



## Report of the President to Executive Committee

13 March 2014

**A cat may have nine lives, but a Katie only has one. (YOLO)**

### Student Democracy & Constituencies

*Judicial Board – SQ*

*Council* – Please invite incoming councillors to the upcoming council meetings. Also, we will be doing nominations for next year's BoD during the final meeting this year, so if you are starting transition, please explain that to your successor and gauge interest. Your faculty president also knows this information.

*Nominating Committee* – Please either accept or decline my invite for awards consideration!

*Faculty Relations* – Sec Gen is scheduling this.

*PGSS – SQ*

*Elections SSMU* – ELECTIONS POLLING PERIOD STARTS TOMORROW. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE SHARE THE LINK [SSMU.SIMPLYVOTING.COM](http://SSMU.SIMPLYVOTING.COM)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*General Assembly – SQ*

*Governance Document Review* – Sec Gen has been asked to schedule the next meeting of this committee and organize the workspace.

*Orientation Week – SQ*

*Handbook* – Interviews are going on now for the content editor, we have some very strong candidates.

### McGill Governance & Relations

*U21* – Sweden was awesome! I am still not 100% clear on what Stefan and I were able to get out of the conference. The follow up from both the U21 and the school in charge of administration has not been hard hitting. I have a report on the entire adventure and outcomes in the pipeline both for council and for the funding that we received for attending the event. One thing to consider is what type of representation the group does, and where it falls under our structures, considering many of the schools are primarily focused on academic and governance representation, and not world politics (it's not global TaCEQ). Things for the next executive to ponder!

*Lease* – DONE DONE DONE ☺

*CSS* – I have unfortunately had to miss the last 2 meetings, one for travel and the other while sick. I have asked other students on the committee for notes to stay up-to-date.



*Board of Governors* – After the meeting two weeks ago, the Lease passed! Also, although I don't think any councillors attended the CAMSR open session yesterday afternoon, you can still write into the secretariat if you have personal positions or concerns about the review. I encourage you to take a look at the information and talk to any student groups in your purview that may be particularly interested. (google CAMSR review McGill it will pop up)

*Senate* – Senate will happen next week. As always please feel free to come check it out. Joey and I have already promised the Provost some questions coming back his way about the budget with regards to SEDE funding.

*Dean of Students* – I met with the Dean of Students as well as a group of professionals and discipline officers of the University to discuss the way that the discipline process at McGill intersects Mental Health. The consensus of the group was that there is certainly a deep problem with putting students with mental health concerns through the discipline process. Many ideas were discussed, but there was no definite outcome to the meeting. I am encouraged that the Dean of Students sees this as a pertinent and overdue issue.

*Provost* – Joey and I met with the Provost on Tuesday to discuss general issues. We brought up both SEDE as well as the assessment policy, among other things. The answer we got about SEDE was that the base funding for the office is not changing, however the project-based funding that was being used to support the initiatives will not become part of the permanent funding. Though SEDE is still eligible for discretionary project-based funding, the pool is smaller after the budget cuts.

*Alumni Association* – Had a board meeting teleconference last Friday. We passed some By-laws officially changing the Board structure. Now the student members need to sit down and discuss the new structure of the student committee.

*Red and White* – Our agreement with DAR has been signed and the website will be live ASAP for a soft launch this weekend and a hard launch on Monday. After the SEM conference today, I am really glad we are doing this event, because both students and staff repeatedly referred to the lack of support beyond first year transition, and although this does not fix the entire gap, it is a positive starting point.

*Other* – The Strategic Enrollment Management conference was held today. I attended part of it, which was interesting. It's very encouraging to see that student engagement is a recurring theme in many disparate groups on campus. Today focused a lot on the student experience and how McGill does and does not provide positive, helpful, and valuable services to students.

## Sustainability

*Environment Committee* – SQ

*Sustainability Committee* – Sec Gen was supposed to schedule this and I know that she has not, I apologize for that. On the bright side, I have a few students who are not councillors or staff who have approached me interested in working with the committee. I realize the timeline is



tightening. I have booked space for consultations in room 108 on March 26<sup>th</sup> during the daytime, more details to come (esp because the committee needs to meet!!).

**Human Resources & Executive**

*Social Committee – SQ*

*Student Staff – SQ*

*Permanent Staff*– Executive approved a contract for new HR software implementation with a new company, Ceridian. The implementation costs of around \$22K will come out of CERF and are therefore not reflected in this year's deficit budget.

*Executive* – The GM and myself met for workplan meetings with Joey, Stefan, Sam, and Brian. Tyler's workplan is on Monday and Joey needs to schedule me for mine.

Respectfully Submitted,

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