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Councillor Reports

Reporting for February 21, 2013

Shane Anzovino – Nursing Representative

- Office Hours: On Hold (Wilson Hall Basement flooded)
- NUS meetings bi-weekly Thursday 13:00-2:30
 - Discussed changes that need to be made to the NUS constitution to include the Nursing Senator position
 - Created a new position on Council: Nursing Senator
 - Discussed new NUS office in the Ferrier building
- ICU support group: Fridays 13:00-14:00
- Nursing issues & concerns:
 - NUS office space
 - Lack of adequate student space
 - Difficult completing our roles and responsibilities
 - Face challenges in booking space elsewhere on campus
 - Routine water damage
 - Nursing students have no place to relax, socialize and network

Shannon Herrick – Senate Caucus Representative

Senate 09.20.2012

Current funding model is not sustainable

Will the government make up the gap from last to this year in tuition, if so from where?

Di Grappa —Update on Workforce Planning; emerged from SRI

Bill 100 resulting in change in pay structure: gradual reduction of administration; only allowed to hire 1 person for every 2 retired

Future potential consequences with regards to front-facing student services?

Assured that evaluations at unit level after each departure will take place before allocation

New emphasis on effective talent and performance management tools

Lydia White—Annual report of the application of the policy on Discrimination and Harassment

Internal McGill system and informal resolution system makes it easier for complainant to come forward

Systems deemed more appropriate for community

Large decrease in the number of cases for 2011/2012

Decrease in the number of people reporting incidences or decrease in the actual number of incidences?

With time the number of complaints from males has increased

Attributed to increased awareness and outreach



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Mendelson—Student Advising Report
Consultation Fair 2012—focused on advising
Student survey in Winter 2013
In-Residence Advising
Asked if they would incorporate a peer component—Mendelson agreed to

Senate 10.17.2012

Chair's Remarks
Expensive to run a research-intensive university—not enough funding from the Quebec government
Community engagement projects and encouragement for innovation on campus
Asbestos-Related Research Misconduct
Report made public
Guidelines with regards to the commercialization of research and the effects of private sector funding on the protection of research integrity
ASAP—what is important to uphold the values of McGill?
Student centered focus
Utilizing the current resources that McGill has
Need to work on communicating accomplishment effectively
Maintaining connections across faculties

Councilor Report #2

Senate 11.14.2012

Joint Board-Senate Meeting
Universal design for students with disabilities
Exploring different kinds of approaches
Rose Goldstein—Research Matters
Introduction to SRP—a 'living' document—endorsed
Diversify funding sources (non-government)
Strategic resource allocation
Fundraising
Want to be #1 research-intensive university
At what cost to student services and life?
Report on the Recording and Transmission of Senate
On year trial period—passed
Want to incorporate the eventual archival of meetings instead of just original live stream
Starkey—Report on Student Discipline
Increase in non-academic offenses for 2011/2012 attributed to an increase in the number of students in residences instead of the political climate and associated protests
Student activists held up a banner claiming that McGill was stifling dissent even though this report was just for information and was just a formality



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Admission that similar cases did receive different treatments based on the channels the cases went through

Agreed to work on equity but coupled that with the strong belief that each case should be dealt with on an individual basis

Difference in levels of discipline usually associated with the 'intent' of the offender in question

Senate 12.05.2012

Chairs Remarks

The Manfredi Report—3 main recommendations

Working to make provisional protocol permanent=asking for student contribution and responses

Financial Report 2012

Cut to actual Quebec government grant—not enough to cover the annual deferred maintenance

Budget Planning 2013-2014

Supposed to expect more cuts—possible reversal of positive trends for the first time in ten years

Assuming there will be increased pressure on the budget i.e. building needs that are currently unprecedented due to the revisions

Report of Academic Policy Committee

Pilot exchange program opening the required gpa to 2.5-2.9

Get a wider range of students; give them unique learning opportunities

Regulations On Maternal/Parental Leave

Now using gender neutral pronouns

Councilor Report #3

01.23.2013

Chairs Remarks

Taking the cuts with possible future reinvestment—real time budget modeling

Arts course reduction=discussed before budget cuts

Only 25 students responded to consultation about the Manfredi Report

Two new consultations in February on both campuses

New open website for discussion with an extended period

Royal Victoria Hospital Question

Not technically owned by McGill although available space that is appropriate for some faculties/residences has been noted

Open Discussion on Technology and Innovation

Innovative partnerships with MOOCs (Open coursewares)

Is it better to wait or to take a leadership position?

Senate Caucus will compose a letter

Recommendations: utilization of current McGill technologies implemented faculty-wide

Student Affairs Policy on Exams



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Finals worth a maximum of 75%--denial that anything else happens
Recommended that students should be made more aware of the current policies and what they should do if they think they are being broken

David Chaim – Science Representative

SSPN

- met with VP Szpejda and councillor Larson to finish critical timeline for SSMusic festival
- contacted booking agencies will have finalized by Friday
- prepared for presentation with McGill athletics for use of arena

Funding committee

- dealt with initial - time sensitive- applications
- began preparing spreadsheet for funding apocalypse round 2

Farzan Subhani – Engineering Representative

1. Attended Operations Management meeting, 7th Feb, 2013.
2. Met with Engineering senator
3. EUS Council dated 13th Feb, 2013
4. Met SSMU VP Operations and CMEUS President

Emily Boytinck – Clubs and Services Representative

1) Activities Night in Rez

- Probably the biggest project I've done as a councillor so far, and I'm really happy with how it turned out. The first 3 weeks of January were filled with lots of emails back and forth with clubs and rez people, and the event happened in the New Rez study room on January 22nd. It turned out to be a pretty great location because of its proximity to the dining hall. Since the event, I've had a couple of students email me for the list of clubs/blurbs/contact of the clubs present. Overall it was a successful first event and I hope it can continue on in upcoming years!

2) SSMUFest

- Props to Allison and crew! I was able to help set up a bit, and It was lovely to walk around and talk to the clubs...and discover new clubs and services that I had never even heard of! So wonderful. Also great to see the new clubs approved by IGC tabling and getting members.

3) Club Guides

- Met with Zak to create them (how to start an interim status clubs, how to apply for full status), but in my opinion the info already up there is pretty comprehensive. Also, Enbal (IGC chair) is doing a lot of great work with that already. Congrats to Zak on his finance sheet!

4) IGC

- Unfortunately missed the first meeting, but the second meeting was great and we approved lots of clubs. I also got the chance to attend another interim club event for the Shefa Project - so fun!! Very



welcoming and wonderful group.

5) Community Engagement Committee/Day

- Hopefully we will have a new chair soon and we can get to work this semester. I am super excited to start again, as I have a lot of ideas for this committee and its role in community engagement day. Full Disclosure: I am coordinating Community Engagement Day this semester and I do think my position as a C&S rep will be very helpful, especially since we are hoping to involve more clubs and services this year in the CED projects. Good stuff ahead!

6) C&S Check ins

- So much difficulty in trying to find a regular time where 4 very busy people can meet, so unfortunately we have only met once this semester. We are working on finding a time!

7) Other, etc

- SSMU Equity Conference was fabulous; I especially enjoyed the undergraduate presentations!
- I've been going to/helping out with a lot of Club or ISG events: Best Buddies Art Auction, MedSpecs Get your research position, and Divest McGill's valentines day break-up party thing!
- Council retreat was lots of fun, thanks to everyone who organized it!
- Sorry this is so long and I will actually submit reports now so it never has to be this long again...

Benjamin Beland – Athletics Representative

- Varsity Council Meeting, January 30th, 2013
 - Unfortunately I was not present but I was briefed the next day on what had taken place, just to summarize;
 - Gala update; 35\$ and if athletes have videos/photos they wish to include in their team's promo, they should drop those off with Anne
 - Discussed the creation of new / bringing back old awards for teams or individuals
 - Nominations for Exec positions opening up next year
 - Distribution of awesome new Varsity Council jackets
 - On a side note, it was not mentioned at the meeting, but the Blood Drive is tentatively set for March 19th
- Student Advocacy Resources Committee meeting, February 11th, 2013
 - Welcomed new member, Chris Bangs
 - Briefed him on ongoing projects and updated the group on where the projects are headed
 - Spoke a bit about how to increase student awareness of SARC
 - Discusses the possibility of a name change but more on that to come
- SSMU Council Meeting February 7th, 2013
 - Guest speakers included Equity commissioners, political campaigns coordinator, environment commissioner and a presentation from the McGill Diversity and Equity Research Lab
 - Several motions were tabled to next council meeting (February 21st) including the motion regarding the Athletics Referendum question



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Victor Lam – Arts and Science Representative

-attended BASiC Bash! It was a good time to meet committee members sitting on BASiC and catch up with other ArtSci Folks

-lots of progress at FERC since the beginning of this semester: we are finally looking into SSMU's investment portfolio and screening all the companies for negative screens

-visited La Citadelle Residence for the first time... ITS SO KLJKNCIZLCKNK! Indescribable, at best.

-Ampersand: The Conference is coming up next Saturday, February 23! Event is free but there is a suggested donation! More info on Ampersand here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ampersandmcgill?fref=ts>.

Max Zidel – Senate Caucus Representative

Senate Caucus:

-Beginning formal feedback on the statement of values and principles and operating procedures for strikes and démonstrations on campus. We will be drafting a letter over next couple days

-Prof. Mendelson responded to a letter we wrote on assessment policy, which we will reply to in the coming week.

-Senate coming up this week, have not had time to go through the distribution yet

Personal projects:

-Arts faculty student representation letter to lane-mercier is in the works

-Arts faculty undergraduate outcomes is part of the above

-Arts advising projects are coming along, working with AUS pres and OASIS.

Look forward to Senate this week! Ill keep ya posted.

Sophia-Maria Giannakakis – PT/OT Representative

SSMU: Attended council on February 7th. The motion to Increase Diversity of Student Representation on University Senate passed!!!!

I attended the Students and Board of Governors Evening Social along with POTUS VP Internal, Jean-Sébastien Otis-Carrasquiera. I thought the evening was a great idea and quite insightful.

POTUS: I got confirmation from Parasports Québec that on March 22, we could have our wheelchair basketball tournament, so I will finish planning the event and let everyone know the details soon.

Sarah Southey – Residences Representative

- Thursday 7th of February had the IRC/FYC club event, went relatively smoothly other than some problems with coat check and massive volume of people in line



- IRC meeting February 10, discussed upcoming wine and cheese arts gala on the 27th, Karaoke night at Gerts on the 23, and giant game of capture the flag with glowsticks on campus, "Mission to Mac" with buses to mac campus
- FUN meeting on February 13, discussed first year events with all academic councils and IRC, also talked about the problem of advanced standing and forcing incoming students to have credits from IB/AP
- IRC meeting February 17, spent an hour giving feedback to the head of McGill Food and Dining Services, interesting reception. Discussed all upcoming IRC events
- Excited for the first year forum at this council meeting and to have a meeting in residence!!

Andrew Baker – Law Representative

Since last council:

SSMU Council Responsibilities

- Continue to work with External Affairs Committee on Summit related work
- Patrick Martin-Ménard has volunteered to be a SSMU delegate to TaCEQ so we now have greater law representation within that organization.
- I have interest from a few law students attending the Summit but it looks unlikely that this will be a possibility.
- SSMU GA has been postponed due to lack of resolutions.
- Will work with the President and VP-Finance to draft some financial best practices for SSMU student organizations as a result of our conversations at the SEAMLESS conference in January.

LSA Governance Committee

- Held the third public hearing for LSA governance committee.
- Committee members are now drafting answers to the ten mandated questions based on the submissions made and discussions held by the committee. Students still have until February 15 to send written submissions to the committee.
- The draft report will be finalized by March 1.
- LSA 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Hosted a 100th anniversary celebration for the LSA that included an LSA sponsored coffeehouse attended by LSA Exec alumni.
- Hosted a Desjardins sponsored after party.
- Irwin Cotler gave us a shout out in the House of Commons (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6QUFlx1rOo>)

CADED moot

- I was finally contacted by other civil law faculties regarding CADED; they seem to be hosting the moot in April. Despite the apparent lack of organization I will put out a call if anyone wants to participate

LSA Clothing

- The next order has been processed; I have emailed purchasers with a pickup schedule



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Shannon Rea – Education Representative

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

- Attended an EdUS Council meeting and an EdUS Executive Council meeting.
- Organized the Faculty of Education's first ever Charity Week supporting Club des petits déjeuners du Québec. It was small scale but a huge success. We managed to raise about \$1500 and are working on creating a longer lasting partnership.
- Fun Fact: My classes ended and I started my 4th field experience teaching English as a Second Language to Secondary 2 students.

Zachary Rosentzveig – Clubs and Services Representative

- Funding deadline was Friday. Hopefully everyone got their documentation in by then. Funding committee will be great fun (soon...)
- **Funding guide** is finished! Read it, disseminate it, put it on your wall. Let it be a symbol before your eyes.
- Fingers crossed for movement on the calendar project.
- C&S check-ins: planning stages for new semester
- Clubs council: SQ

Devin Bissky Dziadyk – Science Representative

External Affairs: Working on a proposal for an oversight body on Quebec education. Primary goal will be to do Meta analysis on the plethora of information available, and come up with concrete statistics that all parties can agree upon while in negotiations.

FOPS: Mostly SQ. Going to write a survey on regarding second floor tenants

LIFC: Meeting last wednesday, advertising and taking proposals is happening. Can't wait to see what we get.

Science:

- Attended a workshop this past sunday hosted by SUS. Was a great opportunity to see what I can do to better represent science students, and provide input on SSMU policies and projects. Student involvement was brought up several times, which was great to get input on.
- Went to general council which was a big let down as we did not make Quorum i.e. 20/40. Seriously disappointed.
- Science GA is coming up soon, hope to see some good stuff happen

Shirley Guan – Science Representative

Attended SUS GC but we didn't have quorum so agenda got pushed back to next week

SUS GA is coming up! It's on Feb. 28th and motions are due on Feb. 20th

Held office hours: midterm crunch, everyone's busy studying and complaining about school work



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Attended IGC, approved some clubs, notably there's a new club called the Northshore association where students discuss political and social problems in China.

Attended FERC, did a lot of individual and group research: got the list of investors that SSMU invest in and started researching each company and evaluating their ethical score according to positive and negative screens; also working on questionnaire for suppliers and positive and negative screens on evaluating them as well. Our biggest supplier is apparently SAQ and will do further research on how to evaluate supplier ethical score starting from SAQ.

Katherine Larson – Music Representative

I met with Mike and Dave to work on SSMusic concert happening in April.

Sunday I was in interviews all day for the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) position and the process is going well.

MUSA is putting together a concert/party on March 21st, we have council but you should all mark your calendars to come after :)

Colleen Morawetz – Arts Representative

Office hours – going well.

Arts Rep Blog – as per our Arts Rep meetings, getting that updated to reflect most recent SSMU decisions.

IGC – excellent

Pet project - continued talks with the Dean of the Faculty of Arts institutionalizing AUS/Faculty of Arts communication – how to improve on the current structures we have

- This is on the heels of the proposed 100 arts class cuts – what many of my constituents are very worried about!
- Working on how to react to this process as well as how to have proactive communication between students and the faculty in the future
- Working out the constitutional issues, will be bringing this to AUS council in a few weeks

Moe Nasr – Senate Caucus Representative

CESA:

Approving things, like the midterm policy change, etc.

FERC:

Missed a few meetings but have a ton of research to bring up into the new ethical purchasing policy, helping us understand how different student unions across Canada and the states run their ethical purchasing policy...

Senate:

Been invited to discuss and provide input on various ways the university could tackle the current budget cuts for the current and upcoming fiscal years at the moment, perhaps pedagogical changes,



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more technology, shorter more concise, interesting and appealing lecturing techniques, and perhaps moving forward with some partnerships were proposed. Discussing changes in assessment policy.

SUS:

Council isn't really going well. Biweekly pizza still present, and no significant changes have taken place this year. Realistically, this is the first year the society actually plans on holding a GA, last year's GA was considered a "special" GA and not general GA, due to the society's precondition for signatures to hold that special GA.

There have been broader issues with the society's management of funds, w.r.t council pizza, cell phone, etc. Financial negligence on their end, lending a blind eye to the fact that the society was running under 2 Quebec enterprise registry accounts, and eventually dissolved it years later (quite recently in fact), despite the fact that the society was aware of it's presence even last year.

The execs and leadership at the SUS has been running unaccounted for, spearheading their own finance committee. Proposed to start SUS "inquiry" committee, council declined, and requested a more formal proposal.

Brian Farnan – Arts Representative

Constitutional Review (& Ramble Associated)

12.7 The Vice-President External shall:

- (a) Be responsible for relations between the AUS and other Faculty Societies, SSMU, and Student Services;
- (b) Be a voting member of SSMU Council in a manner consistent to the wishes of AUS Council;
- (c) Communicate to Council any external issues that may affect the AUS or its members;
- (d) Establish and maintain relations with the Montreal community;

7.2 The Arts Representatives to SSMU Council shall:

- (a) Be voting members of SSMU Council and be bound by the SSMU Constitution and by-laws;
- (b) Consult with AUS council and reasonably represent the prevailing views of Council at SSMU Council meetings;
- (c) Report the relevant and/or important discussions and decisions of SSMU to Council and of Council to SSMU;
- (d) Serve as a liaison between Arts students and the SSMU;
- (e) Each Arts Representative must sit on at least one of the following committees: Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty of Arts, the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Arts, or the Faculty of Arts Committee

Article 12 – Powers and Duties of Executive Officers

Other:

- Exit Report done (1/2 through term)
- It contained a review of all of the events/occurrences I have taken care of this year



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- I will be trying to get a condensed version for the end of the year to review the year

SSMU:

Arts Representatives reporting on SSMU this week

Grad Fair:

- For the most part all finished!
- Re: Exit Report (almost sorted out)
- Meeting with Kate once more before the end of the term
- Finalizing my mini-report on a committee for next year
- Drafting an email/interview plan in order to send call-outs for next year

ACE Committee:

- Event this Friday!
- Our event has been occupying most of my time
- Really excited about it, I will give a quick report describing the event
- Guests have been RSVP-ing in a steady stream
- Gerts is booked for our final event of the term (April 11th) stay tuned for details
- If you, or friends, are interested in joining please send an email to external.aus@mail.mcgill.ca (fulfill your AUS Councilor requirement!)

Community Outreach:

This part of my portfolio has been intertwined with the ACE Committee as our next event is primarily based in Community Outreach and Engagement

Geneva Nam – Clubs and Services Representative

C&S meeting Wed Feb 20

-major work on club council for next year

Finance Committee meeting Wed Feb 28

-first meeting of the term

Bylaw Review Committee second meeting Thurs Feb 28

-finalizing goals for next meeting

-major changes to main constitution

-meeting with lawyers to make definitions more student friendly

Fadi Tleel – Management Representative

I've been very busy the last two weeks with midterms so I am sorry for sending this in late. But I have held my usual office hours of tuesday and I am starting to work on my plan with the facebook page for management students. The second management councillor for SSMU to replace Meredith will be elected this Thursday, so probably I will be updating everyone.



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Nicole Georges – Arts Representative

AUS COUNCIL

1. We met with Dr. Masi last council (February 13, 2013) and he gave us a rundown of the budget changes that have hit the university of late. A lot of great questions were asked and he did his best to answer.
2. We had a council meeting last night (February 20, 2013) and went over referendum questions for the upcoming referendum period.

AUS Elections are soon approaching!

Important Dates:

- Nomination Period: ends March 1st 2013 at 5 pm
- Nomination kits due: Friday, March 1st 2013 at 5pm in the AUS office and scanned by email to mcgillauselections@gmail.com
- Mandatory All Candidate Meeting: March 11th 2013 at 5 pm (AUS Lounge)
- Campaign Period: March 12th 2013 at 9 am – March 20th at 11:59 pm
- Candidate's Debate: March 13th 2013 at 7 pm
- Polling period: March 15th 2013 at 9 am – March 21st 2013 at 12 pm
- Announcement of results: March 21st 2013 at 7 pm at Bar des Arts (AUS Lounge)

The package for the executive kit is available on the AUS website - <http://ausmcgill.com/aus/about> and has also been sent to your McGill email address.

Please contact Devyn Bauman at mcgillauselections@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope everyone is taking their midterm season in stride! Good luck!

Anna Cybulsky – Engineering Representative

- Attended Operations Management meeting to discuss student-run café and other matters. Café on hold for now; waiting to see results of SSMU's space study.
- Met with the EUS Club Funding Committee to review club budgets and determine fund allocation to EUS clubs. All applications approved.
- At EUS council, following a presentation by SSMU's political campaigns coordinator, a motion was passed entitled "Motion Regarding the Role of Engineers in the Responsible Extraction of Oil Sands" brought forth by Mining Engineering students. The motion essentially said that the EUS supports the responsible development of the Canadian oil sands and that the EUS needs to work closer with the SSMU on this issue.

Elie Lubendo – First Year Council Representative



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- February 5th had FYC meeting, discussed final plans for the event and worked on arranging final payment with club owner and collecting the dues from collaborating councils.
- February 7th had the FYC/IRC (in collaboration with MUS FIT, FEARC, FUSS, FASC, we are currently working on figuring out ways to improve some of the logistics (coat check, MSERT, line-up, etc.).
- February 12th, had FYC meeting, discussed some pros and cons of the club event and how we could make it better for future years. We also discussed our upcoming events, our First Year Formal and a potential event at Gerts.
- February 13th, attended the FUN meeting with President Redel and representatives from IRC, FUSS, FASC, and FEARC. We made a calendar to write down all our events and looked for possibilities for future collaborations. We also discussed about the problem of advanced standing and how some students are forced to go into U1 instead of U0 due to AP/IB credits. FEARC has made a motion for it in the AUS GA, and hopefully the structure of the motion can be expanded at the First Year Forum.
- February 19th, had FYC meeting. Reported to them the details of the FUN Meeting and created a FB Event about the First Year Forum and sent out a Listserv to invite students. We also discussed holding an Interfaculty meeting between the different councils to further discuss the problem of credits, if not finalized at the First Year Forum.
- Currently working on signing on a motion for the SSMU GA for February 27th with Councillor Southey of IRC.

Claire Stewart Kanigan – Arts Representative

By-law Review Committee:

- met on Feb.6th
- set a goal & meeting timeline for the rest of the year
 - GOAL 1: finalize SSMU Constitution Amendments by Mar.13th
 - GOAL 2: finalize new bylaw book campaign plan by Mar.27th

AUS Ad-hoc Equity Policy Committee:

- has been meeting every Tuesday
- policy coming along very smoothly
- lots of constructive debate around term definitions (almost finished now)
- we will be focusing on the complaints and appeal processes in upcoming weeks
 - reviewed SSMU Equity Policy complaints and appeal process for reference point
- finalized the content of the Motion Regarding Equity in the AUS to put to AUS Council on Feb.21st for approval as a referendum question in the upcoming referendum period
 - will be signing on as a mover along with AUS VP Internal Fletcher
 - CONTENT:
 - remove the existing constitutional articles defining the scope of equity in the AUS & refer to the attached Equity Bylaws
 - create a new standing committee under the AUS: AUS Equity Committee
 - outline aims of new committee in constitution



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- pushed deadline back to Mar.20th (AUS Council session)

AUS affairs:

- was unable to attend the Feb.11th AUS General Assembly or the Feb.13th session of AUS Council due to illness
 - was concerned about lack of quorum & adequate promotion of the AUS GA
 - will discuss promotions tactics with the AUS VP Communications
- hosted office hours on Feb.5th, 12th, and 19th (no visitors)

SSMU affairs:

- completed nominations package for Arts Student Senator
- discussed the content of the Motion Towards a Greener McGill and accompanying action plan with fellow movers President Redel and Political Campaigns Coordinator Bangs
- assisted in presenting said motion at Council

Pedram Mossallanejad – Medicine Representative

To date, I have attending the majority of both SSMU meetings and MSS meetings. I learned a lot about both student societies, and have done my best to relay relevant information between the two. I have also helped the MSS in applying for funding for their yearly formal event, Inter Nos, from the SSMU Campus Life fund. I was also fortunate to be able to attend the SSMU's fall general assembly. Unfortunately, my involvement in the SSMU council to date has been somewhat impeded due to some IT issues around getting access to the platforms Vibe and Groupwise. This has prevented me from being able to properly prepare for SSMU meetings and being involved in my subcommittee. However, I am confident and hopeful that the issue will be resolved soon.