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### **Councillor Reports – November 9, 2014**

#### **Farzan Subhani - Clubs and Services Rep**

- 1) Attended IGC meeting last week- there were comparatively less interim and full time applications this time as compared to last meeting- please refer to the IGC report for a detailed description
- 2) Held my weekly office hours this Wednesday 4:30-6 PM
- 3) Tried to buy tickets for 4 floors- no success (I've got friends working on it)

#### **Rohan Sachal - Clubs Rep**

Since the last General Council, here are the committees that I have attended:

**Monday-** Since we knew we would have a lot to cover on our regular Funding Committee time on Tuesdays, we held a separate meeting on Monday as well to go over Funding applications from clubs. I came at 9:30pm, right after my midterm finished and stayed till the end of the meeting.

**Tuesday-** Had our regular Funding Committee meeting, which lasted about three hours long.

**Wednesday-** Had a comparatively short IGC meeting of about an hour and a half long. Discussed changes in constitution and reviewed a few interim status and full status clubs.

It was definitely a very “SSMUzy” week.

Looking forward to another hectic week!

Have a safe and happy Halloween everyone (while I stay in to continue writing a research paper).

#### **Joshua Chin – Medicine Rep**

##### **SSMU Legislative Council**

**23-Oct-2014**

Legislative council meeting (#4)

##### **SSMU Steering Committee**

**20-Oct-2014**

Steering committee meeting (#4)

##### **SSMU Accountability Committee - SQ**

##### **MSS Executive Council - SQ**



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## MSS Conference and Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee - SQ

### **Vincent-Pierre Fullerton – Law Rep**

#### **General Information**

LSA GA saw the 2014-2015 budget being approved.

#### **By-Law Review Committee**

SQ.

#### **Regrets**

I will be unable to attend November 6<sup>th</sup> SSMU Council.

### **Chloe Rourke – Senate Caucus Rep**

#### **Senate**

- Oct 20 Caucus
  - Notably discussed the W-policy being presented to APC and upcoming consultation session regarding budget priorities – must consult constituents regarding these two issues
    - **W-policy** – if passes would allow students with valid health, mental health or personal reasons to withdraw from an entire semester and to have that semester wiped from your transcript. However importantly this would not apply to individual courses, ex if a student withdraws from 3/5 courses they would receive a W for those 3 courses
    - **Budget Priorities** – Further budget cuts have been anticipated for next year. 2 consultation sessions with McGill regarding budget priorities are being held on Oct 27.
  - Reviewed Senate documents and discussed follow-up questions for upcoming Oct 22 Senate Meeting
    - Documents are available here: <http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2014-2015/senate-meeting-documents/october-22-2014>
- Oct 22 Senate Meeting
  - Discussed consent education on campus
  - Asked questions regarding OCF program and its future
- Oct 27 Caucus
  - Late due to midterm
  - Met briefly with Mental Health Working Group – discussed barriers and challenges faced by students with mental health issues at McGill
- Student Services/Student Grievances/Counselling & Tutoring Committees – SQ



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### **Faculty (Arts & Science)**

1. Oct 21 Arts & Science Assembly
  - a. Consultation regarding the W-policy and budget priorities
2. Office Hours: Friday 1:30-2:30 in the BASiC office (Leacock 114-B)

### **SSMU**

3. Oct 22 General Assembly
  - a. Left early due to illness
4. Oct 23 Legislative Assembly
5. Mental Health/Community Engagement Committee – SQ

#### **Scott Conrad – Engineering Rep**

- L'allocation du « Student space fund » est terminée grâce au comité en charge de la distribution des fonds
- VP Chaim et moi avons discuté des plans possibles pour le future du terrain près du Y (Lower Field)
- Forum de rencontre avec EUS Equity ce mardi le 4
- Prochaine rencontre du conseil : demain (lundi le 3)
- CodeJam, une compétition pour les programmeurs, sera le 15 novembre. C'est organisé par le conseil du département de génie informatique, logiciel et électrique. J'invite les représentants des sciences de contacter les organisateurs pour voir s'ils peuvent le publier dans les listservs des élèves de sciences
- Le restant est sq.

#### **Yasmine Nadifi – PTOT Rep**

I am working on a collaboration between POTUS and SAPEK. We want to create a new event where students from both associations would be able to meet. As well, we want to jointly organize an adaptive sport tournament and try a new sport that has not already been organized in the past years.

Also, I started organizing the wheelchair basketball tournament. The wheelchairs have been booked.

#### **David Benrimoh – Senate Caucus Rep**

-MSS: talked to our President re: taking a stance on budget cuts

- Attended Senate Caucus and APC

At Senate Caucus, held impromptu meeting of mental health working group

- Attended Senate  
director

#### **Kareem Ibrahim – Senate Caucus Rep**



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## AUS

- i) Faculty of Arts Council; SQ
- ii) Grad Fair was this past Tuesday – record-breaking success!
- iii) Endorsed AGSEM union drive
- iv) Revised equity report on frosh was delivered
- v) Security services did a lovely presentation on theft awareness and how to responsibly handle cash
- vi) Dean of Arts gave a presentation regarding potential new fee to pay for advising and the Arts Internship Office (would go towards McGill's endowment and generate funds)

## SSMU

- i) Sustainability Committee met – SQ
  - ii) Accountability Committee met – SQ
- Senate** (*Senate documents can be found here <http://bit.ly/1v7nhPI> )*
- i) Committee on Student Services met – SQ
  - ii) Subcommittee on Persons with Disabilities; Doodle has *finally* been sent out with meeting times.
  - iii) Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (CESA); Meeting of Oct 28 postponed due to modifications in the agenda items (there were issues)
  - iv) Caucus; SQ
  - v) Senate;
    - o Question re: Criminal charges of Varsity players
      - A Prof asked about University's policies regarding students, student-athletes, and staff with criminal convictions in their past and whether this affects their activities at McGill. DPSLL answered: McGill treats these on case-by-case basis, there are differences between rights and privileges; seeking not to exclude potentially rehabilitated individuals from participation
    - o Question re: Promoting a safer space on campus
      - Asked about how to increase equity trainings for student leaders without targeting athletes, DPSLL responded that we will not target any groups, but work has been ongoing between Varsity Council and organizers of #ConsentMcGill, for example, and we will target student leaders
      - Asked about creation of a sexual assault support centre, like peer institutions, or funding SACOMSS - SACOMSS wants to stay independent and university is not going to provide SEDE more funding
    - o Question re: Off campus fellows program



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- Asked about where program will be housed, as jointly doing so between CLAE and Rez Life is unstable - accountability was promised
  - Admin plan to expand program consult with students, CLAE has a good track record of doing the latter
  - Guidelines on Graduate student advising and supervision
    - Senate passed a document that outlines how research supervision should occur for Phd students
    - There was some conflict about some ambiguity of some articles, a lack of ordering, and how these supervisory responsibilities would affect the time professors could dedicate to their other duties
      - However the guidelines were still passed, with a mandate to review them after three years
  - Modifications to Composition of Senate
    - Adding 6 seats to senate (going from 107 to 113)
      - Mostly staff but one extra grad student seat too
    - We brought up that although SSMU representation isn't decreasing, other universities' Senates have a greater proportion of undergraduate students on them
- ECOLE Annual General Meeting was last night! Working with the collective on outreach and partnerships.
  - SEDE project subcommittees have been formed, follow-up meeting this Friday @ 5PM

### **Alexander Kpeglo-Hennessy – Arts Rep**

AUS

Unfortunately I had to leave AUS council early last week due to other obligations. With the other Arts Reps I plan to reach out to Departmental Councils in a tour to increase communication. Our new VP Internal, Roma Nadeem, has been elected. Haven't had anyone schedule office hours with me yet, but in my report to council this week I encouraged people to do so.

SSMU

By-Law Review Committee meeting did not happen last week, but is meeting on Tuesday.

### **Omar El-Sharawy – Science Rep**

SUS



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- Couldn't attend GC since it overlapped with SSMU G.A
- Attended all my office hours-had no visitors
- Helped the VP external with SUSTainability week preparations
- Helped exec admin organize tabling schedule for Burnside

#### SSMU

- Attended G.A
- Missed External Affairs committee meeting due to miscommunication
- Attended 4 floors-very well run by VP internal and SSPN

#### **Anikke Rioux – Engineering Rep**

#### EUS

- Council on October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Council on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Trick-or-treating within engineering departmental associations

#### Funding

- Funding cancelled on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
- Double funding in the following week
- Meeting on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> & Oct 28<sup>th</sup>
- Funding apocalypse over! Back to regular 2h meetings
- Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>- will have to leave early ☹

#### IGC

- Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Lexi Michaud – FYC Rep**

Date: October 20th-November 3rd

These past two weeks were stressful with everything going on with the JBoard. Nevertheless, FYC is starting to be proactive and we are organizing a few things at the moment. We want to throw an event post-midterms but we are not sure it is possible within our time constraint. We are doing giveaways during exams such as massages, tea, yoga classes. Myself and another member of FYC recently sat in on the IRC's meeting to try and join forces with them on events. I also received an email complaining about the GA from a first year and I directed her to Courtney.



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Laureanne Pelletier - IRC Rep

- IRC meeting
  - Discussed Mental Health Awareness Week
  - Debriefed Zombie Pandemic party
  - Spoke about inclusive event in November
- Volunteered at IRC's Zombie Pandemic (October 29)

**Eddie Lin – Arts Rep**

**SSMU**

Operations Management Committee: SQ

**AUS**

AUS Council passed the motion of endorsing AGSEM Unionization Campaign!

**Senate**

Advisory Committee of International Students: First meeting held on Oct 30. We discussed possible ways to promote ISS and MISN events to students since the attendance rate was low. I also raised concern of lumping international students together without recognizing regional difference of and experiences.

**Rachel Weaver – Service Rep**

I have continued to meet with members from various services to discuss their thoughts on the Motion Regarding the Amendment of the Clubs and Services Portfolio By-Law Book. I will continue to gather feedback on this Motion until the next Council meeting. I am also looking forward to the first meeting of the Services Review Committee this week.

**Rebecca Medvedev – Nursing Rep**

- Attended NUS council meeting on Oct 31st.
- Attended first FERC meeting of the year. It went very well. Set to meet again in 2 weeks.
- Held my weekly office hours on Fridays from 1:30-2:30pm in the NUS office.

**Patrick Dunbar-Lavoie – Arts Rep**

AUS Council

- Motion to Endorse AGSEM Unionization Campaign: Passed
- Motion to Approve List of Room Renaming Nomination: Postponed
  - Motion to Amend Equity Policy By-laws: Passed



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- Motion Regarding Renewal of the Arts Student Employment Fund: Passed
  - Motion to Convene Ad-Hoc Frosh By-Law Committee: Passed
    - Motion to Amend the Electoral By-Laws: Passed
      - Committees
        - Library Improvement Fund
  - Finalized surveys to be sent around this week; tabling at the library
    - Building Committee
      - SQ
    - Committee on Student Affairs
      - SQ
    - Subcommittee on the Office for Students with Disabilities
      - SQ
    - Info-Tech Fund Committee
  - Met with Dean Manfredi to discuss upcoming projects for the year

### **Nancy Zhang – Music Rep**

1. Environment Committee: went to SPOKES Sustainability Conference
2. Participated in the Anti-Austerity Demonstration on October 31st, along with tens of thousands of people to protest austerity measures undertaken by Philippe Couillard's Liberal government.

### **Taras Klitovchenko – Dentistry Rep**

Activities since Oct 23, 2014:

- Oct 27: Retreat make-up training session with Rachel
- Oct 31 - Nov 2: Tremblant retreat with all 4 years dentistry
- Nov 3: Sent out e-mail via list serv to reach out to dentistry students





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## **Lola Baraldi – Arts Rep**

AUS

Committees

- Faculty of Arts – SQ
- Arts Community Engagement
  - Planning various “de-stress” community engagement events throughout November
  - Working with Ecole and AUS Environmental Committee to organize workshop on topic of sustainability

Council

- Had a GA debrief session – oral update

Working on

- Grad Fair – Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> !! Increased collaboration with SUS, around 60 schools coming from all over. Hope to see you guys there!
- Prof speed lectures mid-November
- NATO Speaker November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Work Your B.A. with AUS president, career coordinators & CaPS

SSMU Committees

- External – SQ
- SSPN – 4floors was a success and committee is off to an incredibly cohesive start. A few last minute external issues which will affect the budget (ended up not charging for coat check because Gerts had no change). Giving out pizza and popcorn was a plus, security is happy with us, several problematic costumes but were dealt with on a case by case basis. Looking forward to the Equity Report! Giant thank you to the SSMU execs who were incredibly helpful on the night of!

Misc.

- AUS has a new VP Internal – Roma Nadeem! She will be undergoing transition this month. SUPER EXCITED!
- AUS Execs have now started publishing their schedules to council

## **Christie Li – Science Rep**

October 21<sup>st</sup> –November 2<sup>nd</sup> -I was able to attend all council-related commitments and meeting. However due to an intense two weeks of midterms, not much has occurred.

### **General**

#### **October 22<sup>nd</sup>- SUS General Council**

- I was absent for the SUS General Council, because I had a midterm at that time and also because I had to attend the general assembly



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- I promoted the upcoming SUS General Assembly on Facebook to encourage science students to voice their opinions and concerns

### **October 22<sup>nd</sup>-General Assembly**

6. I attended the 2014 Fall General Assembly

### **October 23<sup>rd</sup> – SSMU Legislative Council**

1. Made announcement about SUS Social Sustainability at SSMU Legislative Council in order to promote this important SUS initiative

### **Committee**

- I was assigned to the Nominating Committee and Service Review Committee. The meeting times are to be determined
- October 27<sup>th</sup> was the first meeting of Service Review Committee-however due to conflict with a mandatory laboratory, I was not able to attend

### **Office Hours for Fall Term**

- Due to logistical issues, my office hours are yet to be determined

### **Ongoing**

- November 3, 2014: Service Review Committee meeting
- November 5, 2014: SUS General Assembly
- November 6, 2014: SSMU Legislative Council
- Committee meetings times and office hours are to be determined

### **Émilie Boutin – Education Rep**

- PedTalk on Smartboards: Oct 30th: successful! Big hit for those who are on placement!
- Education Bake Sale during 4Floors ticket sale
- SAPEK Movember Kegger: Oct 14th
- Office hours: Monday mornings 10:30 to 11:30
- EdUS council team bonding Potluck: October 25th

### **Saurin Shah – Arts and Science Rep**

### **Faculty**

October 21<sup>th</sup> – Arts & Science Assembly

- Went over all of the motions for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> SSMU GA and answered questions

### **SSMU**



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October 21<sup>th</sup> – By-Law Review Committee Meeting

- Looked over new draft of By-Law Book I
- Made changes to my books (III, IV, and V) based on Ben and Committee's feedback
- Will present finalized revisions (grammar, spelling, etc.) at November 4<sup>th</sup> committee meeting

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nominating Committee Meeting

- Approved a Non-Law student candidate for JBoard
- Approved previous executive's selection of Speaker
- Will be discussing function/role of committee in future meetings

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Operations Management Committee

- Went over student feedback for the Nest gathered by the Outreach Coordinator
- Went over suggestions for new menu items by The Nest's cook
- Looked at the volume of sales for each product sold at The Nest
- Discussed new trial dishes and combos for The Nest to introduce
- Will discuss more about promotion and events next meeting with SSPN attending

**Dallon Kuprowski – Athletics Rep**

**Student Athletic Council**

- Will be chaired by Eric Weibe
- Is set to meet within the following two weeks. Time TBA

**Varsity Council**

- Council meets once a month, as such majority is SQ.
- Next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Blood Drive**

- Blood Drive is being held Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the gym.
- Needing 10 varsity athlete volunteers at 7am and 5pm.

**Food Drive**

- Food Drive will (tentatively) be held Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Once given go ahead, we will be canvassing the neighborhood with flyers.

**Trivia Night**



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- Trivia Night will be held at BDP Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.
- Still some logistics to confirm about prizes and speaker system.

### **Movember**

- Movember competition has kicked off amongst various varsity teams.
- This will continue through the end of November.

## **Zacheriah Houston – Science Rep**

### **SSMU/Personal**

#### **Presentation to Freshman Interest Group (FIG)**

- I was asked by Paul Olioff (SOUSA Advisor) to come and speak to a FIG (non-credit course led by an advisor in the Faculty of Science, comprising of a small group of newly admitted BSc and BA&Sc students)
- Spoke for ~40 mins., to ~20 students, about opportunities to get involved at McGill
- Discussed SSMU and Faculty involvement, as well as other forms of involvement at McGill and in the greater Montréal community.
- Many students were extremely interested. They had lots of questions about SSMU (especially re how to get involved with clubs and services) and many questions about getting involved with their faculty associations. I had a lot of students take down my email and ask me questions afterward.

### **Faculty**

#### **Oct 22nd – SUS General Council**

- Had to miss SUS Council due to the GA

#### **General**

- Due to a temporary conflict between the SUS executive meeting and funding committee meetings, I have been unable to attend SUS exec meetings lately. Hoping to resolve this soon.
- Science Games 2015 Signup underway!
- SUS Environment Committee's Sustainable Apartment Crawl coming up on 8 November.

### **Committees & Ongoing**

#### **Funding Committee**

- Significant time commitment at the moment, due to the current large volume of applications
- Reviewed applications for a total of ~10 hours this past week.



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- SQ

**BOD**

- Absent from Oct. 23 meeting, as I had a midterm during that time.

Upcoming

**Nov. 5 – SUS General Council**

- Agenda unavailable at the time of writing

**Nov. 5 – SUS General Assembly**

- Hoping for a decent turnout!
- Agenda unavailable at the time of writing