



Report of the President to Legislative Council

March 27, 2013

Student Democracy & Constituencies

Judicial Board – The J-Board has been working with the Equity Commissioners to make changes to the Equity Policy. We will see these changes shortly!

Council – We will have Council in FDA 5. There are a lot of notices of motions, and the Principal will be there for a 30-40 minute open discussion on a few current issues. I have decided to leave budget off of the table because it has been discussed thoroughly at other venues, however if we would like to talk about it given the recent announcements, that is an option.

Faculty Relations – We are working on an exciting project (unfortunately confidential at this point) that will help future graduating students. Should be able to discuss openly at the next Council! We will be holding a Portfolio Roundtable for each of the portfolios before the end of the year so that the framework for these to take place next year is in place. The VP Finance transition is taking place on April 7.

Elections SSMU – Special Referendum has started. Hopefully it goes well!

General Assembly – Status quo. A full exit report and analysis is coming soon.

Governance Document Review Process – We had an excellent meeting and are about halfway through the revised constitution. We will meet again soon to review the rest!

Orientation Week/Frosh – Status quo.

Winter Projects – Now that winter season is theoretically complete, we will move into the stage of assessing a “permanent” installation. We are also meeting to talk about lower field being turfed.

Handbook – We have decided on the printer for next year. They gave us the best price, and we know that their product is good and that they have great customer service. The outline of the new mobile handbook will be ready in the next two weeks to be sent to software companies for design and implementation.

SPACE – I’ve really fallen behind on this; my apologies. I am preparing material tonight and over the weekend for the final two week push! We will have a nice big sign and social push for the I Wish This Was aspect, and I will be scheduling councillors to do campus-wide canvassing next week and the week after. Then we’re done!

Daycare – We are working out the new contract between SSMU and the Daycare. GA tonight!

Mental Health/Healthy Living Campaign – Taylor is working on some quick research on events we could host over the exam season. It’s getting to be that time quickly, so hopefully he will have something concrete by next week.



McGill Governance & Relations

Lease – Updates in confidential session.

Board of Governors – Exec Committee meeting this week. Nothing exciting to report. Divest McGill is making a presentation to CAMSR in the next two weeks, and I will be helping them prepare. I am really excited to see that they were able to get CAMSR to meet!

Senate – My committee meetings have been pretty average. Nothing too exciting to report except that with TLSWG, I submitted a report that is getting wide circulation and will be integrated into a lot of conversation moving forward... really happy to see uptake there. For STL, I will be hosting conversations surrounding lecture recording as well as myCourses in the next two months. Finally, I was given a presentation on the new myCourses survey, and I will be working with TLS to help turn the results into action items.

Alumni Association/Campus Community Committee – We have a board meeting tonight. We will be discussing further changes to the structure of the board.

Sustainability

Environment Committee – Status quo.

ECOLE – We have reviewed the new applicants. Still waiting to hear back on news regarding the acquisition of a house.

E-Waste Bin – The e-Waste Campaign will launch next week and will last two days. Rodrigo has been making awareness posters, and Reboot will be organizing some events in those two days.

Vision 2020 – The “category jams” have been taking place and have been well received (despite their length!).

Sustainability Caucus – Status quo.

Human Resources & Executive

Social Committee – Status quo.

Executives & Transition – Congrats to the new executive team! We will start transition ASAP, with the official transition starting May 1.

Student Staff – Bi-weekly meetings have greatly improved communication with the student staff in the President's Portfolio. Happy this is working well!

Recruitment for 2013-2014 – Many of the positions are ready to be scheduled for interviews. However, we have re-opened submissions for a few of the positions to get more candidates.

Peace, love, and happiness,

Josh Redel

President, 2012-2013