



## SSMU Councillor Reports

January 24, 2013

### **Benjamin Beland – Athletics Representative**

- Varsity Council Meeting, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2013
  - Detailed the final plans Varsity Brunch that took place on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Tomlinson Hall – asked for volunteers
  - Planning is underway for varsity trivia night – tentative dates are February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> at Gerts. We also discussed the prizes for the winning team.
  - Gala is going to be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the decorations, which will have to be tapered down from previous years due to the smaller venue.
  - Update from the finance committee regarding the referendum year next year, particularly the Athletics & Recreation Facility Improvement Fee which is set to be raised by 7\$ to account for inflation over the last 4 years – this was merely meant to bring to our attention the impending referendum
  - Scarlett Key applications are due February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - McGill Institute for the Study of Canada is hosting a conference titled “Lifting Off and Flying High: Talent and Success in Canada” which will be aimed at students who want to build, launch and sustain careers in the domains of sport, culture and technology in Canada.
    - More information available on the varsity news letter
  - Discussed the new website and looked for feedback – feedback was largely positive but if there is anything you would like to see changed feel free to contact your varsity council rep or any of the execs.
- SSMU Meeting, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2012
  - There was a presentation by the Provost of McGill, Mr. Anthony Masi. Mr. Masi answered questions, most of which were regarding the budget, and spoke about McGill's mission and the role of the Provost.
  - Unfortunately I had to leave the council meeting early.

### **Shane Anzovino – Nursing Representative**

- Office Hours: Thursday from 15:30-16:30 in Wilson Hall basement NUS office
- NUS meeting Thursday January 17 - motioned passed to support initiative on obtaining nursing representation at the senate level.
- ICU support group starts next week
- Attended Motion Writing Session on Thursday January 17 & 18
- Volunteered at the NUS Grad bake sale
- Nursing Events:
  - Nursing Grad fundraiser event at Crobar on crescent.
  - CNSA National Conference in Halifax January 23-27 2013



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### **Zachary Rosentzveig – Clubs and Services Representative**

- Attended a wicked fun and productive Council Retreat. Set goals. Feeling reinvigorated.
- Drafted a how-to guide for applying for funding from SSMU
- Met with Councillor Boytinck re. guides for Clubs
- Worked on motions that you're about to enjoy debating >:D
- Continued rounds of the 4th floor, and started writing/otherwise contacting clubs
- Still hoping on getting some website improvements...

### **Farzan Subhani – Engineering Representative**

So basically apart from falling ill, missing my flight back to Montreal and being a week late to McGill, I didn't do anything these past two weeks. We had a couple of Flying Club meetings, but that's about it.

### **Colleen Morawetz – Arts Representative**

#### **AUS**

- Council was good! I'm trying to be more transparent to AUS council with more detailed reports about what's going on at SSMU council (wooo long reports that everyone loves to read!)

#### **Committees**

- (AUS) Went to the Faculty of Arts Committee as a student representative (which I will continue to do all semester). Interesting as always, especially talking about the 100 small Arts courses that are going to be cut...
- The most important thing in this respect is getting all Arts students to come out to a town hall meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Dean of Arts (Prof. Manfredi) to hear about how this is all going to go down (and to get clarification on the underlying issues). Hopefully this town hall will be well attended and productive! After that, we'll move on to how we're going to address these changes.

#### **Office hours**

- Solidifying those this week. As always, a challenge to get people to come but I will continue to try my best!

#### **Arts Reps**

- We had a fun little caucus last week, coordinating on some procedural stuff about how we can be better liaisons between SSMU and Arts students (E.g. our lovely blog)
- Going to get together to discuss substantive stuff too! Looking forward to a productive semester in that regard

### **Sarah Southey – Residences Representative**



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- January 12-full day SSMU workshop, long day, good opportunity to work on goals and plan out the semester
- January 13-IRC meeting, talked about how to break the McGill bubble for first years, Macklemore concert on April 4 we're still waiting to hear back from management when they get back from vacation, presented/planned SSMU "info sessions"/office hours in lobby or caf of rezes
- January 16-FYC/first year council meetings, collaborating on Valentines Day club event at LaBoom called McLovin, should be awesome!
- January 19-spent 2 hours in BMH as a kind of office hours/opportunity to give people any info that they want to know about SSMU, not a lot of people (two floor fellows) wanted to talk but lots of people came by to ask what I was doing, will continue to go to residences (over the week I'm planning to go to Solin, RVC, New Rez and C4) but not sure if there's a lot of interest, nice way to meet people and hang out with people from different residences, talking a lot about how SSMU is going to meet in C4 this Thursday, hopefully people will come check it out!
- January 20-full day IRC meeting/workshop, planned out rest of semester, super productive

#### **Sophia-Maria Giannakakis – PT/OT Representative**

- POTUS: Attended the POTUS exec meeting on January 14 and the POTUS meeting on January 15. Special thanks to SSMU VP External Robin Reid-Fraser for coming to talk to us about the Education Summit. POTUS has many events planned this semester, so I'll be updating everyone about those as they come along. I will be mainly working on organizing a wheelchair basketball as part of our community engagement goal.
- SEAMLESS: I attended SEAMLESS on January 20 as the VP External for POTUS (unfortunately I couldn't stay for the entire day). I think collaboration amongst students in different associations was really relevant for my position as VP External and the opportunity to share ideas/challenges with others was great.
- SSMU: I attended council on January 10 and I went to the SSMU One Day Council Retreat on January 12. I am excited about all the projects everyone is working on and I am putting my goal-oriented action plans to work.