working with McGill Hazardous Waste on this battery drop-off thing, or waiting for more research from the Sustainability Coordinator about an e-waste drop-off!
- I put a lot of time every week into basic website updates when something is found to be out of date under the C&S tab—check out the new links to McGill event services!
- I've been looking into the idea of facilitating the SSMU services' on vibe (status quo)
- Members-at-large on IGC
- Think about wine and cheese clubs mixer... (status quo)
- Clubs Fair in Rez with C&S reps??
- Clubs council!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Cooper