



Report of the President to Legislative Council

21 November 2013

The heaviest domestic cat on record is 21.3 kilograms. (that's a faaaaat cat)

SSMU Governance

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Council – The Winter council dates have been scheduled and are as follows:

January 9th *, January 23rd

February 6th, February 20th

March 6th, March 20th

April 3rd

Winter Council “retreat” will be **Saturday, January 11th**.

*motions for this meeting will be due Friday, January 3rd but can be submitted any time between the December 5th meeting and that date. Executives will be giving a mid-year report at this meeting.

Executive Committee – Report has been submitted to Council. SQ

Governance Document Review/By-law Review Ad-hoc Committee – The Constitution passed! The new version is up online, even though I know you all have read it thoroughly (hint hint) it is up online, and is now official, so brush up! Sta has been updating a list for groups to meet with. Most of Tyler's committees have finished regular meetings, so we will need to decide if we meet with chairs first, and then meet with the whole committee. You should have gotten my doodle yesterday, so please fill it out!

Nominating Committee – SQ it will be scheduled for next week to discuss J-Board appointments and an appointment to the Advisory Committee for the Hiring of the Ombudsperson for Students.

SSMU Sustainability Ad-hoc Committee – The committee met last week, although not all members were present. I tried to schedule multiple times with the goal of having a terms of reference ready to submit for Friday at 5pm (last week) however without the input of the entire committee, there was no purpose to submitting it. That being said, I have additionally met with external/internal stakeholders in Sustainability to discuss the committee and invite involvement, all of whom met the invitation with a positive reaction and a desire to get involved. Y'all also got a doodle from me yesterday so please fill it out by Monday and check your email for the confirmation of the meeting time. (doodle deadlines? Do these work?? Let's find out)

Steering Committee - I was not at steering this week unfortunately, it overlapped the BoG presentation meeting that was Monday night.



GOVERNANCE BODIES

General Assembly – We reached quorum! Big thanks to everyone from Council who made a great effort to get people out to the assembly, the ratification referendum is online. One thing to note, there are no specific by-laws for putting a GA online for ratification, this will be part of what the Ad-hoc committee will be reviewing next semester. Mark your calendars and tell your friends, February 5th y'all!

Judicial Board – There is one more candidate that will be brought to Nominating committee. The HR Coordinators and I have met and will be targeting the LSA, Law SAO, and Legal Information Clinic to seek out candidates. There has been one round of advertising here already so we will be doing a second.

Board of Directors – The BoD has been confirmed by the General Assembly, and will hold a meeting tonight. Although the online ratification is not complete, the Board can operate as proposed until it is otherwise not approved. Elie was left off of the

Elections SSMU – The Referendum period was successful in reaching quorum! The results are listed below for those who did not read them online.

1. Question re: The Adoption of the Students' Society of McGill University Constitution
Yes 88.8%; No 11.2% - PASSED
2. Questions re: SSMU Daycare Fee
 - a. Part 1: Yes 79.8%; No 20.2% - PASSED
 - b. Part 2: Yes 68.8%; No 31.2% - PASSED
3. Question re: Midnight Kitchen Existence
Yes 86.9%; No 13.1% - PASSED
4. Questions re: Midnight Kitchen Fee Increase
 - a. Part 1: Yes 72.5%; No 27.5% - PASSED
 - b. Part 2: Yes 66.0%; No 34.0% - PASSED

Student Associations

Undergraduate Faculty Relations – Presidents' Round Table will be next week. The group had a good hour-long discussion at SEAMLESS and will be talking about a few common goals, and looking into a reporting structure for presidents that can be more useful for cross-faculty communication of projects and initiatives.

PGSS – SQ

SEAMLESS – The conference was on Saturday. We had about 60 total people come through during the day which was awesome. The complaint I heard most was that there was not enough time to discuss everything, but there are only so many hours in a day! Jordan and Sta were a big help, and we will be putting together an exit report. Also, it came in under budget yay!

McGill Governance & Relations

MC GILL GOVERNANCE



Senate – November Senate was yesterday, there was an open discussion on the proposed Bill 60 and Senate moved a motion to oppose all bans on religious symbols contained in the legislation. There was also an extended discussion on limiting professors' ability to block off time before class scheduling is complete.

Board of Governors – Monday night there was an event for students and governors at Thompson House. Jonathan Mooney and I collaborated to bring groups together for a presentation to the Board members present. There were only 5 students who registered to come from SSMU, the registration was advertised in the Listserv and then again on Monday during the day. I have spoken to two of the governors so far to gauge their opinions as well as some of the students. Hopefully there will be an opportunity to do another event next semester. I went to Nominating, Governance, and Ethics Committee. CAMSR will meet December 12th to review its terms of reference.

Joint Board-Senate Meeting – The Joint Board-Senate meeting was held last Tuesday on the topic of Mental Health. Overall the meeting was well received, although there was a guest speaker who missed the mark a bit. The administrators and governors I talked to seemed to have enjoyed the meeting, Joey and I will for sure be following up with McGill people on the outcomes of the event.

COMMITTEES

Orientation Week – Orientation Planning Group debrief meeting was on Tuesday. The orientation survey was discussed and new initiatives were debriefed. All of the survey results showed improvements and students' impressions of the week have improved dramatically over the last few years. Certainly there are still areas of improvement, but the metrics indicate that the culture change is having positive results. Not sure yet where/when the results will be published.

Committee on Student Services – Met today, verbal update. The student members met yesterday to discuss the meeting before-hand.

Undergraduate Teaching Labs Working Group – SQ

Teaching and Learning Spaces Working Group – SQ

Alumni Association – There was a Board of Directors meeting yesterday. MAA is slimming down the board, and wants to implement a Student Advisory Council. The two co-presidents of SOAR and myself will be working on shaping this during the semester ahead!

Citizens' Council – SQ

MEETINGS

Principal – SQ

Deputy Provost – Joey and I met with Ollivier yesterday. Main points of focus were on the University and sexual assault and follow up from Joint Board-Senate, as well as the Lease.



Sustainability

Environment Committee – The presented to the McGill BoG on Monday and it was great. They also had a cook-off this weekend at the same time as SEAMLESS and it looked pretty cool even though I was not participating.

Vision 2020 – I went to “Lift-off” last week, an event hosted by Vision 2020 as a sort of launch party. I participated as a “keynote listener”, and will be writing a blog post for the MOoS website.

ECOLE – They received funding from the SPF to fund 3 coordinators of the project next semester and are working towards getting students to sign up for the project. There is a big meeting of stakeholders next week.

Executive & Human Resources

Student Staff – All SSMU staff went to required Equity training last week, which was given by the SEDE office. I attended again myself and although the groups were large, it was great to see staff from the office to Gerts taking part in the process.

Permanent Staff– SQ

Executive – Brian and I have continued to work on Grad Frosh, Brian has put a committee together from SSPN and we will be meeting again with our contacts at DAR on Friday.

Respectfully Submitted,

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